Assessment: Assessment Plan

Program (SS) - BA- Social Science

Unit Mission: The mission of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Social Science is to fulfill and extend the mission and philosophy of Great Basin College. The BA in Social Science provides a broad interdisciplinary knowledge base and professional experience. This course of study is designed to instill abilities in critical thinking, writing, presentation, and research skills as well as build an interdisciplinary knowledge base.

Outcome: Acquire and interpret scholarly information and data

Acquire and interpret scholarly information and data to reach informed, reasoned, and balanced conclusions.

Outcome Status: Active
Assessment Year: 2016-2017, 2020-2021
Start Date: 08/31/2015

Assessment Measures

Internal Tracking - BA Social Science students' semester grades from a sample per discipline from the following core BA Social Science courses ANTH 400A, ANTH 400B, HIST 417C, HIST 441, HIST 458, HIST 478B, PSC 403C, PSC 401F, PSY 412, PSY 435, and PSY 460 will be used to measure this outcome. (Active)

Criterion: 66 percent of BA social science students completing required upper division social science courses earning a grade of 70 percent or better.
Notes: BA Social Science students' semester grades will need to be collected, anonymized, and distributed to the BA Social Science Committee for review.

Outcome: Synthesize information effectively

Synthesize information effectively in oral and written form.

Outcome Status: Active
Assessment Year: 2017-2018
Start Date: 07/01/2016

Assessment Measures

Internal Tracking - BA Social Science emphasis students' grades for capstone course (INT 496) will be used to measure this outcome. (Active)

Criterion: 66 percent of BA Social Science emphasis students enrolled in capstone course earning a course grade of 70 percent or better.
Notes: BA Social Science emphasis students' semester grades for INT 496 will need to be collected, anonymized, and distributed to the BAIS Committee for review.

Outcome: Human social behavior

Demonstrate comprehension of how the core social science disciplines—anthropology, history, political science, and psychology—approach the analysis of human social behavior.

Outcome Status: Active
Assessment Year: 2018-2019

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Start Date: 07/01/2016

Assessment Measures

Internal Tracking - BA Social Science students' scores on BASS integrative essay (INT 496) will be used to measure this outcome. (Active)

Criterion: 66 percent of BAIS social science emphasis students completing required upper division social science courses earning a grade of 70 percent or better.

Notes: BA-Social Science emphasis students' semester grades will need to be collected, anonymized, and distributed to the BAIS Committee for review.

Outcome: Apply concepts and methods

Apply concepts and methods to an original professional study in social science.

Outcome Status: Active
Assessment Year: 2019-2020
Start Date: 08/31/2015

Assessment Measures

Assignment - Written - Social Science emphasis student scores on capstone paper (INT 496) will be used to measure this outcome. (Active)

Criterion: 66 percent of BA social science students enrolled in INT 496 scoring 70 percent or better on their capstone paper.
Notes: BA Social Science emphasis students' scores on INT 496 capstone papers will need to be collected, anonymized, and distributed to the BA Committee for review.