

Political Science (2023)

senior survey and the random faculty evaluations, and with processing the data to show general results, trends, and comparisons. This general process of assessment is overseen by the Undergraduate Director and the Department Chair – who combine to write up a report for the administration as well as to share with the faculty – along with recommendations for areas of improvement.

5) What were the assessment results and what changes have been made as a result of using this data/evidence? (What were the major assessment findings? Have there been any recent changes to your curriculum or program? How did the assessment data contribute to those changes?)

Social Science Core courses are required to emphasize one or more of “major concepts and central questions of the discipline, key methods [of analysis], real-world and policy applications.” The data for our Core courses for Spring 2023 (starting on line 20 of the attached spreadsheet 2023 Assessment Data Summary) is comparable to the data for 2022 and indicates a solid level of student achievement both with respect to knowledge of the concepts and questions of the discipline and skills in analysis and communication, although overall faculty rated students more highly in the former than in the latter.

6) (Your latest comprehensive departmental self-study and external review.)

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