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Memorandum for the Record: 2019 Curriculum Review report

On 22 August 2019 the Curriculum Review Committee presented a report to the Academic Council recommending changes to IWP's curriculum review process as well to IWP's Learning Outcomes. The Academic Council has reviewed this report and largely agrees with the recommendations of the Committee. It has, however, directed a few changes to some of the proposed Institutional Objectives, Institutional Learning Outcomes, and Program Learning Outcomes. These changes are as follows:

Institutional Objective 1 will be revised to read:

“To help students see the world as it is, not as they wish it would be, or as foreign powers or utopian ideologies would have them see it, by providing them with a clear understanding of the international system; the nature, strategic intentions, and statecraft of foreign powers; and both the possibilities and limits of what can be achieved in foreign policy.”

Institutional Objective 2 will be revised to read:

“To provide students the skills for integrated and strategic statecraft in order to recognize threats and political-strategic opportunities, to prevent, manage and prevail in international conflicts, and to work for peace with justice, without utopianism or the moral confusion of equating aggressors and victims.”

Institutional Objective 3 will be revised to read:

“To stimulate an informed patriotism based on an appreciation of American founding principles and the achievements of our civilization and to understand and act upon the truths of the Western moral tradition.”

Institutional Learning Outcome 1 will be revised to read:

“Students will develop a broad understanding of the sources and development of current major national security and foreign policy challenges facing the United States.”

Institutional Learning Outcome 3 will be revised to read:

“Students will develop a deeper understanding of all the instruments of statecraft and how to use and integrate them strategically and ethically.”

Institutional Learning Outcome 4 will be revised to read:

“Students will understand the nature of the Western Moral Tradition and the founding principles of the American system and their relevance to current statecraft.”



Institutional Learning Outcome 5 will be revised to read:

“Students will recognize the importance of different political cultures, the ideas and belief systems that animate them, their forms of statecraft, and their foreign policy purposes.”

Both SNSA and SIA Program Learning Outcome 6 will be revised to read:

“Students will demonstrate a knowledge and appreciation of the Western moral tradition and its applicability to national security and foreign policy, including the ethical conduct of statecraft and the ingredients of moral leadership such as the development and exercise of personal and civic virtues.”