

Annual Academic Assessment Report
LL.M. Program in Agricultural and Food Law
University of Arkansas School of Law
June 2024

Result of Analysis of Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes: LL.M. Program

LL.M. candidate assessment is achieved through individual course assessments, through meeting our requirements for graduation, through publication, and through positive employment outcomes.

LL.M. candidate performance in achieving student learning outcomes in their coursework continues to be excellent. At the present time, there are no LL.M. candidates that are close to or below our minimum grade point average. All are achieving success in their courses. The average GPA for our LL.M. candidates for the 2023-24 academic year was 3.86.

Our full-time candidates generally graduate in one year; our part-time candidates have four years from matriculation to graduation. We continue to have a high graduation rate. In December 2023 we graduated two and in May 2024 we graduated seven. We anticipate additional students graduating in August 2024.

All of our candidates complete a scholarly article as part of their requirements for graduation.

Our alumni report that the LL.M. degree has helped them in advancing their careers, both immediately after graduation and in future career advancement. During the past year, we have had alumni who accepted positions with food and agriculture corporations, in government at state and federal levels, in academia, with law firms, and with advocacy groups.

Any changes to degree/certificate planned or made on the basis of the assessment and analysis.

None.

Any changes to the assessment process made or planned.

We are working with our adjunct professors to provide more continuity in our assessments and to standardize our format in Blackboard. We continue work on a more formalized exit survey to be given to all candidates upon completion of the degree.

Plans for the 2024-25 Academic Year.

This past year, we had a graduate assistant working to update our alumni records, and relying on this data, we hope to connect our candidates with our alumni more effectively. We are

shifting all of our courses to Blackboard Ultra and incorporating more consistency in our course delivery.