



2018-19 Annual Program Update

Program Overview

Political Science

Please verify the mission statement for your program. If there is no mission statement listed, please add it here.

Program Mission:

The Mission of the **Political Science** department at Merritt College is to transmit the knowledge of the discipline by providing courses and instruction that are characterized by excellence. To provide a basic, general knowledge of American government and to provide programs to our students that fosters critical, independent thinking about politics and public life.

List your Faculty and/or Staff

Landeros Part Time
Nakagawa Part Time
Hovsepian Part Time
Parker Part Time

The Program Goals below are from your most recent Program Review or APU. If none are listed, please add your most recent program goals. Then, indicate the status of this goal, and which College and District goal your program goal aligns to. If your goal has been completed, please answer the follow up question regarding how you measured the achievement of this goal.

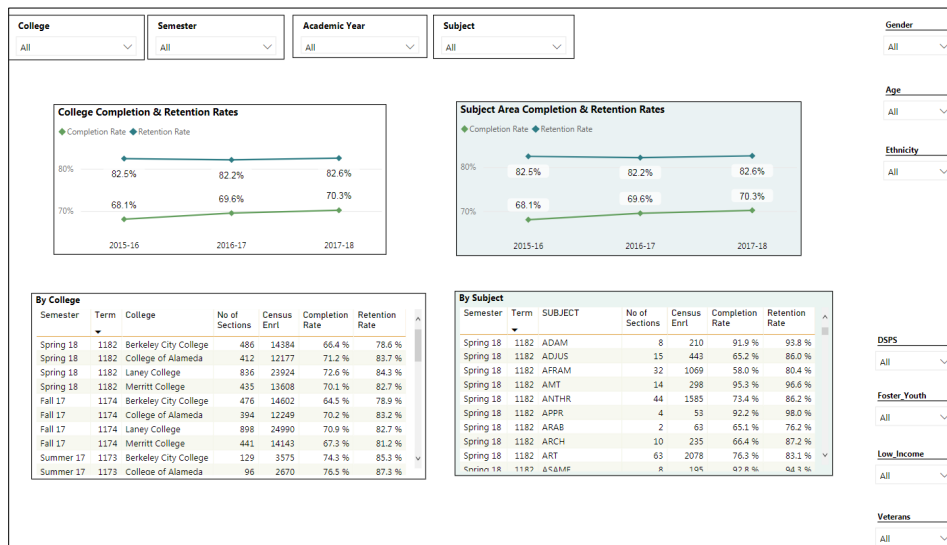
The most Recent Program Goal was to fill the long vacant full time position in Political Science. This goal aligns with the goal of Building Programs of Distinction, 2. Merritt Goal_ GOAL 1: Create an environment of exceptional student access, equity and success. GOAL 3: Create and Implement effective and innovative programs that meet the diverse needs of our community.

status of this goal, a request for a position was made to the Council of Department Chairs and the request was ranked, it is unknown at this time if the position will be filled.

Describe your current utilization of facilities, including labs and other space

At this time all but 1 section is taught on campus in r-203 all other sections are on-line.

Program Update



Program Update Power BI dashboard

Using the dashboard, review and reflect upon the data for your program. Describe any significant changes and discuss what the changes mean to your program. Consider whether performance gaps exist for disproportionality impacted students. Focus upon the most recent year and/or the years since your last comprehensive program review. Cite data points from the dashboard to support your answer.

- Completion and retention rates have fluctuated due to lack of stable instruction, and limited on-campus offerings, for 2019 based on the data we will try to add 2 more classes on campus. Presently when I look at the breakdown of specific class enrollment, I can see that Gov/Politics in the U.S., POSCI 1 is in high demand due to the fact that it is a required class for transferring to a university. Retention rates are somewhat lower than the college average. This may be because the P.S. courses offered at Merritt do not lead to an AA degree but are required for transfer. As such, students may not put needed time and effort into these classes.

ACAD_YEAR	Completion Rate	Retention Rate
2015-16	51.5 %	73.0 %
2016-17	53.8 %	79.3 %
2017-18	54.3 %	70.9 %

Enrollment seems to be falling, again likely to DE being the main delivery system for our students and lack of stable faculty guiding the program area. However, Productivity may be skewed when compared to other disciplines because less than 1% of the students choose to pursue the field of POSCI. Most students take Political Science because it is required for transfer to university.

Year	Campus	Productivity	Sum of Census Enrl
2015-16	Merritt	18.5	111
2016-17	Merritt	20.125	322
2017-18	Merritt	17	272

Describe the department's progress on Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and/or Administrative Unit Outcomes (AUOs) since the last Program Review/APU. If your discipline offers a degree or certificate, please describe the department progress on Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs).

Outcomes have not been consistently assessed as of 2017-2018 due to staffing limitations: The present adjunct team will be assessing outcomes to be completed and submitted to the Department chair by summer 2019.

Outcome # 1

Students will: Learn to critically assess, analyze and write about the essential features of the American political system, including the constitution, government, interest groups, social movements, political parties, campaigns and elections.

Outcome # 2

Students will: demonstrate analytical thinking about issues relating to political principles, government structure, government processes and policy positions.

Outcome # 3

Students will: Learn how to participate in the political process at a local, state and national level by learning about how our government works.

Describe the outcomes and accomplishments from previous year's funded resource allocation request.

Brief description of funded request	Source (any additional award outside your base allocation)	Total Award Amount	Outcome/Accomplishment
Hiring request to replace retired faculty		Faculty salary pending approval of position	

Prioritized Resource Requests Summary

In the boxes below, please add resource requests for your program. If there are no resource requested, leave the boxes blank.

Resource Category	Description/Justification	Estimated Annual Salary Costs	Estimated Annual Benefits Costs	Total Estimated Cost
Personnel: Classified Staff				
Personnel: Student Worker				
Personnel: Part Time Faculty				
Personnel: Full Time Faculty	Full time Faculty to replace retired faculty member. This program has need for stability especially since POSCI 1 is a required class for transferring to a university.	Faculty salary	xxxxxx	xxxxxxx

Resource Category	Description/Justification	Total Estimated Cost
Professional Development: Department wide PD needed		
Professional Development: Personal/Individual PD needed		

Prioritized Resource Requests Summary - Continued

Resource Category	Description/Justification	Total Estimated Cost
Supplies: Software		
Supplies: Books, Magazines, and/or Periodicals		
Supplies: Instructional Supplies		
Supplies: Non-Instructional Supplies		
Supplies: Library Collections		

Resource Category	Description/Justification	Total Estimated Cost
Technology & Equipment: New		
Technology & Equipment: Replacement		

Prioritized Resource Requests Summary - Continued

Resource Category	Description/Justification	Total Estimated Cost
Facilities: Classrooms		
Facilities: Offices		
Facilities: Labs		
Facilities: Other		

Resource Category	Description/Justification	Total Estimated Cost
Library: Library materials		
Library: Library collections		

Resource Category	Description/Justification	Total Estimated Cost
OTHER		