

# Degree Program Student Learning Report

Revised November 2019

## Department of Technology and Justice Studies

### AA in Criminal Justice Studies

For 2020-2021 Academic Year

#### PART 1

##### Degree Program Mission and Student Learning Outcomes

A. State the school, department, and degree program missions.

University Mission	School Mission	Department Mission	Degree Program Mission
Our mission is to ensure students develop the skills and knowledge required to achieve professional and personal goals in dynamic local and global communities.	<p>The mission of the School of Professional Studies (SPS) to develop students' skills and knowledge so they can successfully perform in their professional career of choice, and to prepare them to be lifelong learners in a diverse society. This is accomplished in a positive academic climate which is supported by academic and intellectual freedom, and faculty who are dedicated to a quality educational experience.</p> <p>Curricula for the associate, bachelors and graduate degrees are developed by expert faculty who are dedicated to an excellence in teaching, research and university service. The programs in the SPS are dynamic,</p>	The mission of the Department of Technology and Justice Studies is to support the SPS and RSU in their mission to prepare students to achieve professional and personal goals in dynamic local and global communities.	The Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice Studies degree has been designed for individuals seeking a career in one of the components of the criminal justice system such as law enforcement, prosecution, or corrections. Hence, this degree has been structured to prepare criminal justice professionals to operate effectively within today's legal environment balancing individual rights with the protection of society, interacting with a culturally diverse community, and protecting the public from increasingly complex threats.

University Mission	School Mission	Department Mission	Degree Program Mission
	and foster student achievement of their personal and professional goals reflective of their field of study. Innovative teaching strategies are used		

**B. Align school purposes, department purposes, and program student learning outcomes with their appropriate University commitments.**

University Commitments	School Purposes	Department Purposes	Student Learning Outcomes
To provide quality associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degree opportunities and educational experiences which foster student excellence in oral and written communications, scientific reasoning and critical and creative thinking.	The SPS provides this support by providing two-year and four-year educational opportunities in business, sport management, technology, justice studies, nursing, and emergency medical services	The Department of Technology and Justice Studies provides the technology course support for the Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degrees, as well as the Bachelor of Science in Business Information Technology, the Bachelor of Science in Game Development, and the Bachelor of Technology in Applied Technology. The department also offers a Bachelor of Science in Justice Administration and an Associate in Arts degree in Criminal Justice with options in Law/Justice and the Collegiate Officer Program (COP). As indicated, many of the programs offered by the Department of Technology and Justice Studies are available online.	Students completing the Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice Studies degree program will demonstrate a written and oral ability to think critically.
To promote an atmosphere of academic and intellectual freedom and respect for diverse expression in an environment of physical safety			

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that is supportive of teaching and learning.			
To provide a general liberal arts education that supports specialized academic programs and prepares students for lifelong learning and service in a diverse society.			
To provide students with a diverse, innovative faculty dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarly pursuits and continuous improvement of programs.			
To provide university-wide student services, activities and resources that complement academic programs.			
To support and strengthen student, faculty and administrative structures that promote shared governance of the institution.			
To promote and encourage student, faculty, staff and community interaction in a positive academic climate that creates opportunities for cultural, intellectual and personal enrichment for the University and the communities it serves.			

## PART 2

### Revisit Proposed Changes Made in Previous Assessment Cycle

Revisit each instructional/assessment change proposed in Part 5 of the degree program SLR for the preceding year. Indicate whether the proposed change was implemented and comment accordingly. Any changes the department implemented for this academic year, but which were not specifically proposed in the preceding report, should also be reported and discussed here. Please note if no changes were either proposed or implemented or this academic year.

Proposed Change	Implemented? (Y/N)	Comments

## PART 3

### Response to University Assessment Committee Peer Review

The University Assessment Committee provides written feedback on departmental assessment plans through a regular peer review process. This faculty-led oversight is integral to RSU's commitment to the continuous improvement of student learning and institutional effectiveness. UAC recommendations are not compulsory and departments may implement them at their discretion. Nevertheless, respond below to each UAC recommendations from last year's peer review report. Indicate whether the recommendation was implemented and comment accordingly. Please indicate either if the UAC had no recommendations or if the program was not subject to review in the previous cycle.

