

Architectural Technology SLO Assessment, Spring 2013 Results

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Survey Overview

Description

Architectural Technology, 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: 6
First Response: 5/6/2013 04:27 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

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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?

I like that it was an applied program. We were able to do a lot of hands on work with potential clients. (0000000630 Anonymous)

That it was hands on and our instructors took us out to construction sites. (0000000633 Anonymous)

The flexibility and how mike and loren were more than willing to help (0000000631 Anonymous)

The instructors are great. Mike is the perfect first year teacher. He is hard on you well making the topic's interesting and he is very fair. Loren is awesome for pushing you into the work field. They both have great real life experiences and can relate the lessons to life like situation. (0000000632 Anonymous)

The instructors are very flexible and willing to work with you. Also the opportunities to go onto jobsites and see a hands on application of things being designed in the classroom. (0000000635 Anonymous)

There was a lot of time spent hands on. We did some real life projects that help us see what to expect when we get into a job. Very easy learning with teachers always here to help us along with learning new software. (0000000634 Anonymous)

2. What would you change about this program?

i dont think tech reporting is Necessary, it felt like a waste of time. (0000000631 Anonymous)

I would change some of the generals like tech reporting. Didnt really apply to our program. I also think that I would want speech, since we do presentations. (0000000633 Anonymous)

I would like to see heavier emphasis on programs such as Revit as opposed to sketchup. (although they are both important) (0000000630 Anonymous)

Some of the general courses. Such as Tech. Reporting and Ethics. (0000000632 Anonymous)

Some of the general education courses seem to be drifting from what is necessary. (0000000634 Anonymous)

To go to a jobsite very early on so everyone grasps the understanding of how different parts of a building go together before designing any of it. Also possibly include more "original" projects, as there were many that were just step by step out of a book and did not require you to "create" your own design of a building. (0000000635 Anonymous)

Section - Western Technical College Core Abilities

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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% 6 Yes

4. Comments on effective communication skills.

Both instructors were great about correcting us on any grammar errors, and showing how to speak in a professional manner. (000000630 Anonymous)

I failed to see how I would utilize things learned Technical Reporting class in my specific field. (000000635 Anonymous)

Mary Mclaughlin is the best english teacher. (000000632 Anonymous)

5. I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

100% 6 Yes

6. Comments on application of mathematical concepts.

Being a rather math heavy program, I feel I learned a lot and have much better understanding of how certain concepts and ideas work. (000000630 Anonymous)

Math came easy to me. (000000632 Anonymous)

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

100% 6 Yes

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

9. I learned critical thinking skills.

100% 6 Yes

10. Comments on critical thinking skills.

11. I have learned to use technology effectively.

100% 6 Yes

12. Comments on effective use of technology.

Effectively, yes. I am still working on efficiency however. (000000630 Anonymous)

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

100% 6 Yes

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

I have learned to value others' opinions. It is important to realize that although I might like a certain design best, it may not be what is best for the client or situation. (000000630 Anonymous)

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

100% 6 Yes

16. Comments on incorporating the importance of sustainability.

There was some emphasis on sustainability. I think it is great that the passive house program is going to be incorporated into the program next year. (000000630 Anonymous)

This is becoming more and more important in the world today, possibly incorporate more curriculum focused on sustainability. (000000635 Anonymous)

Section - Specific Program Outcomes
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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. Apply technical concepts in all phases of an architectural project.

100% 6 Yes

18. Comments about learning this program outcome.

As any student, I enjoy certain parts more than others. The program did do a good job though of covering all phases. I would have loved to focus a bit more on the design process though, but that is simply what I enjoy doing most. (000000630 Anonymous)

19. Apply structural principles in all phases of an architectural project.

100% 6 Yes

20. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Learning the structural principles was a key part of this program. I thought it was taught very well. (000000630 Anonymous)

21. Estimate the materials and costs required to construct a building.

100% 6 Yes

22. Comments about learning this program outcome.**23. Correlate significant structures with their architectural precedents..**

100% 6 Yes

24. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Architecture History was a great class. I think more emphasis on it would help create more passion for the actual design in the students. (000000630 Anonymous)

25. Develop architectural drawings.

100% 6 Yes

26. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Every project required some set of drawings, which was fantastic. (000000630 Anonymous)

27. Incorporate MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) systems into architectural drawings.

100% 6 Yes

28. Comments about learning this program outcome.

I thought it would be very useful to touch a little more on this, as there is a high demand for it in the workforce. (000000635 Anonymous)

29. Select appropriate building materials and product specifications to be coordinated with working drawings.

100% 6 Yes

30. Comments about learning this program outcome.**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

I couldn't have been happier with my choice to enroll in this program. I feel very fortunate to have been taught by Mike and Loren. They both have entirely relevant experience for that they are teaching. I am glad I see it is a growing program and hope all the other students had or will have the same experience I had. A+ (000000630 Anonymous)

Overall I think Mike and Loren do a great job of teaching us. They do it all different learning styles so all of us can catch on. (000000633 Anonymous)

Western was a great place to get my education and I would come back for another A.S.S. if I need one. (000000632 Anonymous)