

Degree Program Student Learning Outcomes 2006-2007  
Bennett College for Women

<b>Division Name</b>		<b>Academic Year</b>		
Social Sciences and Education		2006-2007		
<b>Degree Program Name</b>		<b>Degree Level</b>		
Political Science		B.A.		
<b>Mission of Degree Program</b>				
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<b>Student Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<b>Expected Results</b>	<b>Actual Results 2006-2007</b>	<b>Use of Results 06-07</b>
<b>1. Demonstrate proficiency in oral &amp; written communication</b>	Evaluation of in-class presentations and research papers	70% of term papers will be receive a "B" or better	93% of students in PO 380 and PO 313 earned a B or better on their research papers.	Grading rubrics in use  Faculty coordinated with Curriculum & Instruction Program to develop effective guidelines for student portfolios.
	English Competency Exam	80% of majors will pass the English Competency Exam on the 1st attempt	100% of PO majors passed both the English and Math Competency Exams. (Data not available on number of attempts.)	
	Math Competency Exam	80% of majors will pass the Math Competency Exam on the 1st attempt		
	Internship evaluations	90% of majors will earn an A on their evaluations	75% of students received an A (n=4).	
<b>2. Demonstrate competency in quantitative and qualitative analysis.</b>	Evaluation of in-class presentations and research papers in Research Methods (PO 300) and Statistics (SO 254)	70% of PO majors will earn a B or better in Research Methods and in Statistics	83% of PO majors earned a B or better in Research Methods, Fall 2006.	One instructor teaches both Research Methods and Senior Seminar. Faculty are discussing ways to more closely integrate the 2 courses.

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3. Demonstrate ability to think critically	Portfolio Assessment of senior majors	70% of portfolio papers will be scored a 4 or better (5-point scale)	Faculty coordinated with Curriculum & Instruction Program to develop effective guidelines for student portfolios.	Program guidelines for the effective use of portfolios will be developed. Portfolios will be used.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of political science concepts	PO Major Field Studies Test (MFST)	70% of seniors will receive a score within one standard deviation of the national mean	AY06-07: 22% of students (n=9) were within one standard deviation of national mean.  AY05-06: 57% (n=7) were within one standard deviation of the national mean.	Will continue to place emphasis on the close reading of the texts.