

Albany Law School Program Learning Outcomes Assessment (2017-2019) – Timetable - Results

Learning Outcomes (LOs)	Methods of Assessment	Date to be Completed	Results	Next Assessment Date
Institutional Learning Outcomes LOs #1, #2, #3: 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law. 2: Demonstrate competence in use of professional legal skills. 3: Demonstrate understanding of, and the ability to exercise, professional ethics and values.	Albany Law School’s Institutional Learning Outcomes are designed to identify a range of student expectations upon completion of any of our academic programs (JD, LLM, MSLS, and Certificates).	Please refer to each programmatic outcome for relevant, specific, and measurable learning outcomes.	Please refer to each program	Please refer to each program
Assessments for outcomes across all programs				
	<i>Indirect assessment:</i> Survey developed and given to those students graduating in May 2018.	Analysis and report distributed by June 30 2018 and June 2019, repeats every year.	Exit Survey 2018	Complete Next Assessment is: March 2020
Assessments for outcomes in the LLM, MSLS, and Certificate Programs				
	<i>Indirect assessment:</i> Survey developed and give to those students in-progress.	Analysis and report distributed by June 30 2019, repeats every 2 years.	Exit Survey 2019	Complete Next Assessment is: June 2021
Assessment for outcomes at the Course Level – JD Courses				
	<i>Indirect assessment:</i> Office of Academic Affairs tracks syllabi course learning objectives and course assessments to generate a syllabus report, curriculum map, and formative/summative utility description.	Repeats every other year	2017 Syllabus Report Report on the use of formative and summative assessment	Complete Next Assessment is: Fall 2020

			JD Curriculum Map	
Program Specific Assessment				
J.D. Graduates				
All LOs	<i>Direct assessment: LO#1-6: Law School Survey of Student Engagement to be collected by April 2019</i>	LO#1-6: Reports distributed by July 31; 2019 Repeats every year.	LSSSE 2019 Frequency Distributions LSSSE 2019 Executive Snapshot LSSSE 2019 Engagement Indicators	Complete Next Assessment is: Spring 2020.
LO#1: Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law.	<i>Direct assessment: LO #1: July 2018 bar examination results and August 2018 Diagnostic results to be collected and analyzed by November 30, 2018</i>	LO#1: Report written and distributed by December 31; 2018 Repeats every year.	LO #1: Cohort Report Summary and Recommendations 2018 Diagnostic Assessment vs 1L GPA-- Prediction of Bar Success 315201 July 2018 Bar Report by Joe Buffington	Complete Next Assessment is: Fall 2019
LO #2 & #3: 2. Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in the legal context, in writing and orally;	<i>Direct assessment:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LO #2, 3: Analysis of random sample of required upper level writing papers completed; Assessment Committee to review and discuss results; Report to be written and distributed LO #2: Review of Oral Arguments to be completed in spring 2018 and report written and distributed 	LO# 2, 3: Review of data and Report completed June 30, 2018; thereafter report written and distributed every other year	LO #2, 3 Report LO#2 Report: Oral Arguments	Complete Next Assessment is: Spring 2020

<p>3. Demonstrate basic legal research, legal analysis, legal reasoning and problem-solving skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LO #3: Feedback from internship supervisors from fall 2017 and spring 2018 to be collected and analyzed/report written and distributed by June 2018 • LO#3: Feedback from internship supervisors from fall 2018 to be collected and analyzed/report written and distributed by June 2019 		LO#3 – Fall2018 Report	
<p>LOs #4, #5, & #6:</p> <p>4. Demonstrate the ability to exercise proper professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and to the legal system.</p> <p>5. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Lawyer’s professional responsibility to advance the mission of service to the underrepresented and to ensure all individuals have equal access to the privileges of our justice system.</p> <p>6. Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to be competent and effective lawyers in a multicultural world.</p>	<p><i>Direct assessment:</i> LO#4, 5, 6: Assessment Committee developed a rubric for clinic faculty and internship supervisors to use; data will be collected, analyzed over two semesters (sp18, fa18);</p> <p>LO #5 & #6: Embedded assignments in Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility Seminar; Collaborative development by faculty teaching the course during fall 2018 and implemented beginning spring 2019; Rubric developed and used to assess responses;</p>	<p>LO#4, 5, 6: Report written and distributed by June 30, 2019; thereafter data collected and analyzed every other year.</p> <p>LO #5 & #6: Analysis, report and distribution of report by June 30, 2019; thereafter, data collected and analyzed every other year</p>	<p>LO#4,5,6 Spring 2018 Report</p> <p>LO4,5,6 Interim Report Fall 2018</p> <p>LO#5 &6 – Legal Profession Report</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Next Assessment is: Spring and Fall 2021</p>
LLM for International Law Graduates				
<p>LOs #1, #2, #3, & #4:</p> <p>1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the US legal system;</p> <p>2. Demonstrate an understanding of the US law that is relevant to their</p>	<p><i>Direct assessment:</i> LO# 1, 2, 3, 4: Required research papers written for Legal Research and Writing will be reviewed using a rubric developed by the Assessment Committee.</p>	<p>LO# 1, 2, 3, 4: Review and Report completed by June 30, 2018; thereafter data collected and analyzed every other year.</p>	<p>LLMWalkerReport 2018</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Next Assessment is: Spring 2020</p>

