



# Benchmark Assessment Results: Social Sciences 2015-16

Semester	Course	Level	Enrollment	Assessments
Fall 2015	Econ 202, Section 1200/1800 (online)	Lower	40	37
Fall 2015	Pol Sci 301, Section 0001	Upper	17	14
Fall 2015	Educ 206, Section 0002	Lower	35	35
Spring 2016	Pol Sci 101, Section 002	Lower	67	40

↑ Over 75 for most items

↔ Mixed

↓ Under 75 for most items

		Number Rated	Percent Yes	Notes
↔	<b>Identify major concepts of social, political, geographic and economic structures</b>			
	Demonstrates knowledge of core content of one or more of the social sciences within U.S. and world contexts.	126	64	
	Demonstrates familiarity with basic concepts and terminology of the social sciences.	126	60	
	Identifies the key questions and theoretical concerns of the social sciences.	89	73	3 courses
	Conceptualizes social problems using established social scientific approaches to scholarly inquiry.	86	76	3 courses
	Critically analyzes social problems drawing upon multiple sources of knowledge from within the social sciences.	49	94	2 courses
↑	<b>Analyze the reciprocal impact that social institutions and values have on individuals and groups in a culture</b>			
	Evaluates policy implications and their effect on social structures, values and ideologies.	49	96	2 courses
	Recognizes how diverse cultures and social groups have shaped society and institutions in the U.S. and abroad.	49	100	2 courses
	Uses course materials to reflect on one's own values, assumptions and beliefs.	49	94	2 courses
	Situates self in relation to the process of generating knowledge as a citizen of a global and evolving world.	49	92	2 courses
	Recognizes the value of the social sciences in solving real world problems.	49	96	2 courses
↔	<b>Apply social science methods and tools to address problems</b>			
	Formulates insightful research questions and research plans that have real-world applications.	14	71	1 course; upper level
	Develops a research design appropriate to given social problems and issues.	14	64	1 course; upper level
	Approaches problems and issues with a well-informed ability to interpret, infer and inquire using social science research concepts.	49	94	2 courses
	Accurately interprets social models and statistics.	37	65	
	Analyzes the reasoning and underlying assumptions that frame approaches to social problems and issues.	86	81	3 courses
	Draws on qualitative and quantitative methods to address social problems and issues.	0		no courses
	Uses scholarly sources, specific examples and evidence to support and critique positions and provide insight into social institutions and socio-political processes.	49	92	2 courses
	Conducts research in the social sciences that can engage a public audience.	14	79	1 course; upper level

2,268 items could have been assessed; 984 items (or 43%) were assessed. The percent scoring "Yes" across all 984 assessments was 79%.