

Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement SLO Assessment, Spring 2013 Results

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Survey Overview

Description

Criminal Justice-LE, Spring 2013

Instructions Provided To Respondents

There are four sections in this survey.

- The first section contains two questions about your overall experience in the program. Use this section to identify things you liked, things you would change, and to communicate any other comments about your overall experience in the program. If you have feedback about the instruction or anything else related to the overall program, please address that in one of these questions.
- The second section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this section.
- The third section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.
- The conclusion provides a comment section for any additional information you would like to share about your experience with your program and Western Technical College.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Respondent Metrics

Respondents: 24
First Response: 4/26/2013 10:34 AM
Last Response: 5/9/2013 09:58 PM

Survey Results

The following is a tabular depiction of the responses to each survey question. Additional comments provided by respondents, if any, are included after each table.

Section - General Overview of Program

Instructions Provided To Respondents

We appreciate your feedback, comments and suggestions. The information you provide will strengthen our program. Thank you.

1. What did you like about this program?

A few of the teachers, and the hands on learning exercises (000000644 Anonymous)

for the most part (000000431 Anonymous)

Hands on experience (000000351 Anonymous)

I liked that the program incorporated certifiability for law enforcement and jail. I don't think I would be able to stand having Kelly teach me in the academy. (000000432 Anonymous)

I liked the hands on experience. (000000659 Anonymous)

I liked the instructors (000000657 Anonymous)

I liked the learning atmosphere here at Western (000000646 Anonymous)

It has prepared me for a career in Law Enforcement (000000641 Anonymous)

Jeff was a great teacher (000000658 Anonymous)

Made alot of friends, instructors were excellent, learned alot of valuable information. (000000642 Anonymous)

Not a whole lot, it was a lot of power points and a lot of the "I don't care attitude." Program started off with potential but with students missing days, not showing up in uniform, going against policy with absolutely no repercussion. (000000655 Anonymous)

That for the most part I felt that the teachers really cared about me, one teacher I felt was too wish washy. (000000650 Anonymous)

The content (000000656 Anonymous)

The hands on experience and the great help and advice of the instructors (000000643 Anonymous)

the instructors (000000654 Anonymous)

The instructors are good and I feel like I have the skills I need to start an entry level job. (000000350 Anonymous)

The instructors did a great job (000000653 Anonymous)

The instructors were very informative. (000000647 Anonymous)

The instructors you are forcing to leave because of the upper management, Jeff Noe was the best instructor I have ever had and because of the bullshit from the higher ups in the Sparta Campus, Jeff is retiring and the certifiability option is going away with him and I'm never going to recommend this college program to anyone having an interest in law enforcement. It sickens me to see that there is little to no communication between the students and the upper management, and quite honestly we as the students should have sued WESTERN because all WESTERN has done to the students is take an ungodly amount of money and time from the students and given little to nothing in return. How can you even think that this is right, But wait there's more, By WESTERN switching to trimesters they're making more money with the students suffering, because they won't be able to hold down a job, there will be no summer or winter breaks, which is when students tend to make money in order for them to go back in the fall. I quite honestly don't really care anymore, this program has made me rethink my decision about going back to school and I'm regretting it. Just driving to the Sparta Campus is causing me and other students to go further in debt and coupled with the retarded schedules that make no sense. I'm personally waiting for the day that these surveys come to light and other people interested in going to WESTERN should read them. Then they'll know the truth, this college is one sick and twisted game as far as I'm concerned, and the only way to win is to play kiss ass with the higher ups. Our public safety dean really needs to justify her existence, because quite frankly she needs to be fired, For our voices to be heard as students we have to hand a letter over to the president of the college stating that we will take legal action in order to get people to listen and honestly we should have leaked the story to the news media so the truth comes out. And then my personal favorite part Earl trying to tell us to stop being so negative about our experiences at WESTERN and that just pisses us off even more. Earl doesn't understand the personal sacrifices we made in our own personal lives to become students in the criminal justice program and try to become dedicated to protecting and serving members of our communities. It takes a special type of personality to do what we are doing and all you people at WESTERN are doing is forcing us to go somewhere else for an education. All I can say is I HOPE YOU ARE HAPPY WITH YOURSELVES! (000000352 Anonymous)

