

Accounting Spring 2017 Student

Spring 2017 – Accounting

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Q3 - What did you like about this program?

I liked that this program was offered at the Regional Learning Centers, specifically Black River Falls. I liked learning core accounting principles in this program. Specifically, I liked Accounting Principles I, Accounting Principles II, Accounting Principles III, Cost Accounting I, and the Management Accounting Project. Additionally, I liked Accounting Spreadsheets. Although I did not particularly like Payroll Accounting, Case Analysis & Reporting, Accounting Information Systems, and Income Tax Accounting, they were also important. Overall, I liked the instructors for this program. XXXXX XXXXX was an excellent Year 1 accounting instructor. She was enthusiastic and helped guide students in their learning. XXXXX XXXXX was a good Year 2 accounting instructor. He allowed students much more independence, but still offered advice when needed.

The accounting program is well thought out and provides a great variety of subjects. The instructors did an excellent job interacting with students and ensured each of us learned the key concepts needed for the course we were taking. The comprehensive problems used throughout the course helped reiterate key concepts and solidify the concepts in my mind.

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I liked the progression of the classes. Each class seemed to build off the previous class.

I that each class built on the last.

I really enjoyed this program because I really enjoy accounting. I really liked the setup of the classes and the resources available at the RLC's.

The teachers were great. The curriculum is solid. I liked at the end of my time here, that there was a significant focus on getting a job.

I liked taking accounting classes and learning more about what going into the accounting field would be like.

The discussion board because students can share idea here. Otherwise, we will not have the opportunity to interact with one another since it is an online class.

I like the convenience of this program. Having the ability to take classes in the Independence campus was a wonderful option. The instructors genuinely care about how we are doing and do everything they can to help us learn.

I liked that the teachers had real life situations. They could relate the information we were learning to an on the job situation.

Learning accounting skills and functions.

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

Overall, I would not change much about this program. However, Orientation to Accounting and Case Analysis & Reporting seemed like the least useful classes I took for the program.

I wouldn't change anything about the program.

Not much

Nothing.

That some of the classes are only offered certain semesters.

It may be necessary to look more at accounting for the service sector of the economy instead of manufacturing, since that seems to be where the country is headed. Don't just listen to the manufacturing employers in our area.

How Case Analysis & Reporting is taught, so that assignments are more clear.

The credit load is extremely high at times. I would say to either recommend taking more accounting classes in the summer, or making the load lighter by making the program longer. Maybe making the program a three year program would help with that. Also, some of the classes had to be stacked on certain days and teachers would pile on the homework to the point where you would have nervous breakdowns from the amount of stress. The homework load needs to be lightened on days where there is only a day in between class periods. It can be extremely difficult to finish all the homework within that time frame. Usually the homework that gets done is the graded homework and usually the homework worth the most points to be specific.

I hope to see more activity that is related to the textbook. The instructor assigned students to read the chapters, but if no quiz relate to the chapter, some students might just skip the reading part.

I don't know that there is anything that I would change about this program.

I liked this program. I do not think the intro to accounting was advanced enough. Seemed like people should know most things in that class.

I would progress towards more electronic recording of transactions. I see the importance in recording transactions by hand in a journal, but with software programs simplifying the process I believe teaching more of those programs is essential. The best part about them is you can pull up a journal in those reports to see how transactions are recorded and how they impact the accounting equation. I feel it's more efficient and a better use of instruction time.

Q6 - As a result of this program: I have learned effective communication skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
5	Strongly Agree	30.77%	4
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.38%	2
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	53.85%	7
	Total	100%	13

Q7 - Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Verbal communication skills were difficult to develop in an IDL class. Looking at other students on the screen seemed to the presenter to be eye contact, but to the audience this was not eye contact.

Several of the accounting program courses helped improve my written communication skills, and several small project presentations helped improve my verbal communication skills.

I see the change in my communication skills in my current position. It is much easier for me to put together a well-written email or letter.

I had learned how to write effective business letter and emails.

