

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) 2016 - 2017 Yearly Assessment Report

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NOTES:

- **2016-2017 Yearly Assessment Reports** for all CAS Majors, Minors, Graduate Programs, and Non-Degree Seeking Programs are due by 10/28/17; early submissions are welcome.
- Reports, including Curriculum Map(s) should be submitted to the Program Assistant; he/she will upload documents to Gnosis.
 - Undergraduate programs (majors and minors) must include two curricular maps – one showing how courses map onto Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) and one showing how PLOs map onto Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs).
 - Graduate programs must include one curricular map showing how courses map onto PLOs.
 - Non-degree seeking programs must include one curricular map showing how PLOs map onto ILOs.
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Identifying Information 

Name of Program *

Legal Studies

Type of Program *

Minor

College of Arts and Sciences Division *

Social Sciences

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Submissions via the following Google form are strongly encouraged. However, if your department/program wishes to upload its assessment report in lieu of completing this form, you can do so here. Would you like to upload a PDF version of your Yearly Assessment Report?

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Please upload a PDF version of your Yearly Assessment Report here: *

Please upload your program's PLO x Courses Curriculum map here (all file types allowed) *

Please upload your program's PLO x ILO Curriculum map here (all file types allowed)

If you would like to upload any other files (i.e. rubrics used to evaluate student work products, scripts/surveys/other indirect methods used to evaluate student work), you may upload them here. Please use descriptive file names (i.e. "SociologyAssessmentRubric").

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Mission Statement

Please type and/or copy-and-paste directly into the space below:

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The Legal Studies minor provides students with a broad understanding of the U.S. and international legal systems, from trial courts to the Supreme Court to global courts. It examines the role law plays in society, the legal philosophies we have adopted or rejected, the history of the law, and its practical purposes. The minor examines the relationship between law and politics, and law society. What can the law contribute to society? What is justice? Can the law help achieve it? Does the law help promote positive social change or rather impede it?

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Please type and/or copy-and-paste directly into the space below:

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Students will be able to:

- (1) Analyze the interdisciplinary literature on justice, law and American society, emphasizing political questions and social science methods and theories. Assess the interdisciplinary literature on international law, human rights and global politics, emphasizing political questions and social science methods/theories. Students will be able to understand the meaning/origins of international human rights norms/standards
 - (2) Demonstrate an understanding of the structure of the American legal system, including the court system, and criminal and civil justice systems. Students will be able to describe the political economy and organizational structure of judicial decision-making, using tools of social science analysis.
 - (3) Demonstrate an understanding of the structure of the international human rights legal system, including governmental and non-governmental institutions on the global, national, and local levels. Students will be able to describe the political economy and organizational structure of human rights decision making, using tools of social science analysis
 - (4) Use tools of legal analysis and argumentation to address political controversies and social conflicts in American society, and human rights controversies, such as terrorism, humanitarian intervention, cultural imperialism, & U.S. foreign policy. Benefit from insights gained from fieldwork, brought back to the class room.
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Curriculum Maps

Please upload your Curriculum Maps below. All file types (Excel, PDF, etc.) are allowed.

Please upload your PLOs to Courses Curriculum map here *

Please upload your PLOs to ILOs Curriculum map here *

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Assessment Methods

Which of your Program Learning Outcomes did you assess during 2016-2017? *

(2) Demonstrate an understanding of the structure of the American legal system, including the court system, and criminal and civil justice systems. Students will be able to describe the political economy and organizational structure of judicial decision-making, using tools of social science analysis.

