

YEARLY PROGRAM ASSESSMENT FORM

Forensic Science

1. Name of Program: School of Legal Studies Degree Programs: BS Forensic Science
2. School's Mission Statement: Our mission is to educate, enable, and empower students to be critical thinkers who can obtain their goals and excel when faced with the challenges of the legal studies professions. This is accomplished by the highest quality and curricula which provides both traditional and experiential modes for learning.
3. School goals for 2022-2023:

Program Goal	Met	Not Met	Based on these assessments	Action Items
Meet or exceed university average for retention of incoming FR.		X	Department Activity Report	Retention rate of 73% compared to University rate of 76%
Meet or exceed the university 6 th year graduation rate.		X	Department Activity Report	University graduation rate for 201-2017 cohort is 54%, Forensic Science is 31%
Meet or exceed 18 new students (average of last 3 years for incoming FR)	X		Department Activity Report	23 students in this group entered in FA 22.

4. Goals for coming year 2023-2024:

Program Goal	Assessment Planned
Meet or exceed university retention of incoming FR within program.	Data from Department Activity Report
Meet or exceed the University 6 year graduation rate	Data from Department Activity Report
Exceed 20 (average of last 3 years) for incoming FR.	Data from Department Activity Report
Increase job and graduate school placement.	Data from Department Activity Report
Faculty will review at least 80% of their curricula each year.	Faculty Development Plan

5. Individual Student Outcomes that were assessed during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Student Learning Outcome	New/Altered/Same*	Assessment Tools Used	Results	Action Items **
Direct: On the Capstone Project in CJ 493, students will demonstrate excellent or outstanding understanding of the key concepts	Same	Capstone Project	Met	Continue working with students to achieve these positive results
Direct: In CJ 493, students will apply ethical decision-making skills and integrity in an ever changing global environment.	Same	Capstone Project	Met	Continue working with students to achieve these positive results
Direct: In CJ 493, students will produce and present effective oral and written forms of communication.	Same	Capstone Project	Met	Continue working with students to achieve these positive results
Indirect: On internship Employer Evaluation, at least 80% of graduating students will receive a score of 4 or higher based on a rating of 1-5	Same	Employer Evaluation	Met	Continue working with students to achieve these positive results

*State if the outcome is new, altered, or the same as last year.

** List any action items generated as a result of the data collected.

6. List the Student Learning Outcomes that you plan to access during the 2023-2024 academic year and what assessment you will use to see how well the students met the outcome.

Student Learning Outcome	Assessment Tool
<p>Direct: On the Capstone Project in CJ 493, at least 80% of all students will demonstrate excellent or outstanding understanding of the key concepts of the Forensic Science Profession by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicating effectively ● Demonstrating professionalism ● Using legal terminology correctly ● Working effectively with the courts ● Becoming proficient with computer technology, software and database. ● Correctly processing and sequencing of processing of evidence at the crime scene and in the laboratory. ● Understanding the pros and cons, false negatives and false positives, cross reactions and potential for cross contamination in analyzing and testing evidence items. ● Learn various techniques for describing scientific principles in layman's terms. 	Capstone Project
<p>Direct: In CJ 493, students will apply ethical decision-making skills and integrity in an ever changing global environment.</p>	Capstone Project
<p>Direct: In CJ 493, students will produce and present effective oral and written forms of communication.</p>	Capstone Project
<p>Direct: In CJ 493, students will analyze diversity issues in the criminal justice field</p>	Capstone Project
<p>Indirect: On internship Employer Evaluation at least 80% of graduating students will receive a score of 4 or higher in each category evaluated indicating they met the requirements.</p>	Employer Evaluation

Indirect: On the Exit Survey for seniors, at least 80% of the graduating students will indicate that they agree that they have met the learning outcomes of the program	Exit Survey
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7. (Optional) Provide any narrative to further explain data above or any highlights you wish to share.

Forensic Science Grade Policy - B.S. Forensic Science majors must achieve an overall C or better in all lab science courses (designated with SC) and all labs (designated with SL) in order to complete the major requirements.

The retention rates in this program, as with others in the School of Legal Studies may be a bit misleading. We have some students who originally choose the Forensic Science Program but subsequently decide it is not what they want and change their major to Criminal Justice or another program within the School of Legal Studies. These changes impact our retention numbers even though the student did not leave the School.