

Finance Spring 2017 Student SLO Report

Spring 2017 - Finance

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Q3 - What did you like about this program?

I enjoyed learning about different aspects of finance. I became friends with my classmates and learned many helpful technical skills related to the finance world. I enjoyed meeting all of the teachers and being part of their classes.

I liked that we learned a lot about the financial industry. We learned about the banking industry, and how to work as a financial analyst

I loved Xxxxx. She was an amazing instructor.

I learned a lot about how to manage money appropriately.

The classes were interesting. The time went by fast. Great instructors.

Most of the classes were catered to the program. Brenda is an exceptional teacher.

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

If possible, I would add an investing project to Investment Principles that utilizes Investopedia or MarketWatch as a tool to manage a portfolio and track investments.

The one thing I would change would be that the professors should explain how to do the assignments before throwing them at you or at least give you some input on them.

I would allow more online classes or different offerings for class times. I think there needs to be more of a variety of instructors. I felt I could have learned more with different instructors.

Not so many general ed classes required.

N/A

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	0.00%	0
4	Agree	83.33%	5
5	Strongly Agree	16.67%	1
	Total	100%	6

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

I learned how to work in groups. Also I am getting better at talking in front of the room and to audiences

I think that I work better in groups.

Public speaking and project management.

We did a lot of presentations that really helped in communication skills

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	0.00%	0
4	Agree	66.67%	4
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	2
	Total	100%	6

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

I have learned many mathematical skills and have gained lots of knowledge of Microsoft Excel. I am able to use this program to perform many calculations that are applicable both to work and to everyday life.

While working with investments and managerial finance class I learned many math equations

Using different functions in excel to figure out problems a lot faster is nice.

Brenda taught us a lot of mathematical concepts and made them easy to understand. Also applied them to real life so that we knew why we were learning 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
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	33.33%	2
4	Agree	66.67%	4
5	Strongly Agree	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	6

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

I was not required to take any natural science classes. My social science classes included sociology and psychology.

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	0.00%	0
4	Agree	83.33%	5
5	Strongly Agree	16.67%	1
	Total	100%	6

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

I am able to think more on spot than I was before

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

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	16.67%	1
4	Agree	50.00%	3
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	2
	Total	100%	6

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

I believe that most of my classes utilized technology very effectively, especially Microsoft Excel. I think this will make a great difference in my everyday life and in my career.

It helped me with my computer skills in specific programs such as Microsoft office, and blackboard, and email.

I learned many new things in Excel.

Didnt do as much with technology other than excel.

Learned a lot about excel especially

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	0.00%	0
4	Agree	66.67%	4
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	2
	Total	100%	6

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

I learned that everyone has different obligations and that it isn't always easy to coordinate schedules. I've learned that everyone is important and has their own obligations to take care of, in addition to school.

I learned how to work with others through projects, time management, and equally splitting up the work.

Many group projects have helped me work better with others, and manage my time better.

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	0.00%	0
4	Agree	100.00%	6
5	Strongly Agree	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	6

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

Q21 - As a result of this program, I learned to: analyze financial statements.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	83.33%	5
5	Strongly Agree	16.67%	1
	Total	100%	6

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

Financial statements were part of nearly every core class I took, so I feel that this is something I learned a lot about.

Through accounting I learned how to evaluate financial statements

Going over it numerous times helps me as well as others learn it.

Very good at teaching this.

A lot of the classes, including Intro to Finance and accounting taught me a lot about analyzing financial statements

Q23 - As a result of this program, I learned to: develop short range and strategic plans.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	16.67%	1
4	Agree	83.33%	5
5	Strongly Agree	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	6

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

In intro to finance and managerial finance I learned how to create goals for businesses, and do financial planning

Honestly don't remember doing this.

Q25 - As a result of this program, I learned to: apply financial laws and regulations.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	16.67%	1
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	33.33%	2
4	Agree	50.00%	3
5	Strongly Agree	0.00%	0
	Total	100%	6

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

I learned a little bit about financial laws and regulations, but was put under the impression that in the business world, there are people hired specifically to ensure that a company stays in compliance. As a result of this program, I would not feel comfortable being in this role.

I learned some, but they are changing everyday so it is good to keep up to date with them.

There are too many laws and regulations, and regulations are always changing, but that is not the program's fault.

Didn't really touch much base of laws and regulations.

I don't think we went too much into depth in this, except for in the Banking class we took. I believe that we weren't taught the laws and regulations enough though.

Q27 - As a result of this program, I learned to: demonstrate an understanding of the role of financial institutions.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	66.67%	4
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Q28 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Q29 - As a result of this program, I learned to: explain the real estate transaction process and property management concepts.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	33.33%	2
4	Agree	50.00%	3
5	Strongly Agree	16.67%	1
	Total	100%	6

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

Doing the real estate project in Application of Financial Concepts really helps.

Q31 - As a result of this program, I learned to: create and analyze budgets.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	66.67%	4
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	2
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Q32 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Doing numerous ones really makes it easier to do now.

Brenda did a great job teaching this.

Q33 - As a result of this program, I learned to: evaluate and sell financial products.

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

Q34 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

How to cross sell a product bases on the customers needs

We evaluated them, but I don't remember talking about how to sell them.

Didnt do much of selling of anything.

Q35 - As a result of this program, I learned to: recognize the interconnectedness of the global economy.

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1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	33.33%	2
4	Agree	66.67%	4
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Q36 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

I learned why countries import and export things

Q37 - CONCLUSION Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

I think the instructors of the Finance program need to be reevaluated and the classes split up differently. I didn't always have the best experience with Tom. There needs to be more time to get homework done. I work a full time job and often there was not much time to get assignments turned in. There is no reason that I get an assignment on Monday and it is due on a Thursday. Yes, college is supposed to prepare the students for the real world but college isn't the real world. I should be able to get help and feedback on how to complete an assignment or project. It was a stressful and frustrating two years at times. I also felt I didn't have anyone to go to about the issues I was having in the program. However, for the college itself I have had a great experience. I love the campus! It's easy to get help and easy to navigate. I've helped my sister get enrolled in a program here because I believe that Western is a great place to get an education. I enjoyed my time at this college.

I think that some of the classes are really helpful, and some students not even in the program should take them to learn about their money.

Overall everything was good. I had a few concerns about how the teaching was done with Tom. I understand that he has his deadlines for assignments, but other than school many of us have lives and emergencies come up. The fact that he doesn't do much to work with us makes it a lot more stressful on our part to be able to get through school successfully if he doesn't give us that extra effort and work with us. I would say at least 50% of the time we got assignments thrown at us where we don't even know the context because we haven't ever talked about it, so maybe if he would review some of the material that would help us and not set us up for failure we could say. Brenda was so kind and amazing and she really did a great job on helping us succeed through our journey. I learned a lot and did get the education for my money's worth!!

I think that this program had provided me with a great start into the finance industry. There were a few classes that I wish were offered by different teachers. One of the core teachers of the programs teaching styles didn't match up with my learning style. This made it hard to learn what he was teaching.