

Standing Requirements

## Outcomes Library

### BA/BS in Political Science Outcome Set

#### 1. Oral Communication

Effective oral communication of ideas and views on political issues.

Outcome	Mapping
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1.1: Engage in civil discussions	<b>Foundational Studies:</b> 10. Express themselves effectively, professionally, and persuasively both orally and in writing.
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1.2: Effective oral presentations	<b>Foundational Studies:</b> 10. Express themselves effectively, professionally, and persuasively both orally and in writing.
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#### 2. Effective Written Communication

Effective written communication of ideas and views on political issues, both in shorter essays and longer research or policy analysis papers.

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2.1: Persuasive essay	<b>Foundational Studies:</b> 10. Express themselves effectively, professionally, and persuasively both orally and in writing.
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2.2: Papers	<b>Foundational Studies:</b> 10. Express themselves effectively, professionally, and persuasively both orally and in writing.
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2.3: Appropriate citation methods for papers	<b>Foundational Studies:</b> 10. Express themselves effectively, professionally, and persuasively both orally and in writing.
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2.4: Different styles of papers in Political Science	<b>Foundational Studies:</b> 10. Express themselves effectively, professionally, and persuasively both orally and in writing.
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#### 3. Critical Thinking and Analysis

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3.1: Comparing and contrasting different perspectives	No Mapping
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3.2: Identifying the strengths/weaknesses of policies	No Mapping
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3.3: Drawing connections between scholarly works	<b>Foundational Studies:</b> 2. Critically evaluate the ideas of others.
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3.4: Applying theory to current political events and situations	No Mapping
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Applying theory from scholarly books/articles to current political events and situations

3.5: Analyze specific political issues or events No Mapping

Identifying appropriate social science methods to analyze specific political issues or events

#### 4. Qualitative and Quantitative Research Skills

##### Outcome

##### Mapping

4.1: understand the importance of theory in guiding research No Mapping

Students will understand the importance of theory in guiding research by developing well-thought-out explanations of expected findings.

4.2: Students will be expected to apply an appropriate methodology to their research projects. No Mapping

Students will be introduced to a variety of ways of analyzing information, including case study, statistical analysis, and qualitative analysis. Students will also be expected to apply an appropriate methodology to their research projects.

4.3: Students will understand the basic terms associated with empirical research No Mapping

Students will understand the basic terms associated with empirical research (e.g., independent and dependent variables, unit of analysis, hypothesis) and be able to use these terms appropriately

4.4: Students will understand the importance of prior research No Mapping

Students will understand the importance of prior research for informing their own project, and will demonstrate an understanding of existing Political Science literature relevant to their research projects.

4.5: Students will understand the importance of organizing and presenting their research findings No Mapping

Students will understand the importance of organizing and presenting their research findings in tables, text, or other appropriate formats. The presentation of the research should be understandable to non-specialists.

#### 5. Political Science Content Knowledge

##### Outcome

##### Mapping

5.1 American political system No Mapping

Demonstrate an understanding of the institutions and processes of politics in the American political system

5.2 Comparative politics No Mapping

Demonstrate an understanding of the institutions and processes of politics in the political systems of other countries and be able to compare them

5.3 International politics No Mapping

Demonstrate an understanding of the institutions and processes of politics in the international political system

5.4 Intellectual frameworks, concepts, and theories in political science No Mapping

Demonstrate an understanding of classic and contemporary intellectual frameworks, concepts, and theories in political science

