



Political Science Mission Statement

Southwestern Illinois College upholds the dignity and worth of all people and believes that learning is a life-long process which enhances the quality of life. The college provides for individual growth through educational excellence and active partnerships with students and the community.

The mission of the Department of Political Science in this education process is to provide students with a systematic approach to the study of politics and its connection to lifelong learning; and to help students focus on the nature of power and the role of government, both in our own nation and in the global arena. Appropriate assessment techniques will be used to measure student learning and update curriculum.

Educational Goals

The Political Science Department at Southwestern Illinois College will graduate students that can:

1. Explain the history of the U.S. Constitution and the American political system.
2. Critically analyze formal government institutions and political behavior and processes.
3. Describe how to participate effectively and democratically in the political process.
4. Analyze critically the personal, social and political implications of diversity and alternative values.
5. Evaluate, in writing, political topics and social issues in an effective manner.
6. Explain political behavior beyond the borders of the US.-CM
 - a. International Politics
 - b. Comparative Politics

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