

Program Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Summary (AY 2013-2014)

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

At the completion of the **Trial Counselors certificate of achievement**, the student will be able to:

1. Have a working knowledge of the major techniques of legal research and writing.
2. Describe how the FSM and state rules of criminal law & procedure are interpreted and applied.
3. Describe the law of torts and basic principles of admiralty law.
4. Understand the concept of dispute resolution techniques including, but not limited to, mediation, arbitration, and community resolution procedures.
5. Understand the law of contracts and general business law.
6. Describe the processes of comprehensive examination of problems of proof and the rules of evidence.
7. Understand the constitution of the FSM, its States and municipalities.
8. Describe the FSM and State rules of appellate & civil procedure.
9. Describe and explain the FSM and State real property laws.
10. Practice actual supervised pre-trial and trial skills in civil and criminal cases

PSLO Assessment Report Summary

What we looked at:

The Trial Counselors certificate of achievement Program and the assessment focused on PSLOs 2, 8, and 9. Listed below are the results for each of the PSLO.

PSLO #2: Students were assessed on both class and small group discussions, and a written exercise scored with a rubric.

PSLO #8: Essay questions that present hypothetical fact situations scored with rubric

PSLO #9: Analyze historical events impacting land ownership and transfer issues in the FSM. Legal research and written exercise, scored with a rubric.

What we found:

- PSLO #2: The PLO was assessed, using Law 210 or Criminal procedure and the pass rate. Results show the following: Total assessed=12 Passed=10 students met the outcome a grade C and higher. Failed=2 did not meet the outcome with a grade D and lower. Eighty three (83%) of the overall class met the outcome.
- PSLO #8: The outcome was assessed using Law 238-Civil and Appellate Procedure. A total of 13 students were assessed. Twelve (12) students met the outcome with a grade C and better. Ones (1) student did not meet the outcome with a grade D. Overall, 92% of the class met the outcome.

- PSLO #9: The outcome was assessed, using (Law 238) Real Property. A total of 11 students enrolled in the course and they were assessed, using written assignments. Out of the 11 students, 10 (91%) students completed and passed the course with a grade C or better, while one student did not pass with a grade F.

What we are planning to work on:

- Maintain proposed course schedule where Law courses are assessed on a semester basis.
- Identify tools that can identify weak areas in learning for improvement.

Recommendations for students:

- Students planning to enroll into the program should begin in Fall semester, as introductory courses are offered this semester.
- Students planning to get into the course are recommended to have good research and writing, analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Recommended for in service legal staff or someone interested in the legal field.