

Assessment Activity Report Due June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
to the Office of Academic Planning

**Mission Statement template**

\*\* Please see resources at the [Academic Planning website](#)

Department \_\_\_\_\_ International Relations \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ LCA \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have current mission statement as of Spring 2015?  Yes  No

If so, what is it?

Our M.A. graduates are well prepared to enter a competitive workforce in government, business, and non-profit, or to pursue advanced graduate training leading to a Ph.D

The Master's degree program is focused on training our students to be international professionals. Admission is selective and retention conditional upon performance. Our curriculum emphasizes the coordination of theory and data. Many courses in the curriculum study specific areas of the world from diverse theoretical, historical, and contemporary perspectives.

Classroom instruction emphasizes knowledge of core international relations concepts and theories as well as thematic issues, including but not limited to international political economy, international security, international law, governance and human rights. For graduate students, choosing the professional emphasis for their culminating experience, the Department provides internship opportunities and supervises the preparation of an academic paper based on their internship experience.

Upon graduation, IR students will have achieved mastery of core International Relations concepts, theories, and methods and will have one or more areas of special competence. Equipped with research, analytical and presentation, communication and professional skills including report writing, statistical and computer applications, public policy analysis, oral briefing and audio-visual production techniques, our MA graduates are well prepared to enter a competitive workforce in government, in business, or in non-profit organizations or to pursue advanced graduate trainings leading to a Ph.D.

Please address all questions. What was the process of revising your mission statement this semester? How were department faculty members involved? Was it developed in department meetings or other gatherings? What informed your discussions about your new or revised mission statement (e.g. changes in the profession, new focus of the department)?

The Mission statement was reviewed and revised by the Department Level Graduate Committee which includes the Graduate coordinator and three other members of Faculty. We sought to emphasize the strengths of our department compared to some of the other International Relations programs in the Bay Area. We would like to

retain our balance between the academic and professional tracks of our program that enable us to attract and retain a good number of strong domestic and international students.

**What is the revised mission statement?**

#### MISSION

The mission of our M.A. graduate program is to prepare graduate students to enter a competitive workforce in government, business, and non-profits, or to pursue advanced graduate training leading to a Ph.D in the International Relations field.

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**Please post your revised mission statement on your department web page.**

**Given that this semester you revised your mission statement, DUEAP will assume your AY 2016-2017 will include a review of your program learning goals. If that is not the case, please notify the Associate Dean of Academic Planning. Thank you!**