

## **Political Science Assessment Plan --- January 2006**

### Learning Goals for political science majors

1. To describe and apply basic political science information and concepts;
2. To conduct research and report the results orally and in writing;
3. To be able to apply critical thinking skills;
4. To encourage students to be active citizens on campus and in the community;
5. To enhance students' awareness of international political issues;
6. To enhance students' awareness of domestic political issues.

### Measures of Assessment

#### A. Direct measures

-review of seniors' work – done in capstone senior seminar during spring semesters  
-regular classroom assessment – each instructor uses a variety of measures to assess several of the goals listed above. Assessment of student learning is done via tests, papers, in class discussions, small group work, and oral presentations.

#### B. Indirect measures

- senior exit survey – administered in the capstone senior seminar each spring.
- alumni survey – to be developed in 2006. An earlier alumni survey will be revised.

### Dissemination of findings

- Annual meeting in August to discuss data and identify action plans - department will meet to discuss assessment findings and to plan accordingly.