



Division of
Equity and Inclusion

SHOWCASE
OREGON

ACTIVATING

THE
I D E A L
FRAMEWORK

Political Science

"Building Diversity into Curriculum"

Going Well:

Faculty and students are excited about a major that is more legible, relevant, and welcoming.



Project Description:

We're reforming the Political Science major in ways that make diversity more salient. One of three 100-level foundations addresses "Power, Politics and Inequality." A new 200-level "Ethics, Identity and Resistance" will serve as gateway to advanced classes that address politics of identity.

Lesson Learned:

Since diversity is already part of our curriculum, some initial steps to highlight it come easily. But deeper moves to upgrade diversity themes will require new levels of faculty cooperation.

Challenge:

Coordinating course content runs into norms of professors' freedom to teach as they like.