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AA – Government Degree

Government 2305 – American Government

#1 Student Learning Outcome:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the institutional processes that lead to governmental action, i.e, legislation and policy implementation, and how these institutions work with each other constitutionally and politically.

Assessment Measure for this Outcome:

Instructors choose 3 specific questions from a question bank addressing this outcome on the final exam across all sections that address this outcome.

Achievement Target for this Measure:

70% of students enrolled in Govt. 2305 will successfully answer selected questions from the above list.

Findings:

For the Spring, 2010 semester, the final exams administered by both Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina were used as pilots. The results were:

Question #1 – 88.7% of the students successfully answered this question. (47 out of 53)
Question #2 – 96.2% of the students successfully answered this question. (51 out of 53)
Question #3 – 66.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (35 out of 53)
Question #6 – 83.8% of the students successfully answered this question. (67 out of 80)
Question #7 – 71.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (57 out of 80)
Question #8 – 78.8% of the students successfully answered this question. (63 out of 80)
Question #9 – 67.5% of the student successfully answered this question. (54 out of 80)
Question #10 – 71.0 % of the students successfully answered this question. (57 out of 80)

Consequently, an average of 77.9% of students taking the finals for Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina successfully answered these questions.

Related Action Plans:

Develop a test item blue print for the question bank addressing this outcome.



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Both the full time and part-time faculty members will incorporate a selective number of these questions into their final exams for the Fall, 2010 semester. Instructors will chose which questions they wish to use for the final exam.

#2 Student Learning Outcome:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the governing institutions in our local environment, how they evolved, and their role in our daily lives.

Assessment Measure for this Outcome:

Instructors choose 3 specific questions from a question bank addressing this outcome on the final exam across all sections that address this outcome.

Achievement Target for this Measure:

70% of students enrolled in Govt. 2305 will successfully answer the selected questions.

Findings

For the Spring, 2010 semester, the final exams administered by both Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina were used as pilots. The results were:

Question #1 – 37.7% of the students successfully answered this question. (20 out of 53)

Question #2 – 94.3% of the students successfully answered this question. (50 out of 53)

Question #4 – 71.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (57 out of 80)

Question #5 – 60.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (48 out of 80)

Question #6 – 53.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (53 out of 80)

Consequently, an average of 63.2% of students taking the finals for Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina successfully answered these questions.

Related Action Plans:

Develop a test item blue print for the question bank addressing this outcome.

Both the full time and part-time faculty members will incorporate a selective number of these questions into their final exams for the Fall, 2010 semester. Instructors will chose which questions they wish to use for the final exam.



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#3 Student Learning Outcome:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the process by which a citizen can get involved, and how these processes are influenced and by whom.

Assessment Measure for This Outcome:

Instructors choose 3 specific questions from a question bank addressing this outcome on the final exam across all sections that address this outcome.

Achievement Target for this Measure:

70% of students enrolled in Govt. 2305 will successfully answer the selected questions.

Findings

For the Spring, 2010 semester, the final exams administered by both Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina were used as pilots. The results were:

Question #1 – 81.1% of the students successfully answered this question. (43 out of 53)

Question #2 – 75.5% of the students successfully answered this question. (40 out of 53)

Question #4 – 80.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (64 out of 80)

Question #5 – 71.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (57 out of 80)

Question #6 – 71.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (57 out of 80)

Question #7 – 83.8% of the students successfully answered this question. (67 out of 80)

Consequently, an average of 77.1% of students taking the finals for Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina successfully answered these questions.

Related Action Plans:

Develop a test item blue print for the question bank addressing this outcome.

Both the full time and part-time faculty members will incorporate a selective number of these questions into their final exams for the Fall, 2010 semester. Instructors will chose which questions they wish to use for the final exam.

#4 Student Learning Outcome:

Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze historical and political data and reach informed conclusions about those data.



