Undergraduate Program Assessment

Legal Studies Major

Student Learning Objectives

Students majoring in Legal Studies will learn
- how law is constituted across different contexts and cultures
- how law shapes and is shaped by social, political, and economic factors
- how law shapes and is shaped by globalization
- theories about the interaction of law and society

The skills students majoring in Legal Studies will refine include
- how to synthesize a range of material from disparate sources
- how to analyze data and complex arguments
- how to find and evaluate information on the World Wide Web
- how to write effectively and appropriately across different genres of writing
- how to construct a thesis-driven argument supported by sufficient evidence
- how to communicate orally

The Legal Studies major prepares students to
- form sound views about controversial, law-related issues
- participate as active and informed global citizens
- work in any professional environment (commercial, legal, advocacy)
- continue study in graduate school or professional school

Assessment Tools
- on-going discussion in Legal Studies Undergraduate Studies Committee
- on-going evaluation of new courses and new instructors
- review of annual senior survey data
- review of SRTI evaluations
- in-house surveys of Legal Studies majors and recent alumni (to commence Fall 2013)
- discussions with Legal Studies Undergraduate Advisory Board
- submission and review of General Education, Integrative Experience, and Junior Year Writing courses

Highlighted Recent Activities
- Legal Studies majors continue to rate the program very highly in the annual senior exit survey even though the program has experienced diminished faculty resources and turnover in instructors
- The program plans to initiate an in-house survey of all majors and recent graduates in Fall 2013