

2017 Fall Business Management Student SLO Assessment Survey

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Q3 - What did you like about this program?

The instructor was very nice and understanding .

I liked that the teachers actually like to teach you and you are not a number. The program really got me ready for my future. I know a lot more than when I started this course.

The biggest thing that I liked about this program is that you have to work hard at what you want to achieve. Working with people in groups or in teams was a difficult but well worth it in the end. It really made me think because it could happen in the real life. Another thing I liked about this program is the teachers. The teachers are always nice and understanding too.

It was good to work on our professional documents such as resume, cover letter, etc. It had been a while since I have made changes to mine and this was a good opportunity to polish those documents.

I enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends along the way that are interested in the same field as I am.

I liked the ability to have online learning

I thought this program taught me a lot about the basics of becoming a manager or business owner. Overall, this was a great start for anyone interested. I also like that all professors are willing and able to help you not only with classwork, but with any other issues. The professors are great in making this program better. I also believe that classes like accounting and business math were essential, and that although they are sometimes more difficult they should continue to be required as they proved to be very helpful for me.

Flexibility

I liked that I got to go through this program with the same people. I had a lot of the same people in all of my classes, and it's nice establishing relationships with those individuals. I also liked that same professors taught a lot of the Business Management classes. It's great having the same professor again because you end up getting to know them and they get to know you too.

I liked that this program touches on all aspects of business. Some of my favorite things are the simulations. They give a close real world experience in the class room setting. In Business Management Capstone I like how the instructor has the simulation, but then also has you write a paper. It gets you thinking even more about the simulation and forces outside research to be a part of the decisions you make.

I really liked that the majority of classes taught lessons that could be applied in real situation. Also, I really enjoyed most of the instructors. Specifically, Shannon Corcoran was amazing. She went above and beyond to ensure my college success.

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

Nothing!

I wouldnt change anything about this program right now.

The one this I would change about this program would be to have the teachers to travel to each campus if they could. Another thing that I would change would be to make sure the students checked their email daily or they will get a lower grade. It would make it a lot easier to contact people.

I would prefer doing all activities individually rather than in teams

Nothing.

Group projects online

I believe this program has a lot of simulations, which can be both costly and time consuming. I believe some are not as essential as others. I also wish this program has more opportunity for internships or shadowing. Having requirements or even suggested opportunities throughout would have been helpful for more experience.

Professors not understanding many students are full time employees/parents

There were a few courses that were hard to take online such as Entrepreneurship Business Canvas. I'm not sure the changes that could be made, but I feel a blended setting would have been better for this class. However, I believe we were one of the first classes that were allowed to take the class online, so changes may have been made already.

Nothing comes to mind.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	18.18%	2
5	Strongly Agree	72.73%	8
	Total	100%	11

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

I have learned to work with others and to make sure they are communicating back. I learned to get my work in early so I wouldn't have to be on a deadline all the time.

I have learned to communicate daily to people because it is just easier to work with people. Communicating is the number one thing in business and need to be in contact at all times.

N/A

Team groups and having requirements to talk to outside professionals and professors help you learn to communicate online and in person.

Throughout the Business Management program, I have learned about professional communication skills and how to effectively communicate. I enjoyed learning about communication, since it's a skill we use everyday.

My college experience presented me with several opportunities to work within a team. With goals of owning a business, those experiences were critical. Also, I had to face my fear of public speaking.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	18.18%	2
4	Agree	27.27%	3
5	Strongly Agree	54.55%	6
	Total	100%	11

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

Accounting is one of the biggest things that I like in this course because I will take it further on with my education.

I love that we had to take a accounting class and that will be helpful in the long run.

N/A

I wish the math with business applications was more extensive. The first weeks we spent time working on basic subtraction. This was something that I felt I could have tested out of or taken a more difficult course. On the other hand, the accounting class in terms of math was great.

Some was not helpful as its as hard to learn when none of it was in our books, nor powerpoint, and could not figure out how to learn it.

Financial Analysis was a difficult class for me. I've never been good with math, but I tried my best to complete the class. My professor was very helpful, too. I would recommend that students take this class face-to-face. I took this class online, and I think it's difficult to learn math online.

The entire accounting process will be beneficial for me.

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
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	27.27%	3
4	Agree	45.45%	5
5	Strongly Agree	27.27%	3
	Total	100%	11

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

Social would be to communicate with people all around you or with a class.

N/A

General classes required of me have given me the basic knowledge I need to help me in my future.

I really enjoyed Intro to Psychology.

Q12 - As a result of this program: I have critical thinking skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	18.18%	2
5	Strongly Agree	72.73%	8
	Total	100%	11

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

Thinking skills is good to use because of what we learned in these years.

Critical thinking skills would be in every class. Using this is just something you do, when you know you are working hard at something. Making judgement calls in every situation is important because you need to think about it before someone does it.

N/A

All business oriented classes have helped in this skill. Problem solving and critical thinking are a core principle of this program.

Throughout this program, I've to overcome many obstacles. Some were created by my disability, others were a result of things I didn't anticipate. Whether it was teammates bailing on a group project or finding different ways for me to be able to complete assigned tasks, I had to come up with ideas to keep pushing forward.

