2015 Summer Assessment Project

Political Science

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Description:

This proposal is narrowly tailored to address assessment of student writing in the Public Policy and Administration capstone seminar (Political Science 489). The objective is to analyze student writing using the Writing Matters and Critical Thinking Rubrics which have both been adopted by the Political Science Department. The assignments/papers have already been collected for this project.

Analyzing the papers using our rubrics will provide us with an understanding, and a baseline, at a minimum, for future assessment of student writing in this course and the overall program. It will also yield valuable information that will help us to design new student learning outcomes (as needed) for the program. Jonah Ralston will be taking on the responsibility of Coordinator for Public Policy and Administration beginning Fall 2015. Working on this important piece of the major will provide him with key insights into where our students are with respect to specific skills, and where the program needs to be reviewed and perhaps revised, to enhance/improve these skills.

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