MAPS Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

1 Goal
Students will acquire methodological and analytical skills utilized in political science.

1.1 Outcome
Students will identify and apply methodological approaches appropriate for political science research in general, and their specific concentration in particular.

1.2 Outcome
Students will formulate scientific/analytical question(s) of relevance to political science and develop a research design to answer the question(s).

1.3 Outcome
Students will have analytical and statistical skills necessary for professional employment or acceptance into a PhD. program.

2 Goal
Students will acquire and utilize content relevant to the political science discipline.

2.1 Outcome
Students will describe and discuss concepts and theories employed in political science.

2.2 Outcome
Students will apply theoretical perspectives to analyze different political phenomena and ethical issues in the discipline.

2.3 Outcome
Students will distinguish between the scientific study of politics and personal political opinions.

3 Goal
Students will communicate effectively in written and verbal contexts with diverse populations.

3.1 Outcome
Students will prepare well-documented, cited, and properly-formatted written communication of political science content.

3.2 Outcome
Students will present effective and compelling analyses of political science phenomena in verbal contexts.

3.3 Outcome
Students will employ clear and appropriate communication to address specific audiences (e.g., lay, peer, professional).

4 Goal
Students will display professional behaviors in academic and applied settings (e.g., internships, experiential learning environments).

4.1 Outcome
Students will cultivate skills and experiences necessary for professional networking and development.

4.2 Outcome
Students will participate in practical and experiential learning opportunities relevant to political science (e.g., internships, conference presentations, study away courses).

4.3 Outcome
Students will interact effectively and work collaboratively with people of diverse backgrounds.