

Political Science Department
Statement on Scholarship
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1. The scholarly record should show on-going activity with the potential for future productivity. The record should reflect a vital connection to the discipline, allowing for personal growth and enriching the department by keeping us connected to new developments in the study of politics or in the pedagogy of political science.
2. All faculty are expected to mentor student research. The department recognizes that not all scholarly projects necessarily involve students, and that the extent and nature of student involvement is bound to vary. Scholarship that enriches the undergraduate program, especially through enhancement of student research experiences, is particularly valued.
3. A tenurable record must include peer review publication. This expectation can be met through publication in national or regional journals, or in appropriate specialized journals, or through books or monographs that are peer-reviewed. Publications in the scholarship of teaching and learning in the discipline of Political Science that are peer reviewed meet this expectation.
4. The department values a wide range of scholarly activity, including, but not limited to conference participation in various forms, writing of reviews, book chapters, journal editing, organizing panels, serving as officers in professional associations, etc.
5. Because the department values a wide range of scholarly activity, there is no quantitative formula for assessing an individual's record. A single journal article, standing alone, would not likely be sufficient to demonstrate on-going scholarship. On the other hand, a record that is devoid of peer review publication (see #3 above) would not meet Department standards.
6. In the absence of a quantitative standard, the Department recognizes its obligation to provide regular and clear guidance to individuals on tenure track.