

# **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