



# Eastern Kentucky University

## Policy and Regulation Library

Academic Regulation: 4.1.7ACR

Responsible Office(s): Office of the Provost

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## Academic Regulation: 4.1.7ACR Student Opinion of Instruction

### Statement

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research will be responsible for the acquisition, distribution, and security of the University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey. Each academic department shall be responsible for additional methods of evaluating instruction but may be assisted, as appropriate, by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research. Student opinion of instruction shall be included in the evaluation of all full-time and part-time faculty regardless of tenure status.

Seeking feedback from students regarding their instructional experiences in courses is important in the overall assessment of teaching. However, nothing in this policy is meant to suggest that student opinion of instruction is the only method of assessing instruction, nor is this policy meant to eliminate the requirement for departments to develop a second systematic method of assessing instruction.

### Entities Affected

- Colleges
- Departments
- Faculty
- Students

### Procedures

1. The University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey shall be accessible and administered in all courses, except for those detailed in Item 8 of this Regulation, through EKU's learning management system.
2. Student opinion questionnaires shall be administered prior to the beginning of final examinations. The precise timeline is determined by the length of the course and

with sufficient time for revisions or additions to the survey requested by faculty and for student responses.

3. Student opinion assessments are anonymous and shall not be administered in a way that exerts undue influence on student respondents.
4. The instructor shall have no access to the completed questionnaires until after grades for the course have been officially posted by the Registrar's Office.
5. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research shall be responsible for the acquisition, distribution, and security of the University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey. Departments shall be responsible for additional methods of evaluating instruction but may be assisted, as appropriate by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research shall securely maintain student opinion of instruction data for at least seven (7) years. Department Chairs shall have access to student opinion of instruction data for all faculty teaching within the department. They shall ensure that such data will be available to evaluation and promotion and tenure committees at the time for consideration of these matters. The data shall also be made available to the college promotion and tenure committee upon the request of either the instructor or the committee.
6. Each instructor shall have access to his/her own student opinion of instruction data and is responsible for maintaining records of reports. Instructors shall have the opportunity to analyze and comment on this data in evaluations.
7. Matters relating to this evaluation system not covered in the above provisions are left to the discretion of the various departments.
8. Specialized courses (such as practicums, studio lessons, and co-op) are not required to use the University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey. However, faculty, with the approval of the Department Chair, should work out a process of evaluation that is in keeping with the spirit of this policy. Faculty or departments that want to use the University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey for specialized courses can make arrangements with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research.

## Definitions

- **University-Sanctioned Student Opinion of Instruction Survey:** A survey instrument approved by the University for use in all University courses to collect and analyze students' opinions regarding their educational experience in a course.

## Responsibilities

- Departments

- Ensuring that each faculty member, regardless of tenure status, administers the University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey in all courses.
- Administering at least one additional method of evaluating instruction.
- Ensuring that data from University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey is made available to evaluation and promotion and tenure committees.
- Faculty
  - Faculty are responsible for ensuring that the University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey is administered in all of their classes in accordance with this policy.
- Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research
  - Acquiring, distributing, and securing the University-sanctioned student opinion of instruction survey;
  - Maintaining student opinion of instruction data securely for at least seven years.

<b>Regulation Adoption Review and Approval</b>
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