

Required Learning Objectives – Political Science

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Exemplary Educational Objectives for American Government I (Federal & TX constitutions) (PSCI 1040)

1. To use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
2. To analyze the effects of political forces on the area under study.
3. To comprehend the origins and evolution of U.S. and Texas political systems, with a focus on the growth of political institutions, the constitutions of the U.S. and Texas, federalism, civil liberties, and civil and human rights.
4. To understand the evolution and current role of the U.S. in the world.
5. To recognize and assume one's responsibility as a citizen in a democratic society by learning to think for oneself, by engaging in public discourse, and by obtaining information through the news media and other appropriate information sources about politics and public policy.
6. To identify and understand differences and commonalities within diverse perspectives.

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- explore social and behavioral sciences
- gain skills that prepare them for active citizenship

Exemplary Educational Objectives for American Government II (Federal & TX topics) (PSCI 1050)

1. An introduction to the appropriate methods, technologies, and data that social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition to analyze the effects of political forces on the area under study.
2. To analyze the effects of political forces on the area under study taking into consideration the historical, social, economic, cultural and global forces.
3. To understand the evolution and current role of the U.S. in the world.
4. To analyze, critically assess, and develop creative solutions to public policy problems.
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