The instructors, I will miss Jeff Noe, he was my inspiration for staying with and completing the program. Brian Joyner, Well yes I'll miss him the experiences he had in his years of law enforcement really reflected on me and brought my awareness up about what kinds of crazy stuff can happen on any given day. And Mike Earl, first impressions were that he was a gremophobic, up tight, upper management drone that was all about the college and not about the students. In the second year however, he proved me wrong and I came to know him better in the second year and now I can say I respect him for what he's doing and for putting up with the upper management. They honestly need to justify their existence, and they need possibly look at a career change, because after they decided to get rid of certification I lost all respect for them. (000000651 Anonymous)

two of the teachers (000000645 Anonymous)

Yes I did. I think that I have got a lot out of it because of my teachers they had experience in the field and knew what they were talking about. (000000652 Anonymous)

2. What would you change about this program?

Fire everyone in upper management from the program coordinator to the assistant dean of public safety to the dean of public safety, or better yet have them go in front of a panel of 12 or so people from the college and have them justify their existence at WESTERN, because I can't find one good reason why they are here, unless I'm wrong, also quit spending so much FUCKING MONEY on LANDSCAPING that no one will see or appreciate. Spend it on a bigger parking lot so we all can have a parking spot. There again another prime example of WESTERN pissing away money that could be better spent, while we are on the subject of better spending let's talk about the book fees they should be included with our tuition, instead we buy 500 dollars or more and we don't use them and we try to sell them back to the bookstore and we get RAPED on the book buy back, 75 dollars back on 500 dollars worth of books, if I would have known that I wouldn't have bought a single book. Some thing goes for the "Manuals" we are supposed to buy, what a crock of shit they can be found on the internet and downloaded for free. So why is it that we have to have them for class, but we don't use them???? A good question, when confronting our program head he gives us some bullshit that the manuals contain materials needed in order for us to pass the class, I haven't found the materials yet. And I still manage to pass the classes with A's. So do you see anything wrong with this picture, BECAUSE I DO! I can honestly say if I knew about what goes on in the Sparta campus I would have gone to Winona State and tell WESTERN goodbye, because it's not worth the bullshit and heartache I have gone through to get a degree and have a maybe on getting a job when I graduate. To me it's not worth it and to see the number of student enrolling next year should have been an indicator, a four year waiting list drops down to 17 students, HELLO!!!! (000000352 Anonymous)

GARY TRUELSON (000000657 Anonymous)

Having information withheld from us for as long as possible. (000000350 Anonymous)

I would change the people above my teachers, they were making decisions that were back and forth and they also never seemed to want to help the criminal Justice program. (000000650 Anonymous)

I would have liked to see better updates to cars and equipment. When we get out in our field we have to relearn how to use the equipment because it is newer and the stuff we were taught on is outdated. (000000652 Anonymous)

I would leave the program the way it is. However, in the coming years the program is changing a lot from what it is now. For better or worse? Time will tell. (000000642 Anonymous)

I would make more classes hands on and go through more scenarios (000000646 Anonymous)

I would start by finding a new Associate Dean for the program, Gary seems kinda worthless and unqualified to run a CJ/LE program. I would not get rid of certification because that is one of the main reasons I decided on the program. (000000432 Anonymous)

less power points, more teacher to student connection, make sure the program sticks to its rules and doesn't always let people get away with their mistakes (000000644 Anonymous)

management (000000645 Anonymous)

More funding. Take out corrections. Being able to deny people into the program. (000000351 Anonymous)

not require First Responders class, go to 2 semesters not 3 (0000000431 Anonymous)

nothing (0000000643 Anonymous)

