

2012-13 Results for Assessment of PLO 5

PLO 5: Develop and express ideas in written communication in an effective and scholarly manner (core competency #1).

- Academic year 2012-13 (assessed: December 2013)
- Criteria for Success: 2.75 out of 4.00
- Assessment Process: All three political science faculty members convened to review the final papers in POL 455 (*Protest and Social Movements in World Politics*) written by all political science seniors in this spring 2013 course.

Criterion	N	Average Score	Assessment
Context of and Purpose for Writing	6	3.67	Student papers met the minimum requirement of 2.75.
Argument Development	6	2.67	Student papers did NOT meet the minimum requirement of 2.75. In grading their papers, we will seek to offer more specific feedback about argument development.
Genre and Disciplinary Conventions	6	2.83	Student papers met the minimum requirement of 2.75; however, we would have liked to have seen higher results. We therefore decided to standardize our citation style and we are now asking all political science students to use the Chicago Manual of Style for citation.
Sources and Evidence	6	3.00	Student papers met the minimum requirement of 2.75.
Control of Syntax, Grammar, and Mechanics	6	2.67	Student papers did NOT meet the minimum requirement of 2.75. We will encourage students to engage in peer review before they submit papers and/or have their work reviewed by the tutorial center.