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Assessment Measure for this Outcome:

Instructors choose 3 specific questions from a question bank addressing this outcome on the final exam across all sections that address this outcome.

Achievement Target for this Measure:

70% of students enrolled in Govt. 2305 will successfully answer the selected questions.

Findings

For the Spring, 2010 semester, the final exams administered by both Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina were used as pilots. The results were:

Question #1 – 66.1% of the students successfully answered this question. (35 out of 53)

Question #2 – 83.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (44 out of 53)

Question #4 – 73.8% of the students successfully answered this question. (59 out of 80)

Question #5 – 75.0% of the students successfully answered this question. (60 out of 80)

Question #6 – 72.5% of the students successfully answered this question. (58 out of 80)

Question #7 - 67.5% of the students successfully answered this question. (54 out of 80)

Question #8 – 66.3% of the student successfully answered this question. (53 out of 80)

Consequently, an average of 72.0% of students taking the finals for Oliver Jones and Ginny Stowitts Traina successfully answered these questions.

Related Action Plans:

Develop a test item blue print for the question bank addressing this outcome.

Both the full time and part-time faculty members will incorporate a selective number of these questions into their final exams for the Fall, 2010 semester. Instructors will chose which questions they wish to use for the final exam.

Government 2306 – Texas Government

#1 Student Learning Outcome:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the state constitution, how it evolved and its present status.

Assessment Measure for this Outcome:

Instructors choose 3 specific questions from a question bank addressing this outcome on the final exam across all sections that address this outcome.



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Achievement Target for this Measure:

70% of students enrolled in Govt. 2306 will successfully answer the selected questions.

Findings:

For the Spring, 2010 semester, the final exams administered by Oliver Jones was used as a pilot. The results were:

Question #1 – 91.0% of the student successfully answered this question. (82 out of 90)

Question #2 – 22.2% of the students successfully answered this question. (20 out of 90)

Overall, 56.6% of the students successfully answered the questions. After discussion with Mr. Jones, it was agreed that the problem with question #2 was that it is ambiguously written. This might have led to the poor showing on this question.

Related Action Plans:

Develop a test item blue print for the question bank addressing this outcome.

Both the full time and part-time faculty members will incorporate a selective number of these questions into their final exams for the Fall, 2010 semester. Instructors will chose which questions they wish to use for the final exam.

#2 Student Learning Outcome:

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the government institutions in our environment, how they evolved and their role in our daily lives.

Assessment Measure for this Outcome:

Instructors choose 3 specific questions from a question bank addressing this outcome on the final exam across all sections that address this outcome.

Achievement Target for this Measure:

70% of students enrolled in Govt. 2306 will successfully answer the selected questions.

Findings:



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For the Spring, 2010 semester, the final exams administered by Oliver Jones was used as a pilot.
The results were:

Question #6 – 46.7% of the students successfully answered this question. (42 out of 90)

Question #7 – 94.4% of the students successfully answered this question. (85 out of 90)

Overall, 70.6% of the students successfully answered the questions.

Related Action Plans:

Develop a test item blue print for the question bank addressing this outcome.

Both the full time and part-time faculty members will incorporate a selective number of these questions into their final exams for the Fall, 2010 semester. Instructors will chose which questions they wish to use for the final exam.

#3 Student Learning Outcome:

Students will demonstrate the ability to think critically about the significant historical and political issues and about the ways in which those issues have been interpreted.

Assessment Measure for this Outcome:

Instructors choose 3 specific questions from a question bank addressing this outcome on the final exam across all sections that address this outcome.

Achievement Target for this Measure:

70% of students enrolled in Govt. 2306 will successfully answer the selected questions.

Findings:

For the Spring, 2010 semester, the final exams administered by Oliver Jones was used as a pilot.
The results were:

Question #9 – 95.6% of the students successfully answered this question. (86 out of 90)

Question #10 – 62.2% of the students successfully answered this question. (56 out of 90)

Overall, 78.9% of the students successfully answered the questions.



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