Current Assessment Plan

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science

Learning Objectives

1. **Content – History:** The student will experience an immersion in historical reasoning and knowledge of the past that includes an understanding of the development of human society and culture, as well as the interrelationships between causation and change.

2. **Content - Political Science:** The student will experience an immersion in American political and economic systems, political processes, and foreign relations practices. In addition, students will gain an understanding of American political institutions, as well as mass and elite political behavior.

3. **Skills – Methodology:** Students completing the history and political science program should demonstrate the ability to gather, analyze, evaluate, and integrate relevant information.

4. **Skills – Analysis:** Students completing the history and political science program should demonstrate the ability to draw informed and reasoned (or logical) conclusions about the subject matter.

5. **Skills – Communication:** Students completing the history and political science program should demonstrate the ability to present their research findings in a coherent and convincing manner.

6. **Skill – Thesis:** Students completing the history and political science program should demonstrate the ability to state a thesis or hypothesis and defend and test it.

7. **Skills – Research:** Students completing the history and political science program should demonstrate the ability to gather, organize, and synthesize appropriate information to draw reasonable conclusions.

8. **Skills – Citation:** Students completing the history and political science program should demonstrate the ability to acknowledge and cite sources for information in an acceptable format.

9. **Application:** Students completing the history and political science program will test, apply and develop the skills and techniques of the disciplines of history and political science either in or outside the classroom.

10. **Attitudinal:** Students in the history and political science program will develop a habit of life-long learning as an informed, active and engaged citizen.