Email etiquette, interview techniques, and more. It is hard for any school (not just WTC) to teach people to be good to one another. Bringing in employers, or human resource agents, in multiple classes to stress the importance of communication and other 'soft' skills in the work place might help.

Concepts taught have allowed me to become a more effective writer in my business communication.

Communication is key everyday. As long as people communicate there will not be any surprises.

At times I felt like I was speaking to a brick wall with faculty.

Q8 - As a result of this program: I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
4	Agree	30.77%	4
5	Strongly Agree	61.54%	8
	Total	100%	13

Q9 - Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

I was hired as an analyst within the last year, and have been able to apply the concepts learned to my new position.

I learned a lot about accounting guidelines.

This class mostly focus on writing good resume.

I feel that I have learned the essential mathematical skills needed to work as an accountant.

The most complex it got was anything involving percentages, so it was pretty easy to begin with.

Q10 - As a result of this program: I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	7.69%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	38.46%	5
4	Agree	23.08%	3
5	Strongly Agree	30.77%	4
	Total	100%	13

Q11 - Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

I have not yet taken several general education courses, like psychology and sociology. So, I still need to learn more about transferring social and natural science theories into practical application.

The project in MAP was a great way to transfer theories into a practical application.

I had learn how to act during a job interview. Furthermore, I learned what to say and not to say in an interview.

I'm unsure of how applicable to Accounting program is to this portion of the survey.

Q12 - As a result of this program: I learned critical thinking skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	23.08%	3
4	Agree	38.46%	5
5	Strongly Agree	38.46%	5
	Total	100%	13

Q13 - Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

I feel I have always had good critical thinking skills. The courses provided have helped me hone those skills.

You need critical thinking skills to be an effective accountant.

Case analysis stressed critical thinking, but multiple teachers stressed this in multiple classes. Skills that you really want students to pick up should be brought up by various staff in multiple classes.

The class did not involve in critical thinking.

My critical thinking skills have increased extensively.

Had these skills prior to joining the program.

Q14 - As a result of this program: I have learned to use technology effectively.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	53.85%	7
	Total	100%	13

Q15 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

During my time at Western, I feel like I learned a lot about using technology more effectively. Also, I feel more comfortable using technology and trying new technology.

With all of the classes requiring at least a little online element, we needed to use technology effectively.

Blackboard was a good introduction to a system that might be used in the workplace. WTC may also want to include some type of cloud computing or other internet services (Google's, or some version of Outlook calendar, instant messaging, etc).

I had learned how to write to communicate with computer.

My technology skills have given me the ability to update many of the processes that we use in my current position.

Quickbooks is the future.

Q16 - As a result of this program: I have learned to value myself and work ethic ally with others in a diverse population.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.38%	2
4	Agree	53.85%	7
5	Strongly Agree	30.77%	4
	Total	100%	13

Q17 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

I cannot say that I particularly value myself. However, this is not Western's fault. However, my time at Western has helped me work with a wide variety of different people with different life experiences and beliefs.

The population was not very diverse, but the focus was always on working ethically.

We had multiple group projects which made us work with other students. Those projects were very important. It is not enough that students sit down by themselves and do work. They must learn how to work with others they don't necessarily like.

The introduction assignment required every student to find two other students who had things in common. This assignment forced everyone to read most of the introductions on Blackboard. We learned that everyone had a different background and was so special in his or her own way.

A business ethics course may be more helpful than general ethics.

Q18 - As a result of this program: I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	23.08%	3
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	30.77%	4
	Total	100%	13

Q19 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

I do not recall making decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability was ever a focus in any of my courses. However, I do feel like students were encouraged to make thoughtful decisions based on thorough analysis.

Forward thinking is an important skill for an accountant.

Q21 - As a result of this program, I learned to: process financial transactions throughout the accounting cycle.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
4	Agree	7.69%	1
5	Strongly Agree	84.62%	11
	Total	100%	13

Q22 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

The comprehensive problems assigned throughout the program are extremely valuable. They helped me solidify concepts and apply what I learned to a real-life scenario.

