

**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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**Related Action Plans:**

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