

Political Science Assessment Plan  
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Political Science	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
<b>POLSB1 - American Government: National, State and Local</b>						
• Upon completion the student will be able to: 1. Students will understand the development of the U.S. Constitution and the civil liberties and civil rights articulated within the documents and through federal court decisions.	C			C		P
• Upon completion the student will be able to: 2. Students will identify and evaluate institutions and the political process with the U.S. and California, developing an understanding to effectively participate in politics at all levels.				C		
• Upon completion the student will be able to: 3. Students will analyze the role of culture, diversity and ideology in shaping public opinion and public policy in the U.S. and California.				C	P	
• Upon completion the student will be able to: 4. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the relevance of politics, determining and developing an objective appraisal of major issues in social, economic and political life.			C	C		P
<b>POLSB2 - Comparative Government</b>						
• Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to compare and contrast the United States with various other nations, including Britain, France, Germany, Japan, China, etc.					P	
• Upon completion the student will be able to: analyze the factors of geography, history, and culture of these countries for the purpose of comprehending better how these areas influence political and economic development (i.e. how these factors influence the development of democratic/republican or a		C				P
• Upon completion the student will be able to: describe the demographic characteristics, the available natural resources, the political party system, and the electoral process of specific nations.		C			P	
• Upon completion the student will be able to: analyze how political power is divided up in various countries, not only between national government institutional branches, but also between the national and sub-national levels of government.			C	C		
• Upon completion the student will be able to: analyze the perceived benefits and disadvantages of different countries' systems, comparing them to our own American society and political system.				C		P
<b>POLSB3 - International Politics</b>						
• Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate their understanding of political, social, and economic trends in the global arena as these trends relate to the field of International Relations.						P
• Upon completion the student will be able to: demonstrate their comprehension of how conflict and cooperation shape relationships in the international setting.					P	
• Upon completion the student will be able to: research, analyze, and debate a particular ongoing problem in the international arena within a group setting.		C				P
• Upon completion the student will be able to: research and analyze ongoing relations between the United States and another country of their choice.						P
• Upon completion the student will be able to: demonstrate comprehension in the areas of international trade, integration, environmental issues, and economic development.				C		P
<b>POLSB4 - Introduction to Political Theory</b>						
• 1. Upon completion the student will be able to examine and critique vital issues of Western political thought from its foundations in Greece through modern liberalism, as well as prominent critics of this tradition.				C		
• 2. Upon completion the student will be able to critically analyze how enduring questions of the distribution of power and definition of justice shape the modern world.					P	
• 3. Upon completion the student will be able to evaluate how normative political science operates and differs while complementing the work of positive political science.						P
• 4. Upon completion the student will be able to synthesize the works of multiple traditions over time in order to demonstrate comprehension of how the great political questions have been answered in differing historical contexts.						P
<b>POLSB5 - Current Issues/American Government</b>						
• Upon completion the student will be able to: Students will demonstrate their understanding of the relevance of national, state and/or local politics, developing an objective appraisal of a major event in social, economic and/or political life.						P
<b>POLSB12 - Contemporary Issues in California State and Local Government</b>						
• Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to students will demonstrate their understanding of the relevance of state and local politics, determining and developing an objective appraisal of major trends in social, economic, and political life	C		C			
• Upon completion the student will be able to: Students will evaluate the power relationships between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.				C	P	

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<b>POLSB16 - Vital Political Problems</b>						
• 1. Upon completion the student will be able to: evaluate the power relationships between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.	C		C	C		P
• 2. Upon completion the student will be able to: evaluate the influence of conflict and cooperation in the domestic and international bargaining process.						P