Peer Review Feedback	Implemented (Y/N)	Comments
No University Assessment Committee Peer Review feedback provided in 2019-2020	N/A	

**PART 4**  
**Evidence of Student Learning**

Evidence and analyze student progress for each of the student learning outcomes (same as listed in Part I B above) for the degree program. See the *Appendix* for a detailed description of each component. Note: The table below is for the first program learning outcome. Copy the table and insert it below for each additional outcome. SLO numbers should be updated accordingly.

<b>A. Student Learning Outcome</b>					
SLO #1: Students completing the Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice Studies degree program will demonstrate a written and oral ability to think critically and creatively					
<b>B. Assessment Measure</b>	<b>C. Performance Standard</b>	<b>D. Sampling Method</b>	<b>E. Sample Size (n)</b>	<b>F. Results</b>	<b>G. Standard Met (Y/N)</b>
The measure of achievement of this SLO will be through a: 1. Written Paper 2. Oral Presentation	80% of AACJS students completing <b><i>CJ 1113- Introduction to Criminal Justice</i></b> and <b><i>CJ 1213 Introduction to Corrections</i></b> will demonstrate proficiency (70%) in in a rubric graded 1. Written Paper and 2. Oral Presentation	All CJ 1113 Introduction to Criminal Justice and CJ 2343 Community Relations will complete the written paper and presentation.	CJ 1113 Fall 2020 (n)=16	CJ 1113 Fall 2020 Paper & Presentation ≥ 90% 5/16 80-89% 3/16 70-79% 5/16 60-69% 0/16 < 60% 3/16 n=16 (13/16 or 81% scored 70% or above) *3 students did not submit the assignment	Yes
			CJ 1113 Spring 2021 (n)=17	CJ 1113 Spring 2021 Paper & Presentation ≥ 90% 6/17 80-89% 8/17 70-79% 1/17 60-69% 0/17 < 60% 0/17 n=17 15/17 or 88% scored 70% or above)	Yes

			<p>CJ 2343 Fall 2020 (n)=13</p> <p>CJ 2343 Spring 2021 (n)=14</p>	<p>*2 students did not submit the assignment</p> <p>CJ 2343 Fall 2020 Paper &amp; Presentation          ≥ 90% 3 /13          80-89% 4/13          70-79% 4/13          60-69% 0/13          &lt; 60% 2/13</p> <p>n=13          (11/13 or 85% scored 70% or above          *1 student did not submit the assignment</p> <p>CJ 2343 Spring 2021 Paper &amp; Presentation*          ≥ 90% 7/14          80-89% 4/14          70-79% 1/14          60-69% 0/14          &lt; 60% 2/14</p> <p>n=14          (12/14 or 86% scored 70% or above)          *2 students did not submit assignment</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
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- a. The AACJS students exceed the proficiency standard that 80% of the students will score ≥ 70%. In CJ 1113 fall and spring, a total of three students did not submit assignments. In CJ 2343 fall and spring, one student did not submit the assignment. This may be a result of student anxiety concerning research, writing and presentation. The students are provided detailed instructions concerning the requirements of the assignments, and are advised in the course assignment of resources available both at the RSU Library and the Writing Center. Several students took advantage of the help available as evidenced by reports from the Writing Center, and in the 85% and 86% achievement of a score of 70% or above.

**A.  
Student Learning Outcome**

SLO #2: Students completing the AA: CJS will demonstrate their proficiency in understanding and applying relevant legal and criminal justice concepts.

<b>B. Assessment Measure</b>	<b>C. Performance Standard</b>	<b>D. Sampling Method</b>	<b>E. Sample Size (n)</b>	<b>F. Results</b>	<b>G. Standard Met (Y/N)</b>
1. Pretest and Posttest Examination	80% of AACJS students completing <b>CJ 1113- Introduction to Criminal Justice</b> demonstrate proficiency (70%) proficiency in applying relevant legal and criminal justice concepts upon completion of a <b>pretest</b> and a <b>posttest</b>	All AACJS students completing <b>CJ 1113- Introduction to Criminal Justice</b> will be evaluated by taking a <b>pretest</b> and a <b>posttest</b>	CJ 1113 Fall 2020 <b>Pretest</b> (n)=21          CJ 1113 Fall 2020 <b>Posttest</b> (n)=16	CJ 1113 Fall 2020 <b>Pretest</b> ≥ 90% 0/21 80-89% 0/21 70-79% 1/21 60-69% 10/21 <60% *10/21 n=21 (11/21 students took the pretest 1/11 or .05% students who took the pretest scored 70% or above <i>*10/21 students or 48% did not take the pretest)</i>   CJ 1113 Fall 2020 <b>Posttest</b> ≥ 90% 8/16 80-89% 2/16 70-79% 0/16 60-69% 1/16 <60% * 5/16 n=16 (11/16 students took the posttest 10/11 or 91% students who took the posttest scored 70% or 91% scored 70% or above <i>*5/16 students did not take the posttest)</i>	No          Yes

