

Assessment REPORT - AY 2013-14

BA in Criminal Justice

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The Criminal Justice department assesses student learning outcomes (SLOs) each semester in the capstone course, Senior Seminar CJ 4600, via three methods:

- (1) a rubric to assess written communication
- (2) a rubric to assess verbal communication
- (3) a proficiency exam to test students' knowledge on key CJ areas (e.g., policing, law, courts, juvenile justice, theory, diversity).

The SLOs for criminal justice majors are as follows:

SLO1: Understand the main principles of the United States Constitution, specifically related to individual rights and due process.

SLO2: Identify the main components of the criminal justice system, and summarize the salient issues related to each component.

SLO3: Use theory to explain why people commit crimes and how offenders can be deterred.

SLO4: Students will design and conduct an original research study on a topic related to the study of CJ.

SLO5: Students will communicate effectively.

Measurement of the SLOs: SLOs 1 through 3 are assessed via the proficiency exam. SLO 4 is assessed via the proficiency exam and a written communication rubric. SLO 5 is assessed via an oral presentation rubric.

| Program Level Student Learning Outcome | Assessment Measure(s) | Assessment Criteria <i>(Describe how data is collected--rubric, survey, etc.)</i> | Results of Assessment <i>(Data Collected)</i> | Action Taken <i>(Closing the Loop: New action or follow up from last Assessment Report)</i> |
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| Knowledge of Substantive and Procedural Criminal | Comprehensive knowledge test in capstone | Multiple choice exam in Qualtrics, requirement for CJ | Data to be available October 2013. | The exam will be administered in multiple sections (3) of the capstone course, Senior Seminar, CJ- 4600 in |

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| Law | course | 4600. The questions are changed after each Academic Year. | | the later part of September 2013. |
| Knowledge of Criminal Justice System | Comprehensive knowledge test in capstone course | Multiple choice exam in Qualtrics (new questions), requirement for CJ 4600 | Data to be available October 2013. | The exam will be administered in multiple sections (3) of the capstone course, Senior Seminar, CJ-4600 in the later part of September 2013. |
| Knowledge and application: Crime causes and deterrents | Comprehensive knowledge test in capstone course | Multiple choice exam in Qualtrics (new questions), requirement for CJ 4600 | Data to be available October 2013. | The exam will be administered in multiple sections (3) of the capstone course, Senior Seminar, CJ- 4600 in the later part of September 2013. |
| Research design & implementation | Term assignment in capstone course | Papers, graded with rubric, in Fall 2013 & Spring 2014. Also multiple choice exam in Qualtrics (new questions), requirement for CJ 4600. | Data to be available October 2013. | The exam will be administered in multiple sections (3) of the capstone course, Senior Seminar, CJ- 4600 in the later part of September 2013. |
| Effective communication | Presentation & paper graded with rubrics in capstone course. | Oral & written communication of CJ 4600 students. Oral communication assessed with rubric developed by GE staff (1-5 rankings), and written communication assessed with an original rubric (1-3 rankings). | Data to be available October 2013. | The exam will be administered in multiple sections (3) of the capstone course, Senior Seminar, CJ- 4600 in the later part of September 2013. |