Nothing (0000000653 Anonymous)

nothing (0000000654 Anonymous)

Nothing...It is a bad idea to go away from the degree/certificate combination program. (0000000641 Anonymous)

Other than fire Gary, nothing comes to mind. (0000000651 Anonymous)

Say what you mean, mean what you say. The instructors said something was due, then wouldn't post a link to turn it in. The program did not need to be moved out to Sparta, students spend thousands of extra dollars to sit in a class room out at the Sparta campus. We never used the out door range, only used a daat room a couple times. It would have saved me thousands to keep the program in La Crosse. (0000000655 Anonymous)

some of the instructors didnt care about teaching the class and dont care about the students (0000000658 Anonymous)

the associate dean (0000000656 Anonymous)

The organizational structure and teachers being on the same page (0000000659 Anonymous)

Section - Western Technical College Core Abilities

Instructions Provided To Respondents

This section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this segment. As a result of this program:

3. I have learned effective communication skills.

95.8%	23	Yes
4.2%	1	No

4. Comments on effective communication skills.

Brian Joyner was very effective in teaching this subject . (000000351 Anonymous)

I feel like I can talk to people with better respect and help them to understand what I am trying to say with ease. (000000652 Anonymous)

I learned a great deal on how to communicate effectively, but this was mostly because of the horrible communication between staff, students and administration. (000000432 Anonymous)

i learned how to defuse a situation better (000000656 Anonymous)

i was taught well in this skill (000000644 Anonymous)

Instructors are good at teaching this. (000000642 Anonymous)

It helps out when I'm communicating with other officers (000000651 Anonymous)

Joyner did an awesome job teaching us how to communicate and have professional communications (000000657 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

Thank you, Brian Joyner (000000641 Anonymous)

5. I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

91.7%	22	Yes
8.3%	2	No

6. Comments on application of mathematical concepts.

estimate distance (000000656 Anonymous)

Hate math. (000000642 Anonymous)

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I am able to to the extent that I need to. I did terrible in my College Math class is think it is ridiculous that I needed to take it until I got a 70%. I understand it is important, but think math to this extent is unnecessary. (000000641 Anonymous)

I have always been able to apply mathematical concepts to everyday life, this is not due to math I had to take for this program (000000432 Anonymous)

Math just comes easy to me. (000000652 Anonymous)

none (000000657 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

Not needed (000000351 Anonymous)

7. I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

79.2%	19	Yes
20.8%	5	No

8. Comments on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Common sense. (000000642 Anonymous)

I have not learned to transfer social and natural science theories into practical application be there wasn't a class called "Practical Application of Social and Natural Science Theories". What kind of question is this? (000000432 Anonymous)

My skills greatly improved because of my generals and they expanded my mind and opened my eyes. (000000651 Anonymous)

N/A (000000641 Anonymous)

none (000000657 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

traffic theory (000000656 Anonymous)

9. I learned critical thinking skills.

95.7%	22	Yes
4.3%	1	No

10. Comments on critical thinking skills.

Brian Joyner did a great job on teaching us the reality of critical thinking with our career field.
(0000000659 Anonymous)

interviewing (0000000656 Anonymous)

It makes a difference, when talking with other college graduates (0000000651 Anonymous)

N/A (0000000641 Anonymous)

none (0000000657 Anonymous)

The teachers made us think a lot on our own and I liked that! (0000000652 Anonymous)

Use your head. Thats what everything comes to a point at. (0000000642 Anonymous)

Yes I learned how to think critically, mainly because some of the instructors were never clear on their intentions even though one of them had a 60+ page syllabus. (0000000432 Anonymous)

11. I have learned to use technology effectively.

87.5%	21	Yes
12.5%	3	No

12. Comments on effective use of technology.

Already knew how. (0000000641 Anonymous)

didnt use any technology in class (0000000658 Anonymous)

FACES (0000000656 Anonymous)

GUNS! (0000000642 Anonymous)

