

Criminal Justice Fall 2015 Student SLO Report

1. What did you like about this program?

Text Response

Interactive with instructors and other students. Easier to connect and learn.

Class times

I thought all of the instructors did a fantastic job and were VERY personable

The classes were separated well and instructors were very student oriented, GREAT Learning experience

The schedule

I liked the whole educational experience.

The two day a week class schedule. The professors.

i liked the teachers passion for the program and the connection between teacher and student

I liked that the program was well broadened. I felt that the classes offered through the program not only covered the things we needed to know but the things we may need to know. I enjoyed learning about the history of law enforcement and what kinds of changes were made to the criminal justice system to give us the system we know today.

I like the curriculum. Very applicable skills learned.

the teachers

I liked the introductory classes during the first semester. They covered a lot of the information that would be highlighted or referenced later in the program.

Mikes classes were good, I wouldn't change anything there. I like having school go straight through summer to shorten the length of time it take to complete.

The overall knowledge I obtained in this class. It has prepared me for a job in my field.

Very knowledgeable and instructors had real world experiences. I enjoyed it. Location in Sparta was a little cumbersome since there is no more certifiability.

I liked that it was in the Sparta area due to the fact that I live in Warrens and it wasn't as long of a drive. I liked that the program ended sooner.

I liked the teachers and they way they teach.

The instructor was great!

I liked what I learned in this program.

I like the professors and the classes.

I liked the fact that for an off-campus student not living in lacrosse. The Sparta location was a good location because everyone here is for the same thing.

What I liked about this program is that the instructors made all the lectures based on real life situations that he or she has had in the past and that made the program fun and enjoyable to go to.

I liked that it helped prepare me for a future in law enforcement. I enjoyed the instructors who not only helped us learn but also showed a passion for the subject.

I absolutely loved all of the teachers! They all did an amazing job and were very personal/nice.

I liked that this program covers a wide variety of subjects in law enforcement and that the instructors were there to teach, answer any questions one would have and bond with the students. I liked the fact that the classes were held every few days per week for an hour and a half.

The information provided by my textbook will help me to use the information to be more skilled in the job hiring process. I enjoyed covering the materials. I enjoyed positive feedback, and open lines of communication with professors. I gained knowledge skills and ability that will be useful in job training. I am very enthusiastic about the field after taking part in core classes. I know it takes more than book skills, Professors also taught very valuable lessons with humor, integrity, and enthusiasm, useful to handle the role of security or police work.

The teachers. Pretty straight forward. Tell excellent stories from experience. Great knowledge and great personalities.

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I found it convenient that the program was four semesters in a row without a break. I think the instructors were very knowledgeable and passionate on the topics being taught.

I liked that it helped prepare me for my future in law enforcement.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	29

2. What would you change about this program?

Text Response

Location of the campus.

Put certifiability back into the program. Move the program back to La Crosse.

It was pretty easy. I didn't like having to drive to Sparta

Change the certification process to night classes

Taking the classes in sparta. 90% of students are commuting from lacrosse, onalaska, west salem. All you need for this program is a classroom. Why is the program in sparta???

Nothing

They should have the program at the main campus downtown.

honestly not a single thing i would change

I wouldn't change a thing. I enjoyed every aspect of the program and found it a great learning experience

Classes do not need to be taught in Sparta, it is a lot to ask of college students to have to drive 30 minutes a day for class. Not only a waste of money but a waste of time. The program does not need to run year round. College kids need a break and need time to work over the summer to pay for college.

I feel that being in Sparta for just classroom learning is a little long of a drive when the classroom part can be done in la crosse campus

The program is located out in Sparta. This would be fine if we utilized the campus more for in class activities; however, we only utilized rooms that have resources that the main campus would not a handful of times.

Have investigative strategies one class and not divided.

I would change the location to the main campus. We only had 4 or 5 students who didnt live in LaCrosse or Onalaska

Location should change since we just utilize ordinary classrooms anyways.

I would change the program and make it certifiable again. The program changed just before I got in to the core classes. And now that the academy is separate, financial aid doesn't cover it. Therefore I couldn't take the academy because I didn't have enough money to cover living costs during the academy and the \$5,000 for it. I also disliked having it year around because we did not have a summer to raise money for school. Yet again I liked finishing sooner. I hate that we can't graduate until the spring even though we're done in the Winter.

The location. Driving to Sparta in the summer and fall is fine, but driving in the winter is bad. Should be located at La Crosse campus.

I thought that everything was done well and I do not think that anything should be changed.