We had several opportunities to develop this skill.

Good program. It built on prior lessons while repeating some of the most important concepts.

The course is not related to this topic.

This program did a fabulous of teaching me about all aspects of the accounting cycle.

Q23 - As a result of this program, I learned to: analyze financial and business information to support planning a decision making.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.38%	2
4	Agree	23.08%	3
5	Strongly Agree	61.54%	8
	Total	100%	13

Q24 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

The courses offered in the accounting program contributed to current position as a financial analyst.

I think budgeting should be taught earlier.

Good program. AP 3 was a good class and XXXXX is a great teacher.

The course is not related to this topic.

This class has taught me how to analyze the business information and make decisions that best suit the growth of the company.

I feel I learned more from my internship on this topic than in school since it was real life experience and practice.

Q25 - As a result of this program, I learned to: perform payroll preparation, reporting and analysis tasks.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.69%	1
4	Agree	15.38%	2
5	Strongly Agree	76.92%	10
	Total	100%	13

Q26 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

This was something I personally did not enjoy though...

The instruction on these topics were excellent. It would have been better if the payroll text used Wisconsin laws.

Payroll accounting was a great class.

Q27 - As a result of this program, I learned to: perform cost accounting preparation, reporting, and analysis tasks.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.38%	2
4	Agree	46.15%	6
5	Strongly Agree	38.46%	5
	Total	100%	13

Q28 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Cost accounting was probably the only class that I truly struggled with. Whether it was how the instructor taught the class or simply how I understood the material, I am not sure.

The cost accounting material became difficult. Examples in class may have helped learn this topic more clearly.

Cost accounting was great class.

I struggled with the understanding of cost accounting.

Q29 - As a result of this program, I learned to: perform organization and/or individual tax accounting preparation, reporting and analysis tasks.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	23.08%	3
4	Agree	15.38%	2
5	Strongly Agree	61.54%	8
	Total	100%	13

Q30 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Even though the tax law we learned was outdated, we still learned the concepts.

Tax accounting is large topic to tackle. This class touched on the basics, but it was enough of an introduction. I don't know if WTC wants to develop an advanced class for tax accounting or not. Employers should probably provide guidance on that.

I did not take any tax or organizational classes since I am in the Accounting Assistant Program.

Q31 - As a result of this program, I learned to: identify internal controls to reduce risk.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	23.08%	3
4	Agree	30.77%	4
5	Strongly Agree	46.15%	6
	Total	100%	13

Q32 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

These controls are difficult to perform with such small groups in MAP.

Information systems class accomplished as much as an internet class could.

As a former bank employee, my understanding of internal controls were pretty good prior to entering the program.

Q33 - CONCLUSION Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Please continue providing program options at the Regional Learning Centers. Also, adding more program optional at the Regional Learning Centers would be nice.

I have been very satisfied with my experience at Western. The college as a whole offers a great deal of flexibility so students of all ages can attend and obtain their degrees. Most of the instructors and all of the staff were friendly and willing to help. I would definitely recommend Western Tech to any of my friends and family.

I feel my two years at Western was worth my time. I'm ready to move on to the next phase of my life. Thank you!

Though I still have two more classes to finish, I am very pleased with this program. At times it can be very difficult, but for the most part, I think I chose the right program to be in. With the comments I stated earlier, those are the only things I can think of to help with the running of the program.

This professional development course thought many good idea regarding how to write an effective resume. In addition, it helped me with skills needed for a job interview.

I have truly enjoyed my experience at Western Technical College and have recommended it to others looking to attend college.

Western Tech was a great place to learn a lot in accounting. I feel Western has set me up to be successful on the job. Many things focus on "real life" situations and not just right from the book word for word. I am satisfied with what Western had to offer.

I didn't have the best experience personally, and I'll be finishing my education at another institution. I felt like my instructors weren't looking out for my best interests and had little interest in teaching. Often times questions I had were met with "read the book" or "you should know this"

Q30 - Topics


No results to show

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Total	100%	0