# Teaching Effectiveness Committee

Recommendations on Teaching Evaluation Forms

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## TE Committee charge

- Design an instrument for the end-of-semester evaluation of teaching with proven validity and reliability
- 2. Develop standardized administration procedures to insure that all departments/schools/colleges follow these procedures to increase reliability and validity of comparisons
- 3. Develop suggested guidelines and procedures to assist with the interpretation and formative & summative use of evaluation results by individual faculty members, department chairs, deans and T&P committees

## Faculty Handbook

- The University views the evaluation of teaching as an on-going process which relies on multiple assessment measures.
- One such measure is the University's computerized Teaching Effectiveness Survey for gathering student perceptions.
- Faculty members are required to have this standardized instrument administered in their classes one semester per year, usually fall semester.

### Recommended Guidelines

- Standard procedures for administering teaching evaluations will be applied campus wide
- Student evaluations of teaching will be conducted for every class and section assigned
- Teaching evaluations will not be administered by the instructor of the course
- Student identities must remain anonymous
- Results of the evaluations will not be provided to instructors until after grades are submitted

### Recommended TE Forms

- Teaching Assessment System of the University of Washington
  - Adaptable to diversity of AU campus
  - Flexible, easy to use, yet reliable
  - Standardized in 1960s; in use at over 80 university campuses across U.S.
  - Separate sections for evaluation
    - Formative towards improvement of instruction
    - Summative personnel decisions (tenure and promotion, awards, etc.)

# Instructional Assessment System of the University of Washington

### Main features:

- Instructors select an appropriate form from 13 standardized forms to fit the size, type, and methodology used in classroom
- Accommodation of additional questions, created by the instructor or department to assess unique course components or support program accreditation
- Individual course reports
- Summary reports for departments, divisions, or instructors

www.washington.edu/oea/services/course\_eval/index.html

## Examples of Standardized Forms

*Form A* is designed for *small lecture/discussion courses*.

**<u>Form B</u>** is designed for **<u>large lecture classes</u>**, with little or no in-class interaction between instructor and student.

**Form C** is designed for **seminar discussion classes** which include a minimal amount of formal lecturing by the instructor.

**Form D** is designed for those classes whose purpose is the **teaching of problem-solving** or heuristic methods.

**Form E** is designed for those classes which are skill oriented and "hands on", such as **clinical nursing**, **art studio**, **social-work field experience**,

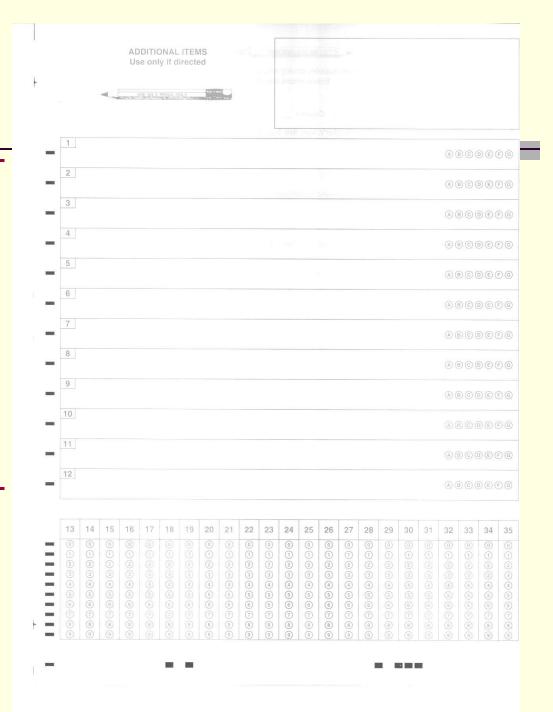
**Form J** is designed to evaluate instruction provided through **clinical experience** rather than traditional academic coursework.

<u>The back of all IAS Forms</u> (Forms A-J, and X) are identical and <u>permit</u> <u>individual instructors to query students</u> on any subject they think is appropriate to the course.

