



BLUE Online Course Evaluation

During the Spring 2010 semester, UofL once again partnered with eXploraNCE/BLUE to administer an expanded pilot program using the BLUE online course evaluation module. The feedback from the fall pilot project was overwhelmingly positive which led to the expansion of the pilot project for the spring semester.

The overall response rate for the spring pilot was 61.8% with close to 300 courses evaluated by over 5,200 students.

An announcement should be forthcoming about the potential for the university to transition to eXploraNCE/BLUE for course evaluations.



As part of the university's commitment to assess undergraduate student learning, UofL is using the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) to assess student learning. During Fall 2009, incoming first-year students were administered the critical thinking component of the CAAP. Our overall mean score for first-year students was 61.2. This value is within +/- 1SD (5.4) of the national mean score of 62.0. In Spring 2010, the same assessment was administered to graduating seniors. The university anticipates the results will show significant gains in learning between the freshman and senior years. Results will be posted on the Institutional Effectiveness (IE) website in late spring.

<http://louisville.edu/institutionalresearch/institutional-effectiveness/surveys-and-assessment-data.html>

EVERY CARD COUNTS



The 2009-10 version of Just the Facts (JTF) is now available on our website:

<http://institutionalresearch.louisville.edu/files/ir/jtf/jtf200910.pdf>

Just the Facts provides a summary of useful university data.



Race/ethnicity reporting changes

The U.S. Department of Education has mandated changes in the way race/ethnicity data are collected on all students, faculty and staff. UofL is required to be compliance with these new regulations by fall 2010.

Current students were asked to verify/update their race/ethnicity status when they pre-registered for the Spring 2010 semester. A process is now underway whereby current faculty and staff may verify/update their race/ethnicity status via ULink.

UofL will be reporting race/ethnicity data in the new format beginning Fall 2010.

Shout Outs...



Welcome to **Erika Ruffin** who joined us as an Institutional Research Analyst I in January. Erika was previously with James Madison University.

Congratulations to **Bob Goldstein, Cheryl Gilchrist, Il Barrow** and **Emily Noonan** for winning KAIR's Best Paper 2009 for their work entitled: "Doubling the 2009 NSSE Response Rate through Target Marketing". Their work will also be presented as a poster at the AIR Forum in Chicago, IL in May 2010.

Need More Data?

Please check our updated website at <http://louisville.edu/institutionalresearch>. We have various institutional data reports available.

If you need additional data which cannot be accessed through our various web tools or other online reports, please submit your data request at <http://louisville.edu/institutionalresearch/data-information-request-form>
Please allow 5-7 business days to complete your request.