

# Finance-SLO Assessment, Spring 2013 Results

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## Survey Overview

### Description

Finance Program, 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: 9  
First Response: 4/26/2013 10:34 AM  
Last Response: 5/8/2013 11:41 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?

At the beginning of the program they tell you finance is like learning a new language and it is so true. The instructors have been wonderful on making sure everyone can speak the language. (000000757 Anonymous)

I liked how the instructors had or are currently working in the finance field as it helped to have someone with the knowledge as to what we would actually be doing and not just what a book taught us. I also like the fact that you could do all of your classes in one day. It did make for a long day but for people like me who have to drive from an hour away one day a week was nice. (000000394 Anonymous)

I liked it (000000759 Anonymous)

I liked that it taught us about the finance world and some classes had us use actual real life scenarios. (000000601 Anonymous)

It was very well structured. I enjoyed the block and blend structure. (000000758 Anonymous)

Learning about investing and insurance. (000000395 Anonymous)

Some things that I like about this program were the teachers, and how they had experience in the field. It was helpful to my learning. (000000761 Anonymous)

The teachers were knowledgeable of the subject matter, and were helpful in my learning. (000000545 Anonymous)

This program offers a lot of hands on learning. (000000760 Anonymous)

#### 2. What would you change about this program?

I believe the program runs together nicely now that I have been through it. The courses correspond with the subject. (000000395 Anonymous)

I think that our Insurance: Life and Health class should have more assignments and quizzes. (000000758 Anonymous)

I would like to have more accounting classes. (000000761 Anonymous)

I would like to see students getting the chance to actually be able to do some tasks that they may in counter at a real job. For example, what would an insurance agent really do, or what programs. Or what

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would a loan officer or investment broker do. Giving the students the "real" experience would be nice instead of just being told or given examples of what they will be doing at a job. (000000394 Anonymous)

I wouldn't change anything. (000000757 Anonymous)

Nothing comes to mind at the moment (000000759 Anonymous)

Offer other classes during the week. (000000601 Anonymous)

Some classes shouldn't be blended and should all be in class. There were times where a lot of information got jammed into one class period. This made learning more difficult. (000000545 Anonymous)

This program could use more accounting courses. (000000760 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.*

100%            9        Yes

#### *4. Comments on effective communication skills.*

Having all of the projects with having to speak in front of other people instead of just our classmates has made it easier to get in front of a crowd and speak. (000000394 Anonymous)

I have always needed to learn to communicate with the computer and can finally do it. (000000395 Anonymous)

I learned how to speak in a more professional manner. (000000758 Anonymous)

learned useful skills (000000759 Anonymous)

Lots of presentation (000000760 Anonymous)

The presentations have been very helpful with getting used to public speaking. (000000757 Anonymous)

There were a lot of presentations that were helpful in being comfortable with speaking in front of people. (000000761 Anonymous)

#### *5. I am able to apply mathematical concepts.*

100%            9        Yes

#### *6. Comments on application of mathematical concepts.*

Brenda was awesome! (000000757 Anonymous)

N/A (0000000759 Anonymous)

One of my friends actually thought it was cool that I can just think of how much loans would be with interest included in the back of my head. (0000000758 Anonymous)

Use mathematical concepts to determine FV. (0000000760 Anonymous)

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

88.9%            8        Yes

11.1%            1        No

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

N/A (0000000759 Anonymous)

**9. I learned critical thinking skills.**

100%            9        Yes

**10. Comments on critical thinking skills.**

I've gotten quicker with my critical thinking. (0000000758 Anonymous)

N/A (0000000759 Anonymous)

On new areas I had never thought about. (0000000395 Anonymous)

**11. I have learned to use technology effectively.**

88.9%            8        Yes

11.1%            1        No

**12. Comments on effective use of technology.**

Excel skills have been sharpened. (0000000757 Anonymous)

N/A (0000000759 Anonymous)

This was one of my largest accomplishments. I was basically computer illiterate until I came to Western. (0000000395 Anonymous)

Yes and no. For the most part students of today know how to use a computer and programs like Microsoft word, excel and powerpoint. It would be nice to learn how to use some programs that a student might actually use at a job. (0000000394 Anonymous)

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

88.9%            8        Yes

11.1%            1        No

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

Being class president has helped a lot with learning to lead and work with different personalities. (0000000757 Anonymous)

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I have already done much of this in my life but I have seen students that have not and the program helped them a lot. (0000000395 Anonymous)

lot of group projects where you had to work effectively with others. (0000000761 Anonymous)

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

100%            9        Yes

**16. Comments on incorporating the importance of sustainability.**

Since I am an older student this has been learned throughout my life. (0000000395 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. Analyze financial statements.**

100%            9        Yes

**18. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

I am used to working with these statements but never understood much of what was on them. I feel much better about this now. (0000000395 Anonymous)

**19. Develop short range and strategic plans.**

88.9%            8        Yes  
11.1%            1        No

**20. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

I have already had much of this through my job as a supervisor. (0000000395 Anonymous)

**21. Apply financial laws and regulations.**

100%            9        Yes

**22. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

Good information in these classes. (0000000395 Anonymous)

Sue Horne was a great Bus. Law teacher, I learned a lot. (0000000757 Anonymous)

**23. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of financial institutions.**

100%            9        Yes

**24. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

This was an eye opener. (0000000395 Anonymous)

**25. Explain the real estate transaction process and property management concepts.**

100%            9        Yes

**26. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

Many things I did not know about how my property is accessed until this class. I also look at paying my taxes differently also. (0000000395 Anonymous)

**27. Create and analyze budgets.**

88.9%            8        Yes

11.1%            1        No

**28. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

I am now working at a financial and I am using all the information I learned. (0000000757 Anonymous)

I have been doing mine and the business I worked for, for years. (0000000395 Anonymous)

**29. Evaluate and sell financial products.**

100%            9        Yes

**30. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

I think I could use more on some of these but I thinkk that will come with practice. (0000000395 Anonymous)

**31. Recognize the interconnectedness of the global economy.**

100%            9        Yes

**32. Comments about learning this program outcome.**

This is a very interesting part of my learning. I never realized what a company needs to learn to do business in another country. It was a great class. (0000000395 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.

**33. Comments**

I enjoyed the program and learned a lot (0000000759 Anonymous)

I had a great time in this program at Western. (0000000601 Anonymous)

I was 51 when I started Western. I believe I am taking with me great information and have enjoyed most of my classes. They all had a purpose even if I did not understand it when I started them. (0000000395 Anonymous)

Loved the program! (0000000757 Anonymous)