

Student Learning Outcomes for the Political Science Area F

Introduction:

A student who successfully completes the Political Science Area F has made the first important steps down the road that leads to knowing how to think about the nature of the political world, how we have gotten to the current system, how political systems operate, and how to reason critically. The road also leads to the ability to write clearly, concisely, and cogently.

An area F is an introduction to a Bachelor's degree, not a Bachelor's degree. Students who complete the Political Science Area F have only begun their studies in political science. For this reason, the learning outcomes should be modest.

The student learning outcomes for the Political Science Area F are:

1. Students will demonstrate an introductory collegiate-level understanding of some of the key debates in political science.
2. Students will demonstrate an introductory collegiate-level knowledge of some of the central concepts and theories in governance, politics, or international relations.
3. Students will produce written work that shows an introductory collegiate-level understanding of methods of critical thinking.

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