I would change the fact that some people missed many upon many of days and still somehow passed the classes and I don't think it is fair to those who are here everyday.

The summer session. not being able to work during the summer.

What I would change about this program would be to have classes in La Crosse rather than drive all the way to Sparta because it was a 45 min drive for me and we didnt really do any hands on activities while we were at the Sparta location.

move the campus back to la crosse.

I would change the fact that driving to Sparta to use the classrooms was disappointing because we did not utilize the classrooms. It would make more since to have class in La Crosse because we did not use any of hands on objects 95% of the time.

I wished there were more hands on projects like what it would feel like to give someone a ticket or what it would feel like to arrest someone that would be relevant to many occupational jobs in the law enforcement field. I wish more of the classes would be held later on in the day and not in the mornings as some of us are working later work shifts the day before. I believe an awake and more alert student will learn more compared to an exhausted student.

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I would like the chance to work in Lax, or online also.
 Having it out in Sparta. We the students are just in the classroom. No reason why this can't be on the campus in La Crosse. Another issue was having classes over the summer. No one wants to be in classes over the summer. For some, summer means work and relaxation.
 Driving to Sparta was inconvenient.
 Move the campus back to La Crosse.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	29

3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	1	0	0	13	15	29

4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Text Response

NA

A lot

I have learned the proper way to write reports, to communicate with the community, and how to articulate better.

Some effective communication skills I have learned is to speak my mind and not let anyone tell me how im supposed to do my job.

With every concept we were given vast amounts of time to talk about what we thought.

I personally do not struggle with public speaking but I have seen a great impact on some of my classmates with improvement from the presentations in front of class.

I had learned effective communication skills when dealing with project presentations and by taking the speech class. It taught me how to talk in front of people and provide them with information that I had studied on and put together.

I am in touch with communication skills taught from the textbook. I have been taught specifics about open and closed loop communication systems. Talking increased your interest and talent in the field of criminal justice. I am a more reliable and accessible communicator, studying materials I have learned from. I can now use detailed communication to open and close ideas, conversations, and topics, useful in my job, such as guilt, and innocence. Questioning techniques from learning police training of suspects, interviews, interrogations, reports both written and oral communication. Police rank is well trained for and prepared as term we need to know to make the most of the position as police officer. I have been taught to act like a police officer well. I am training for a more interesting, and capable mind frame for modeling myself to learn obedience, rank, and time management.

The vast amount of group discussions helped.

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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	9

5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	2	0	6	16	5	29

6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

Text Response

Didn't learn any?

We didnt do much math in this program.

No math involved.

Haven't learned very many mathematical concepts.

I have not used one mathematic problem in my degree yet. I think basic math should be a must, but college math unnecessary. I personally struggle with math and having to go through the college math class that I will not use in my career is not only stressful and takes away from learning actual useful classes, but could mean the difference between walking the stage or not.

I don't really see how mathematical concepts would be used as much in law enforcement, especially complicated mathematical equations unless a specific problem in this field asks for something like that.

I am using them for time management in order to better graph, chart and operate more useful when in the line of duty. My job is to measure mathematical skills. In order to do that I need to practice with myself and others. I can measure time as police, distance, ordinance. Simple adding and subtracting from clues will excel my learning for growing into the expectations of managers and order. I can add and subtract crimes and values to come up with a total for estimating solutions, reasons of criminal suspicion. I use probability to weigh the outcome of my actions and from others adding and subtracting.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	7

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7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	1	0	2	17	9	29

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

Text Response

I learned a lot

The instructors have shown us practice applications from the book to their own experiences in a way to show that we will use what we learn in the real world.

After studying different concepts and theories in many different classes, I have memorized most of them and will hopefully begin implementing them in the academy offered and out on the field. I am able to group think on how people in communities of similar values will respond to me, my ideas, and my training to practice alike to groups who organize, cooperate, feel and work ethically together. Seeing crime scenes which require studying and forecasting relative close consideration of others feelings is manageable to use on my job. Natural science and social theories means how people act and or think together, alike or not. Most people group think and it's hard work can earn them a raise, an interest in their work for promotion. Learning how to use the training is important to understand bosses and employees to supervise. In addition being close to people means to believe in why they do what they do in order to understand their interest, understanding and abilities to understand, rules, order and compliance to nature of police work.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	1	0	1	11	16	29