<p>field(s) of interest and/or foreign-based practices</p> <p>3. Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in English, generally, and about legal topics in particular, both orally and in writing</p> <p>4. Demonstrate a familiarity with US case analysis, legal reasoning, the skills needed to conduct legal research and draft legal memoranda and other legal communications</p>				
<p>LOs #5 & #6</p> <p>5. Demonstrate the ability to exercise proper professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and to the legal system.</p> <p>6. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Lawyer's professional responsibility in the United States to advance the mission of service to the underrepresented and to ensure all individuals have equal access to the privileges of our justice system.</p>	<p><i>Direct assessment:</i> LO#5, 6: Embedded assignments in required courses of Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility Seminar; Collaborative development by faculty teaching the course during fall 2018 and implemented beginning spring 2019; Rubric developed and used to assess responses.</p>	<p>LO#5, 6: Analysis, report and distribution of report by June 30, 2019; thereafter, data collected and analyzed every other year.</p>	<p>LO#5 &6 – N/A We were not able to assess due to low/zero ILLM enrollment in these courses. New assessment date will be June 2020.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Next Assessment is: June 2020</p>
LLM Graduates in Advanced Legal Studies				
<p>LOs #1, #2, #3:</p> <p>1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of the core</p>	<p><i>Direct assessment:</i> LO #1, 2, 3 Required research paper for area of concentration will be reviewed using a rubric developed by the Assessment Committee.</p>	<p>LO#1, 2, 3: Review and Report completed by December 31, 2018; thereafter data collected and analyzed every other year.</p>	<p>LO#1,2,3 – N/A</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Next Assessment is: Fall 2020</p>

<p>doctrines of law that are relevant to their legal practice and career or relevant to their area of concentration.</p> <p>2. Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in the legal context, in writing and orally.</p> <p>3. Demonstrate advanced legal research, legal analysis, legal reasoning and problem-solving skills, and understanding contemporary scholarship.</p> <p>4. Demonstrate the ability to exercise proper professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and to the legal system</p>			19SP LLM LO12345 Report/Summary	
MS in Legal Studies Graduates				
<p>LO #1, #2, & #3:</p> <p>1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of fundamental substantive and procedural law as it relates to the student's chosen area of concentration</p> <p>2. Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally.</p> <p>3. Demonstrate basic research, analysis, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Demonstrate basic research, analysis, reasoning and problem-solving skills.</p>	<p><i>Direct assessment: LO #1, 2, 3:</i> Required research paper or project in capstone course for area of concentration will be reviewed using a rubric developed by the Assessment Committee</p>	<p><i>LO #1, 2, 3:</i> Review and Report completed by June 30, 2018; thereafter, data collected and analyzed every other year.</p>	<p>LO#1,2,3 – N/A</p> <p>19SP MSLS LO1234 Report/Summary</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Next Assessment is: Spring 2020</p>

LO#4: Demonstrate the ability to exercise proper professional and ethical responsibilities to clients and to the legal system.	<i>Direct assessment:</i> LO#4: Review of project in capstone course for area of concentration using a rubric developed by the Assessment Committee. (Committee will modify the rubric developed for JD Outcomes #4, 5, & 6)	LO#4: Review and Report completed by June 30, 2019; thereafter, data collected and analyzed every other year.	LO#4 – N/A See report above	Complete Next Assessment is: Spring 2021
Advanced Certificate in Legal Studies Graduates				
LOs #1, #2, #3, & #4: 1: Demonstrate a deep understanding of an area of law. 2: Develop practical skills relevant to their area of study. 3: Demonstrate the ability to interpret, synthesize, and apply legal information. 4: Demonstrate writing capacity within the context of law.	N/A Develop a plan for assessment beginning academic year 2020-2021	N/A	N/A	N/A