

2008-2009 Annual Assessment of University Learning Outcomes

Law School Assessment Report-Measures and Evidence

1. Disciplinary Competence and/or Professional Proficiency

Measures to Assess:

The measures to assess include: bar examination; alumni surveys; externship feedback; required legal writing requirements including moot court brief and oral arguments; course exams, papers, in-class simulations and presentations.

Evidence of Student Learning:

July 2008 Bar Pass Results; alumni survey instrument; learning objectives for externships were all submitted samples of evidence related to measures of student learning.

2. Critical Thinking Skills

Measures to Assess:

The measures to assess include: bar examination; required legal writing requirements including moot court brief and oral arguments; course exams, papers, in-class simulations and presentations.

Evidence of Student Learning:

July 2008 Bar Pass Results: we had 137 of our 2008 graduates taking the July 2008 bar exam (9 graduates did not take the bar exam). Students took the exam in 24 different states. We had 124 graduates pass the exam; 13 failed, resulting in a 90.51% pass rate for the class of 2008. For Nebraska, we had 88% (37/42) pass rate for first time takers, and for Iowa, we had 100% (23/23) pass rate for first time exam takers.

3. Ignatian Values, to include but not limited to a commitment to an exploration of faith and the promotion of justice

Measures to Assess:

Measures to assess included the following: Senior surveys; alumni surveys; Law School Survey of Student Engagement.

Evidence of Student Learning:

The senior survey instrument, the alumni survey instrument, and the Law School Survey of Student Engagement sample survey were all submitted as evidence of student learning.

4. The ability to communicate clearly and effectively

Measures to Assess:

The measures to assess include the following: bar examination; alumni surveys; externship feedback; required legal writing requirements including moot court brief and oral arguments; course exams, papers, in-class simulations and presentations.

Evidence of Student Learning:

July 2008 Bar Pass Results; alumni survey instrument; learning objectives for externships were all submitted samples of evidence related to measures of student learning.

5. Deliberative reflection for personal and professional formation

Measures to Assess:

Measures to assess include the following: alumni surveys; senior surveys; in particular courses (Professional Responsibility, Negotiations, Mediation), reflection papers or oral classroom or group discussion.

Evidence of Student Learning:

The alumni survey instrument and senior survey instrument were submitted samples of evidence related to measures of student learning.

6. The ability to work effectively across race, ethnicity, culture, gender, religion, and sexual orientation

Measures to Assess:

Measures to assess included the following: individual feedback in clinics and externships including evaluation by students and supervisors; Law School Survey of Student Engagement.

Evidence of Student Learning:

The learning objectives for the externships and the Law School Survey of Student Engagement sample survey were submitted samples of evidence related to measures of student learning.