

# Assessment: Annual Report

## 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.

<i>Outcomes</i>	<i>Assessment Measures</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Actions</i>
<b>Human social behavior -</b> Demonstrate comprehension of how the core social science disciplines—anthropology, history, political science, and psychology—approach the analysis of <b>Outcome Status:</b> Active <b>Assessment Year:</b> 2018-2019 <b>Start Date:</b> 07/01/2016	<b>Internal Tracking -</b> BA Social Science students' scores on BASS integrative essay (INT 496) will be used to measure this outcome. <b>Criterion:</b> 66 percent of BA Social Science students completing integrative essay earning a grade of 70 percent or better. <b>Notes:</b> BA Social Science students' grades for the integrative essay in INT 496 will need to be collected, anonymized, and distributed to the BASS Committee for review.	<b>Reporting Period:</b> 2018-2019 <b>Criterion Met:</b> Yes 100 percent of students enrolled in the INT 496 class for spring semester earned an essay grade of 70 percent or better. (04/08/2019)	<b>Action:</b> This result demonstrates that students are effectively and sufficiently meeting this outcome. Further action to improve in this area could include the following: The lowest grade on this assignment was 90%, resulting in a poor bell curve in the grades. As such, the assignment itself may need to be re-worked so that it is more rigorous. For example, students might be required to give more specific examples to demonstrate how each discipline contributed to their understanding. Alternatively, students could be required to apply concepts from each discipline to demonstrate understanding of a particular behavior or phenomenon in society. Currently the assignment is only worth 6% of the final course grade. This needs to be increased significantly so students are motivated to put more work into

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			the assignment. (04/08/2019)