

Western Student Learning Results (Program Outcomes) for 2011

Source: Student

of Grads: 10

of Responses: 8

Program: Finance

Outcome	Yes	No	Unk	NA	Result	Feedback
What did you like about this program?	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	The program covered a wide variety of topics concerning finance.
					Yes	I learned a lot and was able to develop new skills to help me excel in the workplace.
					Yes	Learning about each specific area of Finance in order to find the type of jobs I would like to do in the financial industry.
					Yes	The teachers, the program and everything that I learned throughout this whole process.
					Yes	it was nice to have a better understanding of what happened when the economy crashed
					Yes	I think I got some good foundation to work with
					Yes	learned a lot that I can apply to everyday life.
What would you change about this program?	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Before having projects due for Financial Concepts, have an example project beforehand (either a semester before or the previous year) so that we aren't simply thrown into it and expected to understand it.
					Yes	I would express that the curriculum is too much to complete in two years and that students should either devote all their time to this program or extend their goal of completion to three years.
					Yes	I would add more personal finance to the overall program. Not everyone wants to work in a bank or be a loan officer. I would like to see more budgeting, saving, and how-to investing type courses.
					Yes	some classes such as managerial finance shouldn't be blended.
					Yes	I would definitely add a powerpoint and Microsoft Access class and possibly a payroll or tax class.
					Yes	nothing
Use effective communication skills.	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Yes
					Yes	Communication was very good between instructors and students with the use of Blackboard and email.
					Yes	I think we had many chances to use communication skills. Whether it was written or verbal.
					Yes	This program helped to enhance these skills
					Yes	During the first year of the program my emails would go to the instructors' junk email and therefore there was very limited communication. The new email system fills my inbox with WAY too much spam.
Apply mathematical concepts.	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	yes
					Yes	MORE practical and real life situations for some of the concepts would be more helpful.

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					Yes	I would of liked to of seen more practical math applications in the core classes. There was some but I think it could of used a little bit more. Maybe more analytical math skills as well.
					Yes	Math is used in every financial job and we found this out especially with the Altra/Merchants real estate project.
					Yes	I loved the class and the program helped build those skills
Transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0		
					Yes	N/A
					Yes	yes
					Yes	I don't really know why we need to have an ethics class. Learning about the theory of natural law and divine command theory etc etc. It was interesting but I would replace it with a tax class.
Demonstrate ability to think critically.	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0		
					Yes	Every assignment or project requires you to think critically.
					Yes	The whole program help built those skills
					Yes	yes
					No	I don't think alot of the assignments made me think critically. Mostly just find the answers in the book or on-linwe and jot them down.
Demonstrate ability to value self and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0		
					Yes	Really came into effect with the Altra/Merchants real estate project. Knowing it was going to financial institutions made you want to do it entirely right, regardless of how long it took.
					Yes	yes
					No	I didn't like the team projects so much. It was too hard because people live in all the little tiny towns and with working jobs and such it really wasn't practical. I think there was too much emphasis on working as a team.
Use technology effectively.	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0		
					Yes	yes
					Yes	The programs the school offered were very helpful
					Yes	Intro to Microcomputers helped start the use of Microsoft Office effectively and using it for every assignment or project boosted the effectiveness.
					No	Need a power point class.
Make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	N/A
					Yes	yes
Apply organizational skills in personal and professional life	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	yes
					Yes	Yes, you had to juggle quite a bit of classes, plus if you worked and had a family, you learned fast or failed.

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					Yes	If you aren't organized, there's no way you can make it through this degree and I'm willing to bet you won't make it in any degree.
Select and use appropriate software to make financial decisions	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0		
					Yes	Knowing excel will help in every Finance class.
					Yes	yes
					Yes	I think we could of had more of that.
					No	There was no software other than excel that was used.
Apply accounting skills, including financial statement analysis	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	Used a lot in Managerial Finance.
					Yes	yes
Demonstrate skills necessary for group work	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	yes
					Yes	Too much emphasis on group projects. I was really a source of frustration for many students, in and out of the finance program
					Yes	Every project requires the ability of group work and doing so effectively really makes the project go smoothly.
Develop short range and strategic plans	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0		
					Yes	During the first year, the main short range plan is to make it to the second year. In the second year, you just keep looking toward graduation.
					Yes	yes
Apply financial laws and regulations	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	yes
					Yes	Business law starts you thinking about laws and regulations, and during the Altra/Merchants project you have to follow certain laws and regulations.
					Yes	Not so much applying them but learning them
Evaluate the role of lending institutions	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	N/A
					Yes	yes
Apply principles of real estate to investing, appraisals, mortgages, legal descriptions, property management, and environmental issues	8 100.00%	0	0	0		
					Yes	The assignment for this outcome could use better instruction.
					Yes	I think we learned more of this on our final real estate project. But not so much before that. It would of been nice to have had more practical training on that before we did a major project. I don't remember learning about property management or environmental issue. Maybe I just forgot.
					Yes	Altra/Merchants real estate project covers this.

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					Yes	yes
Choose the most appropriate forms of business organization	8 100.00%	0	0	0	Yes Yes	If you aren't organized you will struggle and probably fail. I am not sure what this question is asking
Conduct budget analysis	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0	Yes Yes No	Covered in Managerial Finance. yes I don't really know if we did that or not.
Analyze macro- and micro-economic trends	8 100.00%	0	0	0	Yes Yes Yes	yes Didn't take that at WTC Covered in Managerial Finance.
Evaluate financial products	8 100.00%	0	0	0	Yes Yes Yes	N/A I'm not sure if we evaluated them or not. yes, certainly
Apply psychological and social theories to address workplace issues	7 87.50%	1 12.50%	0	0	Yes Yes Yes	You have to be honest and ethical in the workplace. yes Didn't have that at WTC
Critique and adopt business ethics	8 100.00%	0	0	0	Yes Yes	You have to be ethical in every situation. yes
Apply selling principles to financial products	8 100.00%	0	0	0	Yes Yes Yes	Covered in Selling Principles. yes Yes, this was an amazing class and I highly recommend it be kept in the program. Mike Behan was an excellent instructor.
Recognize the interconnectedness of the global economy	8 100.00%	0	0	0	Yes Yes	Covered in International Business. yes
Aggregate Assessment of Achievement	192 96.00%	8 4.00%	0	0		