

**MGA – Academic Program  
Assessment Plan and Curriculum Map**

On which campuses is the program offered? Cochran College/School: Arts and Sciences Department: History and Political Science  
 Academic Degree: Bachelor of Science Major: Political Science Track (if applicable): Applied Politics

**Assessment Plan**

**How will a student know they are learning what they need to learn to be successful when they graduate?**

*Please identify which type of learning activity will be used to teach the learning goal. Also identify the learning objective associated with the learning goal being taught. A learning outcome is a description of the knowledge, skills and abilities you will gain as you complete your coursework.*

	<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Assessment Types</b>	<b>Data Collection Points*</b>	<b>Target Performance</b>
<b>Learning Outcome 1</b>	Describe and identify the theoretical underpinnings of the study of politics and government.	Performance on methodology test items	POLS 4900 ETS Major Field test	Cohort mean score at or above national mean (45.1)
<b>Learning Outcome 2</b>	Describe and identify the formal and informal institutions and processes of, and political behavior within, the political system of the United States and those of other countries.	Performance on US politics subscore test items	POLS 4900 ETS Major Field test	Cohort mean score at or above national mean (52.2)
<b>Learning Outcome 3</b>	Describe and identify the key features of the international system, including interactions between countries, and the differences between how various countries are governed around the world.	Performance on comparative politics and international relations subscore test items	POLS 4900 ETS Major Field test	Cohort mean scores at or above national mean (52.4 and 52.2)
<b>Learning Outcome 4</b>	Identify and use appropriate methodologies for collecting, analyzing, and presenting data and evidence in written, oral, and graphical form, within the context of political science.	Performance on designated items on the research paper assignment rubric	POLS 3045 Research Paper assignment	70% of students performing at level 2 or higher on designated categories of the paper assignment rubric.

*\*Data collected for assessment purposes should be segmented by program location. Cochran, Macon, Dublin, Eastman, Warner Robins, or online students should be analyzed separately.*

**Curriculum Map**

**Where in a student's academic program will they be taught the content of each learning outcome and how will the content be taught?**

*Please identify the method of instruction (i.e. case study, lecture, experiential instruction, team activity, writing assignment, quantitative exercise) used to teach the learning outcome in courses required in the major. Not all major courses need to teach all learning outcomes.*

<b>Major Course</b>	POLS 1101	POLS 2101	POLS 2301	POLS 2401	POLS 2601	POLS 3000	POLS 3045
<b>LO1</b>	Lecture	Lecture				Lecture, quant. exercise	Quant. exercise, writing assignment
<b>LO2</b>	Lecture				Lecture, case study		
<b>LO3</b>			Lecture, case study	Lecture, case study			
<b>LO4</b>		Lecture				Lecture, quant. exercise	Quant. exercise, writing assignment