What student work products did you use to assess your PLO(s)? Pick one or more direct methods from the list below and briefly describe below what specific work product(s) you used. *

- Published (Standardized) Test (e.g., Major Field Test)
- Class Tests & Quizzes with Embedded Questions
- Class Presentations
- Off-Campus Presentations (NGOs, clients, agencies, etc.)
- Research Projects Reports
- Case Studies
- Term Papers
- Portfolio
- Artistic Performances, Recitals & Products
- Capstone Projects
- Poster Presentations
- Comprehensive Exams
- Thesis, Dissertation
- Pass Rates on Certification or Licensure Exams
- Group Projects
- In-/Out-of Class Presentations
- Competency Interviews (e.g., oral exams)
- Simulations
- Juried Presentations



Other: Final Grades

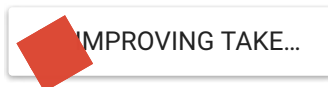
Brief description of student work products used to assess PLOs: *

Exams, research papers, student presentations

What tools did you use to evaluate the student work product(s) (e.g. rubric, test score)? *

Rubrics and test scores

Please upload any tools used to evaluate student work product(s) here in PDF format only. Please use descriptive file names (e.g. "SociologyAssessmentRubric.PDF").



Who evaluated the student work product? Check all that apply. *

- FT faculty members who were not instructor(s) of the course(s)
- FT faculty members who were instructor(s) of the course(s)
- PT faculty members who were not instructor(s) of the course(s)
- PT faculty members who were instructor(s) of the course(s)
- Other:

Describe the calibration procedure you employed, if any (i.e., how did you assure that faculty raters were consistent with each other in how they rated the student work products):

Faculty discussed the criteria and how they would apply it

What indirect methods did you employ, if any?

- Student Survey
- Student Interview
- Focus Groups
- Reflection Sessions
- Reflection Essays
- Faculty Survey
- Exit (end of program) Survey
- Exit (end of program) Interview
- Alumni Survey
- Employer Survey
- Diaries or Journals
- Data from Institutional Surveys
- Curriculum/Syllabus Analysis
- Other:

Please indicate and briefly describe what indirect methods you used (and/or attach the survey/script/interview below).

Reviewed student course evaluations

Attach survey/script/interview here as needed

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Results

What were the direct data results? *

Final Grades indicate 61% and 36% As, as measure of achieving PLO

What were the indirect data results? (If applicable)

More than a majority of students report that they "learned a great deal"

How do you interpret these results? What do they mean? *

Grades not a great measure of PLOs; will have to use different measures

Closing the Loop

"Assessment is most likely to lead to improvement when it is part of a larger set of conditions that promote change: Assessment alone changes little. Its greatest contribution comes on campuses where the quality of teaching and learning is visibly valued and worked at. On such campuses, the push to improve educational performance is a visible and primary goal of leadership; improving the quality of undergraduate education is central to the institution's planning, budgeting, and personnel decisions. On such campuses, information about learning outcomes is seen as an integral part of decision making, and avidly sought."

--9 Principles of Good Practice for Assessing Student Learning: American Association for Higher Education

Purpose: In the current field of higher education today, Assessment of student learning is seen as a critical tool to assist in the mission of student centered education. It is a way for faculty and the other university constituents involved in learning to use data driven results to bring about needed curricular or programmatic changes to improve student outcomes.

In the previous section, you have analyzed the data to get some critical insights into student learning. This section is for our way forward, and touches upon a few core areas:

What might you do as a result of these assessment results? What curricular or programmatic changes might you implement? *

- Revision of PLOs
- Changes in pedagogical practices
- Revision of program course sequence
- Revision of course(s) content
- Curriculum Changes (e.g. addition and/or deletion of courses)
- Modified program policies or procedures
- Designed measurement tools more aptly suited for the task
- Improved within and across school/college collaboration
- Improved within and across school/college communication
- Revised student learning outcomes in one or more courses
- Modified rubric
- Developed new rubric
- Developed more stringent measures (key assessments)
- Modified course offering schedules
- Changes to faculty and/or staff
- Changes in program modality of delivery
- Other:

Description of the Proposed Changes (as checked above): *

Use an agreed upon rubric to assess student work products in classes rather than final grades, such as evaluations of students presentations and research papers

Amendments to your assessment plan: If, in course of conducting current assessment, you felt a need to amend the assessment plan itself for future assessments, please discuss it here in a few sentences: *

No

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