

American Jewish University Curriculum Map
Mapping WASC Senior College & University Commission (WSCUC) Core Competencies to
Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Program: CAS - CORE Curriculum

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CORE Curriculum**

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Oral Communication					D	D		D
Quantitative Reasoning	I,D,M	D	D	D				
Information Literacy	I				I,D			
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Business Undergraduate Program**

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Jewish Studies Undergraduate Program**

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LCM Undergraduate Program**

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Program: Political Science

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Department of Psychology**

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