Expected Outcomes: Informed & Engaged Citizens

When they complete this degree program, students will be able to act as informed and engaged citizens and administrators.

Assessment methods

Method: Student survey

Each year we survey the students in the Graduate Certificate in Elections Administration program. One of the questions on the survey asks them to respond to the statement: “Being an Elections Administration student increased my interest in, and capabilities for, acting as a responsible citizen and responsible administrator.” They were given a five-point scale of answers: strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree.

Findings:

There were two students in the Graduate Certificate in Elections Administration program during the 2011-12 academic year. We sent surveys to the both of them. Both responded and strongly agreed with the statement.

How did you use findings for improvement?

Our students seem quite confident that the Certificate program promotes this outcome. The program is now seeking to enhance this outcome by stressing the role of elections administration in preserving our democratic governance in these classes.

Additional comments:

None

Expected Outcomes: Read analytically

When they complete this degree program, students will be able to understand the major issues in elections administration as described by the readings in the relevant courses.

Assessment methods

Method: Evaluation by faculty committee

Three Elections Administration faculty, Kathleen Hale, Clifton Perry, and Cal Clark, discussed how well the two students in the Graduate Certificates in Elections Administration were able to understand the major issues in elections administration as described by the readings in the relevant courses.

Findings:

Both of the students being assessed were rated as “exceeding expectations” in this area.

How did you use findings for improvement?

Our students seem to do quite well on this outcome. Our faculty is planning to evaluate the literature used in our Elections Administration classes carefully.
Additional comments:

None