

2016 Fall Criminal Justice Student SLO Assessment Survey

Q3 - What did you like about this program?

The Criminal Justice program is something I choose specifically, so naturally the material was interesting.

Instructor experience practical assignments and tests

I liked the fast pace of the course. Instructors were very knowledgeable.

I liked that the instructors had real experience in this career field. They really showed us what to expect after graduation.

There was a wide variety of topics that were covered, very informational!

Most of the classes applied to this field and will help in the future.

I enjoyed the instructors. The instructors were realistic and very accommodating to our needs. The program had a lot of useful information in each class to be able to get into the field of work right away or to advance my education.

n/a

I like that it taught me what I needed to learn for a law enforcement position in society.

The instructors were both police officers and used examples from their past experience to apply it to the learning.

Good teachers, good material, interesting

It built a good base for anybody going into cj to have knowledge of law and advancements that have happened over time in cj

Xxxx was a fantastic teacher and I learned a lot.

I thought the way the program was laid out was excellent. It progressed as the semesters passed using information from previous classes. I feel that the knowledge acquired in the program will be very beneficial in moving forward towards a career in the criminal justice field. The instructors were both professional and knowledgeable, keeping my interest all while their teaching methods made it easy to retain information presented.

I loved the subject material and the instructors. It made the environment fun and interesting. It was easy to learn.

Great teachers. Classes are laid out nicely each semester.

The instructors were very informational. They also helped if any problems arose. I also liked most of the course work and projects that had to be done within the classes.

Hands on experience

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

I would like to see more hands on material, situations, or moc

Remove research methods and put a more advanced procedure class in its place Move classes to Lacrosse because almost all students are from Lacrosse. I spent over \$4000 in fuel to come here.

Lunches are too long. No liked having split classes. Keep it so there are only two days of classes. It cost more to drive out here 4 days a week.

I would like to not have to drive out to Sparta for class. It was very expensive in gas money. At the very least have some type of transportation available if classes weren't held in La Crosse. I also didn't like that the classes weren't all blocked together. having to come to Sparta 4 times a week, some days just for one class really sucked.

Allow the instructors and students to be more involved in the planning and direction of the overall program.

I wish it was more hands on.

Lunch breaks were too long. There was no need to split up some of the classes and not the others because we did the same exact things in every class. POWERPOINTS. Also, certifiability should be able to be obtained through the two year program. It saves us students money as well as time. Every single student that was in our class this year had bills to pay and needed to work. It is not fair to have to go to an academy that is a whole semester long and to be up to 10 hours a day for 5 days a week. Money should not be the determining factor to pursue a desired career.

n/a

Xxxx Xxxx

I do not think that the criminal justice program should be held at the Sparta campus because it deals with all book work material. I think the criminal justice program should be held at the La Crosse Campus because most of the students are from La Crosse area. Also, the Sparta campus does not have a food service on campus.

Break in between classes too long, no cafeteria, the drive is ridiculous

More law. Some people in the class will not be going into academy and will not learn law like others. And even for those who are, wouldnt it be better if we were more savy on law for our state, or at least the const. Some sort of half state law and half us code would be a nice course

Split classes for such a small number of students and an extremely long lunch break.

The one minor thing that I would change about the program is to incorporate more hands on activities during the classes that would permit it. The major thing that I believe needs to be addressed is the location of the program and the scheduling of classes. Both of these complaints go hand in hand. My major complaint is that with the removal of the certifiability from the program, I don't believe that there is any need to require the students to drive to Sparta to attend classroom activities that could be done at the La Crosse campus (where a majority of students live). During the course of the program there were classes that split the student body to have more hands on applications. I don't believe that there were enough hands on activities to permit this. Forcing some students to have to drive to sparta four days a week, often for one class, two out of those four days. Another area that could make the program more efficient is the excessive amount of time that was given for open hour/lunch. There were semesters that we had 2 1/2 hours for lunch. Making select classes blended with online and classroom sessions could be beneficial to students if the college will continue to force students to attend this program at the Sparta campus.

I think there could be more interesting classes toward the end of the program. The last semester was a little difficult due to the subject material

Have classes at La Crosse campus.

I would start with the registration, I was forced moved because someone who sets it up put to many seats in the class. I would also change it so that we don't have to go to Sparta 4 times a week. It is kind of ridiculous that the school expects the students to have so much time on their hands. The location for classes should be in La Crosse as we use none of the Sparta resources in the associate program.

Unite the classes so they're not spread out

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	5.56%	1
5	Strongly Agree	27.78%	5
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.11%	2
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	55.56%	10
	Total	100%	18

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

I believe I had strong communications skills prior to this program.

Most communications skills were sharpened long before class attendance, but the program was effective in that I learned a few changes I should make.

I learned that you have to be ethical on the job and communicate with people through active listening. Also to be patient with every individual that you deal with in society.

The instructors had us break into group and do presentations that improved my communication skills.

It was easier to talk in front of groups after this program

I learned how most people deal with the police. Officers need to keep their cool.

Tools in squad cars

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	5.56%	1
2	Disagree	16.67%	3
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	33.33%	6
4	Agree	38.89%	7
5	Strongly Agree	5.56%	1
	Total	100%	18

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

N/A

The program was not math-related, which is why I took it. The college mathematics course I was forced to take was helpful in that endeavor.

