

# POAR Rubric (2021-22)

Program name **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Notes: The reconciled score of each criterion is listed at the end of the rubric along with the comments offered by the reviewers

1. The program's mission statement is clearly aligned with the overall mission of the institution.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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2. The program has developed a sufficient number of goals (objectives) that clearly address the breadth of the program requirements and expectations.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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3. The program has developed a sufficient number of clear and measurable learning outcomes for each goal (objective).

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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4. The program has developed multiple measures of assessment for each learning outcome; measures may be direct/indirect and/or qualitative/quantitative.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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5. The program has developed benchmarks for each assessment technique that are both reasonable and challenging.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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6. The program has collected meaningful data directly related to each learning outcome.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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7. Assessment data have been explicitly used to identify challenges and/or successes resulting in program modifications or "staying the course", respectively.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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8. The assessment process covers the breadth of the student experience and clearly demonstrates the depth of understanding needed to successfully complete the program.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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9. The program's commitment to continuous improvement is clearly demonstrated by the information contained in the assessment plan, findings, and executive summary.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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10. The assessment process used by the program is feasible and does not overload or overburden faculty either collectively or individually.

Strongly Disagree (Not Addressed)

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Strongly Agree (Exemplary)

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CRITERION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
SCORE	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	3	5	38

## Summary Comments

The program mission statement is clearly defined and the SLO's are clearly stated to address the breadth of the program requirements and expectations.

Although the student learning outcomes appear to be strong, only a limited number of assessment measure are utilized to assess program objectives. This could be strengthened by providing a variety of assessment measures using different modalities that are both direct and indirect.

Increasing the variety of assessment measures could improve the program by ensuring that students have a range of experiences and clearly demonstrates the depth of understanding needed to successfully complete the program.

When reflecting upon the assessment results, how could the data be used to improve the program and identify any deficiencies or potential challenges in student preparation?