



## Student Learning Outcomes for B.A. in Political Science

1. Have a basic knowledge of the political institutions and processes of the government of the United States.
2. Have a basic knowledge of political theory, political systems around the globe, and/or political in the international arena.
3. Understand the role of empirical evidence in relation to scientific theories.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills as well as formulate and defend a thesis in written and verbal forms of communication.
5. Design and apply appropriate research methods to investigate political questions, including:
  - formulate well reasoned questions for political inquiry
  - gather empirical evidence
  - summarize empirical evidence
  - evaluate what the empirical evidence implies for the research questions
  - effectively communicate the results of empirical inquiry
6. Possess the skills required to use political science knowledge in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including technological competence for:
  - conducting research
  - searching for literature and other scholarly resources
  - analyzing information
  - writing reports
  - presenting results

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