I learned that you apply basic math skills on the job. As far as college math its a joke for the criminal justice program. you will never use Trigonometry in the field.

Don't like them

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
5	Strongly Agree	11.11%	2
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.56%	1
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	83.33%	15
	Total	100%	18

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

Although theories are not fact based there is still evidence on some truth.

no comment

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	5.56%	1
4	Agree	38.89%	7
5	Strongly Agree	55.56%	10
	Total	100%	18

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

I believe prior to this course I already possessed critical thinking skills.

I learned that some things take critical thinking on the job by applying knowledge you have and knowledge you need to search for.

I learned more on how to analysis use of force situations around the nation

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	6
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	22.22%	4
2	Disagree	5.56%	1
4	Agree	38.89%	7
	Total	100%	18

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

I learned about new technology specific to law enforcement.

Use of technology was already a skillset before I attended, however the Applied Tech class was extremely useful exposure to what I will be doing in the future. The visits to UWL PD, and Lacrosse County Dispatch were invaluable.

Xxxx Xxxx's class was great for this

I took some online classes so that helped.

We didn't really get to use tech in this program but we did learn about tech in the law enforcement field.

Applied technology gave me more information about the technology in law enforcement.

I learned types of technology, names and uses, but as far as how it works the most tech we used was the computer lab in report writing

I learned how to use the internet to find forms like PC statements

I learned a lot about new technology in today's policing. I learned how much has changed since the beginning of policing.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
5	Strongly Agree	44.44%	8
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.56%	1
2	Disagree	5.56%	1
4	Agree	44.44%	8
	Total	100%	18

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

I have always valued myself and other that differ from me.

I feel like I value myself more in the sense that I appreciate everything i have learned in this program and have applied it to my everyday life. I know that i also can work with a diverse population because we should not judge others by there skin or what they like or who they are.

The instructors had us break into random groups and work on team building activities.

I am able to work with others on group projects and asking questions

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	5.56%	1
4	Agree	61.11%	11
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	6
	Total	100%	18

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

The greater good for the greater number idea supports sustainability.

Xxxx really showed us by exempling himself the importance of being reasonable and open minded

N/A

Q21 - As a result of this program, I learned to: think critically.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
5	Strongly Agree	38.89%	7
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.56%	1
2	Disagree	5.56%	1
4	Agree	50.00%	9
	Total	100%	18

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

This program alone did not help me to think critically.

Looking at cases with more detail

Q23 - As a result of this program, I learned to: manage emergencies.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	5.56%	1
5	Strongly Agree	11.11%	2
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	27.78%	5
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	55.56%	10
	Total	100%	18

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

This program taught me how to manage emergencies in the from of a text book not in real life.

The hands on portion of LE invest. Showed us how to assign people and work a case, but it was only once in the entire program

I learned a basic outline of what to do in emergencies

Q25 - As a result of this program, I learned to: communicate effectively.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	5.56%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.56%	1
4	Agree	61.11%	11
5	Strongly Agree	27.78%	5
	Total	100%	18

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

I believe prior to this course I had effective communication skills.

Q27 - As a result of this program, I learned to: Demonstrate professionalism.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	5.56%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.11%	2
4	Agree	50.00%	9
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	6
	Total	100%	18

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

This course alone did not teach me professionalism.

Q29 - As a result of this program, I learned to: conduct investigations.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	5.56%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.56%	1
4	Agree	61.11%	11
5	Strongly Agree	27.78%	5
	Total	100%	18

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

Prior to this course I did not know how law enforcement professionals conducted investigations.

Q31 - As a result of this program, I learned to: interact with others.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
5	Strongly Agree	44.44%	8
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.56%	1
2	Disagree	5.56%	1
4	Agree	44.44%	8
	Total	100%	18

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

I have been interacting with individual long before this course.

Even though I didn't agree with most of my classmates on things I still had an open mind.

Group projects had student interact with other more.

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

Overall the course was as I expected, very informational. I was a little surprised at the amount of immaturity of other individuals in this program. Both instructors delivered the material very effectively.

Good Job! Really enjoyed my time in this class

Overall I enjoyed the program but at times I felt the instructor and student dynamic was greatly impacted by outside influence that are not directly concerned with the day to day issues that arise.

This program should be more hands on. I learned a lot in my criminal justice classes but some of the classes dragged on throughout the day due to sitting in the classroom for so many hours.

I Think the criminal justice program is very good at western tech. Yes I do think Xxxx Xxxx needs to change his ways of teaching and not get so caught up in political speeches. I learned a lot from him and he is a very intelligent individual, but i feel like i could have learned more from him. The reason I bring him is up is because he teaches most of the program. I think it would be better if there was other instructors teaching other classes.

Overall, the experience was great at Western Technical College. The instructors prepared me for the academy in January 2017. If I could change anything about the program it would be having classes in La Crosse. Spring and Summer semester, we had a two in a half hour lunch break until the next class. Lastly, adding food service at the Sparta facility.

Lunch breaks need to be shorter. More law and hands on in classes. Needs to be less political, steering the class into a discussion is different from the instructor inserting their own opinions. But i must say that they never force someone to take part in a discussion the student doesnt want to. Overall a good course and good instructors.

I liked my experience at Western Technical College. My only concern was that I ended up taking an extra class because that class was taken out of my program. I had to take another class as a result. My program was great. I really enjoyed my experiences with instructors and classmates.

Great teachers and classmates

Please see change section.