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**CJ 1113 Fall 2020 pretest:** only 3 out of 21 students took the pretest resulting in a disappointing 12% of students scoring at or above 70%. The posttest score resulted in improved performance with 11 out 16 students taking the posttest Unfortunately, 5 students did not take the posttest, reducing the outcome to 69% scoring at or above 70%. However, 10 out of the 11 students taking the posttest scored 70% or above (91%). When examining the very low participation rate for the fall pretest, five students dropped the course which may help to explain the low rate of participation. Also, the low levels of participation drop-out rate may be attributed to COVID-19 precautions and moving all the CJ courses to remote instruction in Zoom. Additionally, the low level of participation may be attributed to the class being presented in Zoom with the pretest presented in an online format.

**CJ 1113 Spring 2021 pretest:** 2 out 3 students who took the pretest, 12% scored 70% or above (14 students did not take the pretest). The low pretest scores presumed to be due to students having little previous exposure to criminal justice, The low levels of participation may be attributed to COVID-19 precautions and moving all the CJ courses to remote instruction in Zoom. Additionally, the low level of participation may be attributed to the class being presented in Zoom with the pretest presented in an online format.

**The CJ 1113 Spring 2021 posttest** resulted in improved performance with 15 out of 18 or 81% of students who took the posttest scored at or above 70%. This increase may be attributed to improved participation in class, even when considering Zoom, and personal interaction with the instructor and the increased scores in the posttest indicate students gained knowledge during the course.

**CJ 1213 Fall pretest:** 17/23 or 74% of students scored at or above 70% (6 students did not take the pretest)

**CJ 1213 Fall posttest: 19 out of 23 or 83% students who took the posttest scored 70% or above.** The higher posttest scores may be due to many of the students having completed and passed Introduction to Criminal Justice prior to starting this class. The increase in the posttest scores indicates students gained knowledge during this course. Additionally, many students had already completed CJ 1113 in the fall in Zoom, had a base of knowledge in CJ, and were more accustomed to the non-traditional presentation of the class in Zoom starting in the fall of 2020.

**Note:** The use of **CLEET 2019-2020 certification data** is presented to demonstrate the success of the AA/CJS and BSJA COP Option. Students graduating from the 2020-2021 school year will not be eligible take the CLEET Peace Officer certification exam until September 2021, outside the due date for this SLR assessment of student learning. Therefore, it is useful to consider the COP Option graduates from the preceding summer in demonstrating success of the CJ program:  
(Continued below)

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At the time of this report, (7) 2019-2020 COP Option students graduated in 2020. (4) students have passed the CLEET Peace Officer Certification Exam (Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training) with a minimum 80% proficiency; (1) graduate was hired by Tulsa Police Department before taking the CLEET Exam; (1) student is scheduled to take the exam in June; and (1) graduate is deferring the CLEET Exam until September 2021. All graduates who passed the CLEET Exam with a minimum of 80% proficiency (100%) and are qualified to be certified as Peace Officers in the State of Oklahoma, and eligible for employment with Oklahoma law enforcement. The BSJA COP Option students continue to be very successful passing the CLEET Peace Officer certification exam and becoming eligible to be employed in the major field of study.					

**PART 5  
Proposed Instructional or Assessment Changes**

Learning outcomes assessment can generate actionable evidence of student performance that can be used to improve student success and institutional effectiveness. Knowledge of student strengths and weakness gained through assessment can inform faculty efforts to improve course instruction and program curriculum. Below discuss potential changes the department is considering which are aimed at improving student learning or the assessment process. Indicate which student learning outcome(s) will be affected and provide a rationale for each proposed change. These proposals will be revisited in next assessment cycle.

<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Applicable Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Rationale and Impact</b>

**PART 6  
Summary of Assessment Measures**

- A. How many different assessment measures were used? 3 measures were used.
- B. List the direct measures (see appendix): Pretest-Posttest, written and oral presentation, and CLEET Peace Officer certification exam.

