Critical Thinking/Problem Solving

Critical thinkers exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems. The individual is able to obtain, interpret, and use knowledge, facts, and data in this process, and may demonstrate originality and inventiveness.

Adapted from the NACE Career Readiness Competencies

- When you are faced with a problem, do you immediately jump to a conclusion or take time to consider the facts surrounding the situation?

- Can you put the information you have found in a context appropriate for the situation you confront?

- Can you think through the immediate and long-term implications of an action?

- Do you ask for clarification if you do not understand something in class and can you ask effective questions?

All political science course offerings emphasize critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Here are some additional opportunities to hone these skills outside of the classroom:

- Political Science Club
- Study Abroad
- William V. Moore Student Research Conference