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MESA COLLEGE



# Program Review

**Summary and Reflections with Unit Goals, Action Plans, and Updates**

Instructional Program - Political Science (POLI)

### Executive Summary

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**Describe the successes and challenges your unit has faced since the last comprehensive review.**

Since the last comprehensive review, our program hired a new contract faculty member. We have continued to try to rebuild enrollment.

**If applicable, describe any major curricular or service changes your unit has engaged in and the impact of those changes since the last comprehensive review.**

N/A

**If applicable, describe the impact of any new resources (human, fiscal, etc) on the unit and/or action plan implementation.**

N/A

**If you assess OUTCOMES, please confirm that the outcomes have been reviewed for accuracy. If you do not assess Outcomes, skip this question.**

Reviewed & Accurate

**Related Documents for Charts and Graphs**

**Executive Summary Complete**

Yes

### Data Reflection

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**Trends observed in program/service area's data.**

Our retention and success rates are very similar the college average and have improved slightly during the past few years. As far as enrollment, after dropping since 2019, our enrollment and fill rates improved in Fall 2022. The number of students claiming an AA in political science dropped from 48 to 28 last year, so that is troubling, as is the drop we saw in political science transfers to UCs.

**Describe any equity gaps in the data. Are there differences and/or patterns observed by demographics (e.g.race/ethnicity, gender, age, etc.)**

While we had an equity gap for Latinx in Fall 2021, we did not have a gap in Fall 22.

**Describe the discussion(s) that took place about the unit's learning outcomes assessment data.**

This lead writer was not present for our department discussion this year.

**Related Documents for Charts and Graphs**

## Summary and Reflection

### Data Reflection Complete

Yes

### Practice Reflection

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**Describe current practices your program/service area has engaged in that you believe impact the above data trends and equity gaps.**

Some of the faculty in political science have begun to use equity-minded grading and also to tailor assignments to student interest.

**What other factors (internal or external) might also impact the above data trends and equity gaps?**

Our program has tried to adjust to the new reality of online classes. We have tried to encourage our political science majors to take their classes in a FTF modality. We think political science majors in particular may suffer from less engagement and understanding in an online mode, so we wonder if we have lost some majors that way.

### Related Documents for Charts and Graphs

### Practice Reflection Complete

Yes

### Mid-Cycle Updates

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**Are there any edits or updates to the Executive Summary above?**

**Are there any edits or updates to the Data Reflection above?**

**Are there any edits or updates to the Practice Reflection above?**

## Summary and Reflection

### Goal 1: Ensure high quality teaching.

**Unit Goal:** Goal 1: Ensure high quality teaching.

**Goal Status:** Active

**Beginning Year:** 2022 - 2023

**Projected Completion Year:** 2025 - 2026

#### Mapping

Mesa College Strategic Plan: Roadmap to Mesa2030: (X - Highlight the X to Align)

- Completion - Objective 1: X
- Completion - Objective 2: X
- Completion - Objective 3: X
- Completion - Objective 4: X
- Scholarship - Objective 1: X
- Scholarship - Objective 2: X
- Scholarship - Objective 3: X
- Scholarship - Objective 4: X
- Scholarship - Objective 5: X

Action Plans	Action Plan Update
<p><b>Action Plan Status:</b> Active</p> <p><b>Action Plan:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. plan course assignments with new faculty member</li> <li>2. evaluate political science teaching</li> </ol> <p><b>Action Plan Cycle:</b> 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, 2025 - 2026</p>	<p><b>Submission Date:</b> 12/04/2023</p> <p><b>Action Plan Update:</b> This semester, we welcomed our new full-time faculty member and continue to work together to plan course assignments and collaborate on political science teaching.</p> <p><b>Update Year:</b> 2023 - 2024</p> <p><b>Action Plan Progress:</b> On Track</p>

### Goal 2: Build Law Pathway Program

**Unit Goal:** Goal 2: Build Law Pathway Program

**Goal Status:** Active

**Beginning Year:** 2022 - 2023

**Projected Completion Year:** 2025 - 2026

#### Mapping

Mesa College Strategic Plan: Roadmap to Mesa2030: (X - Highlight the X to Align)

- Completion - Objective 1: X
- Completion - Objective 2: X
- Completion - Objective 3: X

## Summary and Reflection

- Completion - Objective 4: X
- Pathways and Partnerships - Objective 1: X
- Pathways and Partnerships - Objective 2: X
- Pathways and Partnerships - Objective 3: X
- Pathways and Partnerships - Objective 4: X
- Pathways and Partnerships - Objective 5: X

Action Plans	Action Plan Update
<b>Action Plan Status:</b> Active <b>Action Plan:</b> 1. request BARC funding 2. complete CA Law Pathway Grant request  <b>Action Plan Cycle:</b> 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, 2025 - 2026	<b>Submission Date:</b> 12/04/2023 <b>Action Plan Update:</b> We did submit a BARC request for Law Pathway Program funding, but we were unsuccessful. However, we were successful in winning a statewide grant for this program. <b>Update Year:</b> 2023 - 2024 <b>Action Plan Progress:</b> Completed

## Goal 3: Add content for LEAF designation

**Unit Goal:** Goal 3: Add content for LEAF designation

**Goal Status:** Active

**Beginning Year:** 2022 - 2023

**Projected Completion Year:** 2025 - 2026

### Mapping

Mesa College Strategic Plan: Roadmap to Mesa2030: (X - Highlight the X to Align)

- Community - Objective 1: X
- Community - Objective 2: X
- Community - Objective 3: X
- Community - Objective 4: X
- Community - Objective 5: X
- Stewardship - Objective 1: X
- Stewardship - Objective 2: X
- Stewardship - Objective 3: X
- Stewardship - Objective 4: X
- Stewardship - Objective 5: X
- Stewardship - Objective 6: X

Action Plans	Action Plan Update
<b>Action Plan Status:</b> Active	<b>Submission Date:</b> 12/04/2023

## Summary and Reflection

Action Plans	Action Plan Update
<p><b>Action Plan:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. identify courses to modify</li> <li>2. modify CORs</li> </ol> <p><b>Action Plan Cycle:</b> 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, 2025 - 2026</p>	<p><b>Action Plan Update:</b> We submitted a COR revision to receive a LEAF for POLI 102. We will select and modify another course next year.</p> <p><b>Update Year:</b> 2023 - 2024</p> <p><b>Action Plan Progress:</b> On Track</p>

### Develop ADT for Law, Society, and Public Policy

**Unit Goal:** Develop ADT for Law, Society, and Public Policy

**Goal Status:** Active

**Beginning Year:** 2023 - 2024

**Projected Completion Year:** 2023 - 2024

Action Plans	Action Plan Update
<p><b>Action Plan Status:</b> Active</p> <p><b>Action Plan:</b> Identify template courses and submit ADT to CRC.</p> <p><b>Action Plan Cycle:</b> 2023 - 2024</p>	

### POLI 200 software

**Unit Goal:** Identify software and lab needs for POLI 201 - Elementary Statistics for Political Science

**Goal Status:** Active

**Beginning Year:** 2023 - 2024

**Projected Completion Year:** 2023 - 2024

Action Plans	Action Plan Update
<p><b>Action Plan Status:</b> Active</p> <p><b>Action Plan:</b> Identify which software will be needed for POLI 201 which will be offered for the first time in Fall 2024. We may be able to share the software and lab used by the Psychology program.</p> <p><b>Action Plan Cycle:</b> 2023 - 2024</p>	