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	9.09%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	18.18%	2
5	Strongly Agree	63.64%	7
	Total	100%	11

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

I have used technology in every class I am taking in school. I use it to communicate with others and know where all my stuff is when working on homework.

I have used technology a lot during school and thank god we used it in classes. Using my computer for everything in school and love that we get to use our own. I used technology effectively to get things in on time and making sure I can communicate with other students and teachers.

N/A

The software applications class was helpful for some situations, but overall I felt that I could have gotten more out of it. That is another class that should have more than one level or should be able to be tested out of. As a student who grew up and went to school using computers, learning how to save files and write emails felt like wasted time and money. There were other classes that helped me in excel or word, but this was only when I asked questions. Overall, the main courses that were supposed to teach me these things just went over basic computer ideas, although I do understand that some people need this course.

This program taught me a lot about Microsoft Excel. Until college, I had never used it. Now, I would say I'm very proficient with it.

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
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	18.18%	2
5	Strongly Agree	72.73%	8
	Total	100%	11

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

I put myself first in some of the assignments because we needed to get them done in time. Working with others has been a struggle during these years but it was all well worth it because it might happen in the real world.

N/A

This program has many different courses that focus on ethics and values. Overall, I have learned a lot more about these situations.

I always think it's great to meet new people and establish a relationship with them. There is a very diverse population within the business industry and it's important to accept and acknowledge that.

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	9.09%	1
4	Agree	45.45%	5
5	Strongly Agree	45.45%	5
	Total	100%	11

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

The decisions that we make during the year is important because it will help you out in all your classes.

N/A

This was talked about, although I believe it could have been discusses more.

Whether it was an assigned "sustainability project" in one course or learning to forecast and make projections, I learned to always plan for the future. Decisions I make today can have a positive or negative impact on tomorrow.

Q21 - As a result of this program, I learned to: plan the operations of a business across functional areas.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	27.27%	3
5	Strongly Agree	63.64%	7
	Total	100%	11

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

I learned all of the things to learn about in the business management course in this class at least. The teachers really made me think when in class because it was a challenge at times.

I learned a lot about what is involved with business management program. I didn't realize what it was all about at first but I loved that the teachers explained everything well.

N/A

Having the opportunity in various classes to write business plans and go over operational management has been very helpful. Some simulations used were also key in helping with this.

The Operations Management course was very helpful. It showed me how many layers there are to running a successful business. Also, learning how to build a successful business plan was critical. These lessons could be the difference between success and failure in my future career.

Q23 - As a result of this program, I learned to: organize resources to achieve the goals of an organization.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	27.27%	3
5	Strongly Agree	63.64%	7
	Total	100%	11

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

I have achieved alot of goals that I want to achieve by the end of the year or even in a couple of years because of this class. It makes you think on what you want to do.

N/A

As a whole this program teaches you organization, but it also talks a great deal about the steps and ideals that are key to running an organization and creating a successful business. This is not possible without setting those goals and steps to achieve them. This was discussed in multiple courses.

Learning to budget is the first thing that comes to mind. If someone can't organize/ allocate resources properly, their business will likely fail.

Q25 - As a result of this program, I learned to: control business processes.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	36.36%	4
5	Strongly Agree	54.55%	6
	Total	100%	11

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

N/A

This was covered, but it could be discussed more.

Q27 - As a result of this program, I learned to: direct individuals and/or processes to meet organizational goals.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	18.18%	2
4	Agree	27.27%	3
5	Strongly Agree	54.55%	6
	Total	100%	11

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

I like to meet goals because it makes you feel good about yourself and it makes you look better to others to in the future.

N/A

This program allows you to go through scenarios and examples of effective and ineffective management and helps you learn more about different styes of management that can be used as different times to help you achieve company goals.

Q29 - As a result of this program, I learned to: apply principles of corporate responsibility.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	9.09%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.09%	1
4	Agree	27.27%	3
5	Strongly Agree	54.55%	6
	Total	100%	11

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

N/A

Adequate learning on this.

Q31 - CONCLUSION Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

The instructor was nice and understanding.

It is a great place to go to school because the classes aren't too big and the teachers actually care about your education because you aren't a number.

I love Western Technical College because they actually care about their students and how they are doing. You are not a number, you are a person that really wants to learn.

It was an amazing program and yes I am happy that I am finally gonna graduate, but at the same time I will miss it. I have learned more than expected and I am very grateful for the instructors that I got to work with and have over the time I spent at Western!

I feel that the instructors are very helpful and are very professional in working with the students to ensure work is completed.

I enjoyed my college experience at Western Technical College. Before I enrolled at Western, I went to school at UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse. I love the one-on-one attention that you get here at Western. The class sizes are great, which makes it easier to receive help and get to know your classmates and professors. I definitely recommend Western to anyone who is looking to achieve higher education.

As someone who had a serious dislike of school, I was amazed by my experience at Western. At first, I only enrolled because I felt like I needed to, but I didn't want to. My first instructor, Shannon Corcoran, changed my outlook almost immediately. She made me want to do well. She showed me that someone really did care about my success. Having someone so positive and uplifting put me in a better state of mind. Without her, I may have quit college like I did high school. Western should do whatever it takes to keep instructors like her and Brenda Updike around for a very long time.