I didn't learn to effectively use technology because this school seems to be too stingy to buy current or effective technology. Come on, you just got \$80,000,000! Spread the love. (0000000432 Anonymous)

It's freaking awesome (0000000651 Anonymous)

none (0000000657 Anonymous)

None (0000000659 Anonymous)

Somewhat if there were better equipment it would have been more effective. (0000000652 Anonymous)

The technology taught to us is obsolete and very outdated. (0000000351 Anonymous)

13. I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.

95.8%	23	Yes
4.2%	1	No

14. Comments on valuing self and working ethically in a diverse population.

Already knew how. (000000641 Anonymous)

Because it makes a difference when applying and working for a department (000000651 Anonymous)

Get along with everyone and know your worth. (000000642 Anonymous)

Life experiance (000000656 Anonymous)

none (000000657 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

15. I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.

91.7%	22	Yes
8.3%	2	No

16. Comments on incorporating the importance of sustainability.

I have learned, and I am able are two completely different concepts. (000000655 Anonymous)

Look at the Sparta Campus it's a prime example of waste (000000352 Anonymous)

my values (000000656 Anonymous)

N/A (000000641 Anonymous)

none (000000657 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

Not because of this program that's for sure. (000000432 Anonymous)

Wierd question? (000000642 Anonymous)

Section - Specific Program Outcomes

Instructions Provided To Respondents

This section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.

As a result of this program, I learned to:

17. Think critically.

91.7%	22	Yes
8.3%	2	No

18. Comments about learning this program outcome.

I learned to think critically during my deployment to the Middle East. (0000000432 Anonymous)

Learned alot about myself as well as the skills taught. (0000000642 Anonymous)

N/A (0000000641 Anonymous)

none (0000000657 Anonymous)

None (0000000659 Anonymous)

19. Manage emergencies.

95.7%	22	Yes
4.3%	1	No

20. Comments about learning this program outcome.

FEMA NIMS training made the difference (0000000651 Anonymous)

N/A (0000000641 Anonymous)

none (0000000657 Anonymous)

None (0000000659 Anonymous)

The biggest thing we learned. (0000000642 Anonymous)

To a certain extent, but I learned more about managing emergencies from the EMS department than I did in the CJ/LE department (0000000432 Anonymous)

21. Communicate effectively.

91.7%	22	Yes
8.3%	2	No

22. Comments about learning this program outcome.

How can an individual communicate effectively when Mike Earll doesn't even know what he wants you to communicate? (000000432 Anonymous)

Huge part of the program. (000000642 Anonymous)

N/A (000000641 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

Professional communications with Brian Joyner (000000657 Anonymous)

23. Demonstrate professionalism.

95.8% 23 Yes

4.2% 1 No

24. Comments about learning this program outcome.

I maintained a great deal of professionalism during this course. (000000432 Anonymous)

It makes a difference, when it comes to applying for a job and being a professional when out on patrol in a community. (000000651 Anonymous)

Learned a lot. (000000641 Anonymous)

Look the part as well as play the role. (000000642 Anonymous)

that was really stressed alot in the criminal justice program (000000657 Anonymous)

We were held to a higher standard for our professionalism. (000000659 Anonymous)

25. Conduct investigations.

95.8% 23 Yes

4.2% 1 No

26. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Brian Joyner, Jeff Noe, Mike Earll (000000657 Anonymous)

N/A (000000641 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

27. Interact with others.

95.7%	22	Yes
4.3%	1	No

28. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Already knew how. (0000000641 Anonymous)

none (0000000657 Anonymous)

None (0000000659 Anonymous)

29. Demonstrate tactical skills (applies only to occupational certifications).

95.8%	23	Yes
4.2%	1	No

30. Comments about learning this program outcome.

all thanks to Jeff Noe and Brian Joyner (0000000657 Anonymous)

Jeff Noe taught me a lot and I'll miss him deeply. (0000000651 Anonymous)

most happy with the outcome of this skill (0000000659 Anonymous)

