

Department of Politics & Government
Illinois State University

Program Goals

Undergraduate

Graduate

Assessment Plan

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Undergraduate Program Goals

1. Graduates will have the ability to think critically and to construct logical arguments concerning institutions and processes of government and contemporary public policy and governance issues.
2. Promote a critical understanding of the political system and the role of self in that system.
3. Prepare students for a more effective and responsible citizenship.
4. Upon graduation students will have demonstrated the ability to use the information sources available in the library and on the internet.
5. Graduates will have knowledge of the basic concepts, theories, research methodology and empirical findings within the discipline of Political Science.
6. Graduates will have knowledge of Western and non-Western political systems, processes, values and patterns of interaction among these systems.
7. Graduates will have the opportunity to present their work at public forums.

Graduate Program Goals

1. Graduates will be familiar with the breadth and diversity of models, approaches, and intellectual traditions within the major.
2. Graduates will be competent in research skills appropriate to his or her research endeavors.
3. Graduates will have the ability to read materials carefully and analyze them critically.
4. Graduates will be prepared for entrance into Ph.D. programs in Political Science; entrance into law schools; entrance into the public service; or upgrading their credentials in the public service, including international.
5. Graduates will be able to think critically and effectively express their views in written and oral communication.
6. Graduates will be given the opportunity to display and/or present their research at conferences.