- List the indirect measures (see appendix):

**PART 7**  
**Faculty Participation and Signatures**

**A.** Provide the names and signatures of all full time and adjunct faculty who contributed to this report.

Faculty Name	Assessment Role	Signature	
Rob Turner	Prepared the AA CJS SLR		
Dr. Diana Clayton	Reviewed the AA CJS SLR		

**B.** Reviewed by:

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Department Head			
Dean			

## Appendix

### Student Learning Outcome

Student learning outcomes are the observable or measurable results that are expected of a student following a learning experience. Learning outcomes may address knowledge, skills, attitudes, or values that provide evidence that learning has occurred. They can apply to a specific course, a program of study, or an institution. Outcomes should be worded in language that clearly implies a measurable behavior or quality of student work. Outcomes should also include Bloom's action verbs appropriate to the skill level of learning expected of students.

#### Examples:

*Students will be able to apply principles of evidence-based medicine to determine clinical diagnoses and implement acceptable treatment modalities.*

*Students will be able to articulate cultural and socioeconomic differences and the significance of these differences for instructional planning.*

### Assessment Measure

An assessment measure is a tool or instrument used to gather evidence of student progress toward an established learning outcome. Every program learning outcome should have at least one appropriate assessment measure. Learning outcomes are frequently complex, however, and may require multiple measures to accurately assess student performance. Assessment plans should try to incorporate a combination of direct and indirect assessment measures. Direct provide concrete evidence of whether a student has command of a specific subject or content area, can perform a certain task, exhibits a particular skill, demonstrates a certain quality in their work, or holds a particular value. Because direct measures tap into actual student learning, it is often viewed as the preferred measure type. Indirect measures assess opinions or thoughts about the extent of a student's knowledge, skills, or attitudes. They reveal characteristics associated with learning, but they only imply that learning has occurred. Both types of measures can provide useful insight into student learning and experiences in a program. Each also has unique advantages and disadvantages in terms of the type of data and information it can provide. Examples of common direct and indirect measures are listed below.

#### Direct Measures

- Comprehensive exams
- Class assignments
- Juried review of performances and exhibitions
- Internship or clinical evaluations
- Portfolio evaluation
- Pre/post exams
- Third-party exams such as field tests, certification exams, or licensure exams
- Senior thesis or capstone projects

#### Indirect Measures

- Graduate exit interviews
- Focus group responses
- Job placement statistics
- Graduate school placement statistics
- Graduation and retention rates
- Student and alumni surveys that assess perceptions of the program
- Employer surveys that assess perceptions of graduates
- Honors and awards earned by students and alumni.

## **Performance Standard**

A performance standard is a clearly-defined benchmark that establishes the minimally-acceptable level of performance expected of students for a particular measure.

### Examples:

*At least 70% of students will score 70% or higher on a comprehensive final exam.*

*At least 75% of students will earn score a “Proficient” or higher rating on the Communicate Effectively rubric.*

## **Sampling Method**

Sampling method describes the methodology used for selecting the students that were assessed for a given measure. In some cases, such as most course-embedded measures, it is possible to assess all active enrolled students. In other cases, however, it is not feasible to measure the population of all potential students. In these cases, it is important that a well-designed sampling scheme be used to ensure the sample of students measured is an unbiased representation of the overall population. Where multiple instructors teach a particular course, care should be taken to assess students across all instructors, including adjuncts.

### Examples:

*All students enrolled in BIOL 4801 Biology Research Methods II*

*All majors graduating in the 2016-17 academic year.*

## **Sample Size**

Sample size is the number of students from which evidence of student learning was obtained for a given assessment measure.

## **Results**

Results are an analytical summary of the findings arising from the assessment of student performance for a particular assessment measure. Typical presentation includes descriptive statistics (mean, median, range) and score frequency distributions.

## **Standard Met?**

This is a simple yes/no response that indicates whether the observed level of student performance for a particular measure meets or exceeds the established standard. An N/A may be used where circumstances prevented the department from accurately assessing a measure.

## **Conclusion**

The conclusion is a reflective summary and determination of the assessment results obtained for a specific learning outcome. Questions to consider in this section include the following:

- Does the assessment evidence indicate the learning outcome is being satisfactorily met?
- Where multiple measures are used for a single outcome, do the results present a consistent or contradictory pattern?
- What are the most valuable insights gained from the assessment results?
- What strengths and weaknesses in student learning do the results indicate?
- What implications are there for enhancing teaching and learning?
- How can the assessment process be improved?

