Provide an example of the program’s most interesting or important assessment finding that demonstrates the program’s success associated with a program learning outcome.

This year for the first time our department’s assessment program of pre-tests and post-tests delivered data. While this first round of data is only preliminary, it suggests that our students made strong gains in their theoretical understanding of politics, in their knowledge of political institutions and processes, and in their ability to analyze and write about politics.

Describe an assessment result that indicates an opportunity for improvement and identify the specific actions the program will take to improve student learning.

This first experience in collecting post-tests and analyzing pre-tests and post-tests enabled us to adopt reforms to our assessment program that will insure that in future years we will be able to collect more and higher quality data and do more reliable analysis.