

**SUNY – BUFFALO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**PSPAP**  
**FIVE-YEAR ASSESSMENT PLAN**  
**B.A. Political Science & IR**  
Academic Years Fall 2024- through Spring 2029

Student Learning Outcomes	Curricular Map		Measures And Criteria	Results And Interpretation	Action and Follow Up
	Course	Level			
1: Be able critically evaluate existing literature in a given topic area of IR/political science and how the major historical schools of thought explain that topic.	PSC101/2	Introduced	PSC204 Papers PSC399 Exam PSC470/88 Papers	Majority of Student avg. score of 2 (0-3 scale)	Exam Scores followed up by CAC @ end of Spring – report to dept.  Writing Scores followed up by CAC end of Spring and report to dept.  Trends analyzed and recommendations made for changes to core classes for following fall
	PSC104	Introduced			
	PSC203/4	Reinforced			
	PSC399	Mastery			
	PSC470/88	Mastery			
2: Demonstrate the rudimentary skills to generate and test a scientific hypothesis in a given area of IR/political science.	PSC203/4	Introduced	PSC204 Pprs PSC399 Exam PSC470/88 Papers	Majority of Student avg. score of 2(0-3 scale)	See SLO 1 – Action and Follow Up  Papers & Exams submitted and analyzed by CAC @ end of semesters; results reported to dept. for discussion and action plan for following fall
	PSC399	Mastery			
	PSC470/88	Mastery			
3: Apply appropriate statistical techniques for a given research design.	PSC203/4	Introduced	PSC204 Pprs PSC399 Exam PSC470/88 Papers	Majority of Student avg. score of 2(0-3 scale)	See SLO 1 – Action and Follow Up  See SLO2 – Action and Follow Up
	PSC399	Mastery			
	PSC470/88	Mastery			

4: Demonstrate the ability to apply valid conclusions based on topic area, literature review, theory, hypothesis, statistical analysis, and study outcomes.	PSC101/2	Introduced	PSC204 Pprs	Majority of Student avg. score of 2 (0-3 scale)		See SLO 1 – Action and Follow Up  See SLO2 – Action and Follow Up
	PSC203/4	Reinforced				
	PSC399	Reinforced				
	PSC470/88	Mastery	PSC470/88 Papers			
5: Demonstrate effective research report writing.	PSC203/4	Introduced	PSC204 Papers	Majority of Student avg. score of 2 (0-3 scale)		See SLO 1 – Action and Follow Up See SLO2 – Action and Follow Up
	PSC399	Reinforced	PSC470/88 Papers			
	PSC470/88	Mastery				
6: Students will demonstrate global awareness and engagement skills.	PSC101/2	Introduced	PSC488 Instructor Rpt  Club Advisor End of Year Reports  International Services Report  PSC399 Exit Surveys/ Deans Office Rpt	<b>2025/27</b> – 50% part. by SR year in club, internship, travel, and/or VSLC  <b>2028/29</b> - 100% part. by SR year in club, internship, travel, and/or VSLC		Instructor and advisor reports submitted to CAC end of each semester; collated and assessed by CAC  Action plan proposed Spr and implemented at start of Fall
	Distribution	Reinforced				
	PSC488 enrollment	Mastery				
	PSPAP Club Participation					
	Travel Abroad					
<b>And/Or</b> Volunteer/Service Learning						

**Activities Resulting in Outcomes/Goals [SLOs 1 through 5]:** Written tests, assignments, projects (individual and group), papers, participation in class, and oral presentations; **Scale for Expectations** – 3=exceeds; 2=meets; 1=nears; 0=fails