		A ssessment S ystem  Fill in bubbles darkly and completely.  Erase errors cleanly.				FORM	
		Instructor Course	Section		Date		
	Completion of this questionnaire is voluntary. You are free to leave some or all questions u			ons una			
Fo	orms evaluate	The course as a whole was:     The course content was:     The instructor's contribution to the course was:     The instructor's effectiveness in teaching the subject matter was:	Excellent Good	0	0	Very Poor O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	
	Course Organization Instructor Preparedness Extra Help Grading	5. Course organization was: 6. Sequential presentation of concepts was: 7. Explanations by instructor were: 8. Instructor's ability to present alternative explanations when needed was: 9. Instructor's use of examples and illustrations was:	00000	00000	00000	00000	
		Instructor's enhancement of student interest in the material was:     Student confidence in instructor's knowledge was:     Instructor's enthusiasm was:     Clarity of course objectives was:	0 0 0 0 0	0000	0 0 0		
		14. Interest level of class sessions was: 15. Availability of extra help when needed was: 16. Use of class time was: 17. Instructor's interest in whether students learned was: 18. Amount you learned in the course was:	00000	00000	00000		
		Relevance and usefulness of course content were:     Evaluative and grading techniques (tests, papers, projects, etc.) were:     Reasonableness of assigned work was:     Clarity of student responsibilities and requirements was:		0000	0000	0 0 0	
	Student Effort	Relative to other college courses you have taken: 23. Do you expect your grade in this course to be: 24. The intellectual challenge presented was: 25. The amount of effort you put into this course was: 26. The amount of effort to succeed in this course was: 27. Your involvement in this course (doing assignments, attending classes, and the succeed in this course).	Much Higher O O O etc.) was: O	0 0	rerage O O O O O O O O O	Much Lower	
	_	28. On average, how many hours per week have you spent on this course, including attending classes, doing readings, reviewing notes, writing papers and any other course related work?   Output  Description:	8 08-9	0 14	- 15	○ 18 - 19 ○ 20 - 21 ○ 22 or more	
i	Required/elective course	29. From the total average hours above, how many do you consider O Unc were valuable in advancing your education? O 2 - 3	8 08-9	0 14	- 15	○ 18 - 19 ○ 20 - 21 ○ 22 or more	
	<u></u>	30. What grade do you expect in this course?  O A (3.9-4.0) O B (2.9-3.1) O A- (3.5-3.8) O B- (2.5-2.8) O B+ (3.2-3.4) O C+ (2.2-2.4)	O C- (1.5-1	.8) O D- (0	0.7-0.8)	O Credit	
	31. In regard to your academic program, is this course best described as:  On your major? O A distribution requirement? On elective? On your minor? O A program requirement? Other?						
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#### Back of form

Room for additional questions relevant to course, instruction or department accreditation (scanned items)



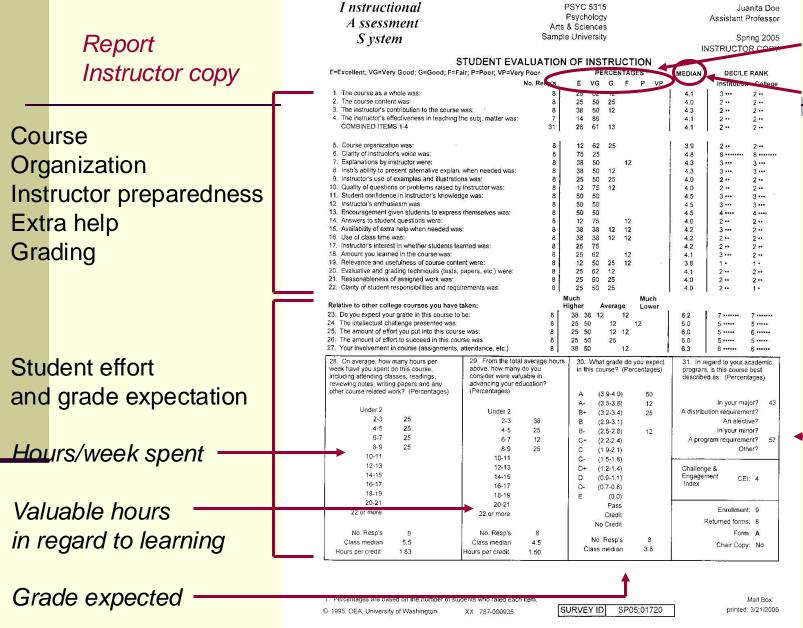
### Hand-written student comments are included

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Assessment System	Student Commer	nts	
Instructor.	Course	Section	Date
turned in. We encourage you to	response to the following questions will be respond to all questions as thoughtfully a mprove the course. However, you are not r	and constructively as p	ossible. Your commen
Was this class intellectually stimi	ulating? Did it stretch your thinking?	Yes No	Why or why not?
What aspects of this class contri	buted most to your learning?		306 18
What aspects of this class detract	sted from your learning?		e
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What suggestions do you have fo	or improving the class?		

Please use the back of this sheet for any additional comments or to respond to additional questions. Thank you!

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Rating in percentage

average

Required or elective

# Recommendations of the TE Committee

- Auburn University will adopt the teaching evaluation forms and processing supplied by the University of Washington
- The Provost's Office will provide funding of TE forms, processing, and reports
- The University Senate will review TE policies and procedures every 3 years
- Implementation will begin Fall 2007

## Additional Recommendations

- The Biggio Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning will develop and conduct annual workshops related to the implementation and use of TE system policies and procedures.
- The Biggio Center will also provide an annual report on workshops and implementation issues to the AU Senate, including feedback from administrators and instructors.