Introducing

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Course Evaluations

eXplorance Blue is the new software used at ECU to administer course evaluations. Blue provides an easy-to-use interface for students to complete course evaluations and improved reporting tools for faculty to access results. Our goal is to obtain higher response rates and improved efficiency in our course evaluation process, while stressing the appropriate use of results.

FEATURES

- Blackboard integration
- Mobile compatibility
- Revamped reports
- Preserves anonymity
- Targeted and automatic email invites and reminders

FAQ

Faculty

01 What questions are on the evaluation form?

ECU Faculty Senate approved a new set of questions in April 2016. The new questions cover seven different dimensions of instructional effectiveness and use a five-point scale. The survey also includes two open-ended statement questions. To view the new questions, click here.

02 How will I know the evaluations for my courses are complete?

Faculty can monitor response rates during the survey period. When you log in to Blue, you will see the details for each course being surveyed. To get a higher response rate, encourage your students to complete the survey in class.

03 Who will have access to the results of my course evaluations?

Faculty will have access to reports of the results for their courses. Department Chairs and Deans will have access to results within their department and college, respectively. Report access is now determined by home academic department in Banner, not the Reporting Structure in Pirate Port.

04 Who should I contact for support?

Please contact ECU’s Blue Administrator, Kyle Chapman, at chapmank@ecu.edu or (252) 528-9497.

Students

01 Where do I go to complete my evaluations?

Students will receive an email notification with a link to their survey when the survey opens. You can also access the survey in Blackboard, or by going directly to Blue login page clicking here.

02 Why do course evaluations matter?

Your responses and comments are used by faculty to improve the quality of their teaching. ECU values your input and wants your feedback!

03 Are my responses confidential?

Yes. Your name and ID do not appear in the report of the results. Your instructor will not see the survey results until two weeks after the term closes (after your final exam and after grades are posted). Please do not include your name or identifying information in your comments, since they will be given to your instructor verbatim.

04 I completed my course evaluations. Why am I still receiving reminders?

Reminders are sent to all students with any incomplete evaluations. Log in and make sure you have completed your evaluation for each course listed.

For information on the product Blue, visit http://www.explorance.com/blue-applications/blue-evaluations/