Yes, Jeff did great. (0000000641 Anonymous)

Section - Conclusion**Instructions Provided To Respondents**

Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

31. Comments

Again, you SHOULD NOT move away from the current program!!! (0000000641 Anonymous)

don't go to trimester (0000000654 Anonymous)

Fire Gary, and get certification back (0000000651 Anonymous)

I feel like I got the education that I needed but with many unnecessary hoops that I had to go through. The first being medical first responder. It is above what is required by the state and I think was unnecessary and I am also still unhappy about being told I would be driving to Sparta 4 days a week during my orientation and not sooner. (0000000350 Anonymous)

I feel overall that Western was a good experience. I feel some aspects could be improved, such as the equipment for the program. (0000000646 Anonymous)

I will never, never, never, ever recommend this program to anyone ever.....Goodbye, and good riddance I will never set foot on a Western campus again. Western has forced two passionate instructors to leave and rob us of an education that we keep for the rest of our lives, and the worst part is, is that they don't care. I don't think they ever will because the people who run Western are so fixed on making money that they don't care who they hurt and they should because we are their future, like it or not. And all they are doing is forcing us to go somewhere else for an education. I really wish these comments would be posted on the western website to warn others to stay away and go somewhere else. I will honestly miss Jeff Noe, he was like a father to me and he made me wish that I had him for a dad, and as an instructor you couldn't ask for anyone better than him. When I walk out of the doors of the western campus for the last time I won't look back, I will keep going no matter what and look at my experience at western as a learning experience, a bad one at that, and strive to be better than I was before and be apart of something better in this world that helps people and protects them, inspires people to dream big and use those dreams as a driving force in their lives to become a better person than they were yesterday and make something of themselves. That is all I have to say, I will miss you Jeff Noe, and Brian Joyner you guys made the most impact in my life while at western and I thank you both from the bottom of my heart and I wish you the very best. (0000000352 Anonymous)

I would recommend any other tech school if I am asked about this one. I had to deal with more bureaucratic bs here than anywhere else I have ever been. Seriously MSTC, CVTC, and MATC seem like much better schools. I have addressed this issue with school administration and it has fallen on deaf ears, I was not impressed with the way the school treated their staff, and students. (0000000432 Anonymous)

My experience at Western Technical College was a very poor one. The only reason why I finished the program is because I finish what I start. I learned more in my 3 months of cop training in the military than I did in 3 years here at WTC. I have seen more wasted money than ever before. The way that the leadership conduct themselves makes them seem arrogant, and pig headed. My biggest issue with this place is the

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main instructor pushed his political views onto the students. Which, as I understand it, is against Western policy, therefore, since he broke policy he should be relieved of duty. As a student here I do not need to hear about how the liberal democrats are the best and everyone else is dumb. Not to mention his pins that he wore promoting the democratic party, and "Recall Walker" is unprofessional showing bias from the instructor. This needs to be corrected ASAP, instructors are here to prove us facts and theories, not his bias opinion on political view points. Formal complaint to follow. (000000655 Anonymous)

My overall experience has been negative! You don't care about the students success you just want our money. There is no accountability and students not following rules never get punished! This makes your credibility worthless to me. Employers are noticing the what you are producing and want nothing to do with Western graduates. (000000351 Anonymous)

My teachers were great but the hoops we had to jump through and other things my class had to deal with made my time at western very stressful. (000000656 Anonymous)

None (000000659 Anonymous)

program needs new management or no students will want to be in this program. GIVE THE ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE (000000645 Anonymous)

run the program better. GIVE THE ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE. needs new management (000000644 Anonymous)

Western Technical College lost an awesome teacher when they forced Jeff Noe to retire. You can obviously tell that western doesn't care about the criminal justice program. The program has gotten so bad nobody wants to come here for their criminal justice program. It's so sad because its just the politics that are controlling that. The instructors are great to bad everyone else here sucks (000000657 Anonymous)