

(PSCI-C101) Course Level SLO & Qualitative Notes

Acquire the data necessary for an informed assessment of potential solutions and be able to systematically assess the data's appropriateness and reliability.

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Use effective communication and interpersonal skills.

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(PSCI-C180) Course Level SLO & Qualitative Notes

Utilize political science theory and terminology to analyze how the national government of the United States and California state and local governments distribute political power, make laws and policies, and enforce or carry out these laws and policies.

83898-(PSCI-C180-004)-American Government
by James Cemo

In the Spring 2012 semester, I tested this SLO using 1 midterm examination. One problem I recognized is that this exam had too much information to study for, which was hindering student success. Thus, for this semester I held two midterm examinations. I saw a considerable increase in student success as a result. For this SLO, I primarily used the 1st and 2nd midterm exams. While the 1st midterm exam saw large success rates, my 2nd midterm exam did not. One reason is because it is a harder exam. However, I have realized that the 2nd exam can be written more simply and clearly. I will be revising the exam for the Spring 2013 semester.

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Utilize political science theory and terminology to assess the rights, liberties and obligations of U.S. citizens.

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For this SLO, I primarily used the final exam (70%) and the term paper (20%) in testing this. Overall, I'm relatively happy with these results. One reason for 29% of students failing is because many didn't do the assignments. Out of the 12 students who failed, 4 of them did not take the final exam. And there were an additional 3 students who failed to turn in the term paper. Thus, these students skewed the results more than what they would be.

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Overall, I'm relatively happy with these results. For this SLO, 70% was assigned towards the term paper. One reason why 27% of the class failed in this assessment is because 7 out of the 13 students who failed did not turn in the term paper. And of these, 3 students stopped showing up to class altogether. There really was no excuse not to turn in the paper. I gave over two months to complete this assignment and provided many resources to help them succeed. However, 15% of this SLO was assigned towards extra credit (that being participation in class and via discussion board forums). Given that participation is not required in this class, many chose not to participate. This can be another reason why these results show 27% of students failing. For next semester, I will readjust the SLO weights to avoid this.

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Overall, I am happy with these results. One caveat to the results is that I typically have a city council project or a letter to a representative project that I use to test for this SLO. However, because I was teaching an 8 week course, I did not include this assignment in this semester given the short amount of time that would be required for students to write both a term paper and complete this project. In the Spring 2013 semester, given it is a 16 week course, I will be using the city council/letter to representative assignment to test for this SLO.

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Overall, I'm happy with these results. I used both midterms, the final, and the quizzes in testing for this SLO. Overall, the quiz results were very high, which shows an ability to critically read and understand the course material. The least successful assessment was the second midterm exam (with 36% failing). As mentioned in another SLO, I will be revising this exam to make it more simple and clear to understand to help with student success.

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