

**Political Science Department
2008-2009 Assessment Report**

Goal II of our Program Goals is for "students to acquire a knowledge of the discipline of political science and an ability to think critically and analytically in their perceptions of the political world". The Learning Objective for this goal is for students to "demonstrate their general knowledge of political science, have an acquaintance with the methods of political inquiry, and have the ability to employ certain concepts in analyzing and thinking about politics at all levels of government."

Our desired Learner Outcome to assess this goal and objective is for all Political Science majors to take the Senior Seminar course and research, write and defend their paper in class before faculty and students.

For the fall 2008 semester, we had 21 students enrolled in the Senior Seminar (POLS 600). Nineteen of these students completed the course work and seminar paper.

What do you consider the strengths of the WSU Political Science Department?

The most important strength of the WSU Political Science Department is its versatility. If you take advantage of every opportunity that the department has to offer you will leave WSU an extremely well rounded individual. If I could recommend one course to take at WSU I would recommend Model United Nations. This course, as I mentioned before, improved many vital skills needed in the professional world.

Teachers with specific subfields of expertise.

The department provides basic knowledge of politics, and provides a basis for social connections with a common interest, which is vital in the world of politics.

The D.C. internship is one of its greatest strengths. My future plans would not be the same without it. Professor Kahn, Professor Shaw, and Professor Hall all take great interest

Senior Survey responses to the following question included:

What experiences have you undergone as a WSU political science major that you believe will