10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Text Response

I learned to think more philosophically
 I have enhanced my critical thinking skills as a result. In determining an outcome of the situation.
 I have learned many critical thinking skills that involve speaking my mind and not let people tell me what to do.
 We got a chance to apply what we learned to different situations.
 All of the professors did very well giving us critical thinking problems and helping us improve them.
 Thanks to my instructors, they had taught us to think deeper into problems of many variations and how to resolve them. They taught us how to analyze the problem, find possible solutions to it and implement the best solution to the problem.
 Thinking to be critical ,and to have an interest in others criticizing is valuable if it a means of positive reasoning. To learn from the rule is valued in the police work which I intend to be apart of. Systems of instruction will increase my ability to follow steps which complete tasks, adding more interest in my job and performance satisfaction. Satisfaction of supervisors is vital for satisfactory job performance. Keeping the rules will increase others who are required to comply with officers who can enforce the law to the best of our ability. Feedback from other professional's who have experience will increase my interest in learning skills on the job.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	7

11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	1	0	4	11	13	29

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

Text Response

I learned How tech can be used in my field.

In the class we learned technology about how to do things such as face sketches.

They cyber crime program gave us a good start on the IT portion of law enforcement.

Hands on technology would be more useful.

The books and instructors taught us a lot about the usage of technology and how it would be used on the field. I found it useful for future references.

Seeing is believing with hands on experience in computer systems, methods of training for learning technology is important for me, as enables me to be more modern, learn recent techniques and keeping up is the best for training. Using technology is interesting to be apart of the most innovative ideas, being ahead of others who can't defeat police with lower training or ideas is essential to compete in a more diverse job market. Being in the lead from technology can determine a students success and effectiveness for fighting criminals.

Statistic

Value

Total Responses

6

13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	1	0	3	9	16	29

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

Text Response

I've learned that there are different people in this world and that you have to handle each person differently
very strongly taught in the program

We learned why and how to deal with a diverse population.

The program taught me that there are many diverse people in different communities and that each diverse problem should be handled accordingly as needed and not the same for each of them.

To show officer pride and appreciation of others efforts comes from recognizing good work from yourself and others abilities. Diverse populations aren't the easiest to police unless ethnicity is a value to grow from studying. To study ethnicity incorporates who feels what, when and why, concerning religious values, beliefs and more cultural customs. Honoring diversity is a skill to accept yourself as others who are similar in religious or cultural neighborhood values. Ethnic identity recognition means to accept those who feel similar and different, seeing strong points to build values can make a community proud. Learning other languages, using them as frequently as possible means identifying with stronger or weaker roles of minorities and backgrounds.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	1	0	1	14	13	29

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

Text Response

Idk

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This program not only gave us a degree but also how to use this knowledge in our futures. I believe group projects helped incorporate this on a subject as it will often make us think of what happens after the problems are solved and how it will effect people afterwards.

The reason to use sustainability will make progress in education, forming community values, police response or feedback to police. Knowing that police are needed to support and keep values and continual educational values means reliability. Supportive ideas and flexibility to help and improve others who are in need is important. Putting other before yourself and seeing needs of others to be assisting to see the best in others is an important value. Keeping up with the best and the brightest, will bring me to the avenue of success as a newly trained role model of WTC police expectations.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
think critically.	1	0	2	7	18	28

18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

I learned to question more and think more

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The instructors encouraged us to think critically and to question things based off of our knowledge of the system to develop a deeper understanding on the subject.

I think using similarities will make my job easier to make people feel comfortable as close to one another's expectations as possible. Thinking critical of written and spoken law enforcement rules can build character strength to perform well on the job.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4

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19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
manage emergencies.	1	1	4	13	9	28

20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Never practiced these in the program.
I learned how to game manage situations

A lot of the subjects involved dealing with high stress situations.
The reading materials and instructors provided the information on the topic of managing emergencies by either following procedures made by protocols or by improvising if there isn't a specific procedure for that emergency.
Managing emergencies can become easier if you use your training to help you help others.
Making the effort to study what you have already learned is vital to save lives, manage time saving abilities and to operate effectively on a daily basis.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
communicate effectively.	1	0	3	9	15	28

22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Instructors taught me how to speak my mind and to not let future employees change my view points on certain things.

Not only with the instructors but with our fellow students we were always given the time to communicate.

The instructors and books taught me how to communicate with people effectively.
Communication expectations can be used from reading again and again the course valuable materials. Speaking to officers in a reasonable, productive, effective manageable way will allow others to see your achievements in the course instructions of communication teamwork.

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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4

23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
Demonstrate professionalism.	1	0	2	14	11	28

24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

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I have learned professionalism from my instructors and reading materials that will help me deal with any future law enforcement jobs I might have.
Using a professional management plan is useful to help others to use the same respect and accurate training lessons.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
conduct investigations.	1	0	2	15	10	28

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26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Doing the mock scenes in the investigations were a key to my learning.

The investigations class helped with this situation.

More scenarios would help with confidence

The projects in Law Enforcement Investigative Strategy class really taught me a lot on how investigations would be made and how they could be resolved depending on the case and scenario. I really liked the hands on thing at the end of the course in the class because we got to utilize some of the knowledge we learned and use it on a scene set up by our instructor.

Being aware of others mind frames and knowledge of crimes is how to conduct and interview. Interviewing entails paying attention to details, weighing facts, accuracy and usefulness of witnesses, criminals and interviewees. Practice makes perfect in order to become more able to be accessible to interview. Investigations is collecting evidence useful to perform police training. Using the process of investigating will help you to build a stronger case in order to charge criminals and to be more secure reasoning to arrest and detain criminals

Statistic

Value

Total Responses

6

27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
interact with others.	1	0	2	11	14	28

28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

The group work has helped with the others.

By being in this class, i have learned to be good friends with everyone in the program.

Group projects and being able to speak our minds .

A lot if group projects! Very beneficial

This program ties in Speech class with all of the law enforcement classes by making the students present their projects in classes.

Interaction for others, supervisor's, coworker and manger expectations can be as positive as possible if people work together to be able to enjoy their job. Interaction with others can make the job more valuable. Training to work with communication from others will help others who see my point, and to see theirs. Use their skills to interact as they do is necessary.

Statistic

Value

Total Responses

6

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

Text Response

The Criminal Justice Club should be looked at regarding who is in leadership positions. Some members of the board were lacking attendance and leadership skills.

Move the program back to La Crosse. Tri-Semester was a good thing and a bad thing, make it so that its optional because nobody wants to be forced to take classes in the summer.

I really like everything this program offered and made my college experience was great

I thought it was a good experience where I learned a whole lot about how to handle myself in this world

The professors are great. The only thing that i would change is the location of the program, it should be downtown, not in Sparta.

great program with great teachers, with the classes being in sparta personally it did not bother me, i felt there was much more connection and a better learning experience with having our program at a separate facility

The standards for this program need to increase. I student that consistently is absent from class should not receive the same grades as a person who is there every day. This behavior is not acceptable in law enforcement and it should not be acceptable in school. I would like to see the course work in this program become more difficult. I learned a lot with my time at WTC, but the work was relatively easy. In order to see an improvement of employees in law enforcement we need to set the standards higher.

The teachers overall effort to teach us has paid off. They have helped shape us as law enforcement officers and i am grateful of this.

Again just reiterating location since we just use regular classrooms.

Not everyone can afford the academy without financial aid. I wished it was still connected to the program.

Take attendance into consideration when grading. Lots of students skipped class with no consequences. Going all year around sucks as well. Kids need time over the summer to make money to pay for college.

I really like the trimester program. It makes the semester goes by very fast but didn't like how we had to drive back and forth to Sparta.

Loved Western, however parking is still a big issue on main campus.

Very great program. Would highly recommend to anyone going into the field of law enforcement
The only thing I didn't like was the drive and not being able to work as much over the summer because of classes.

I feel this program has helped me so much. Earll has shown not just that he is an instructor but also a leader who provided us with knowledge and went above and beyond to make us feel that we were part of something great. Earll to me is the heart of this program with his occupational experience, knowledge, and his respect for every student. I've only had Nikki for two classes but she has shown that she is able to come from a law enforcement position to an instructor with great talent and is a great leader as well. Raj was also a great instructor it's sad that he left so soon. In the end I am very thankful for this experience.

Overall, VERY pleased with the program and will spread the word. VERY VERY WELL DONE TO ALL OF MY TEACHERS!!

I wished most of the instructors in the core classes would set up scenario where the students could utilize their knowledge by solving a problem at a fake scenario with a hands on activity for future references. It applies the ideas and theories learned from the learning materials and apply them to real life situations by giving the students hands on experience with it. Overall,

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based on the program and how it was set up, I believe it was a great program as to what was taught and as to how it was set up.

I felt thanked a student from professional staff. Honor and reliability are two values I learned to make my role as a officer and student easier and more outstanding. Outstanding professors are kept up the moral in order to be more effective for learning. Learning was very enjoyable, interesting and high standards were used.

Like I said, it is inconvenient to drive to Sparta, and would be nice to attend all classes in LaCrosse. By having classes in Sparta, I was unable to use a lot of my meal plan that I had to have to live in the dorms.

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Total Responses	20