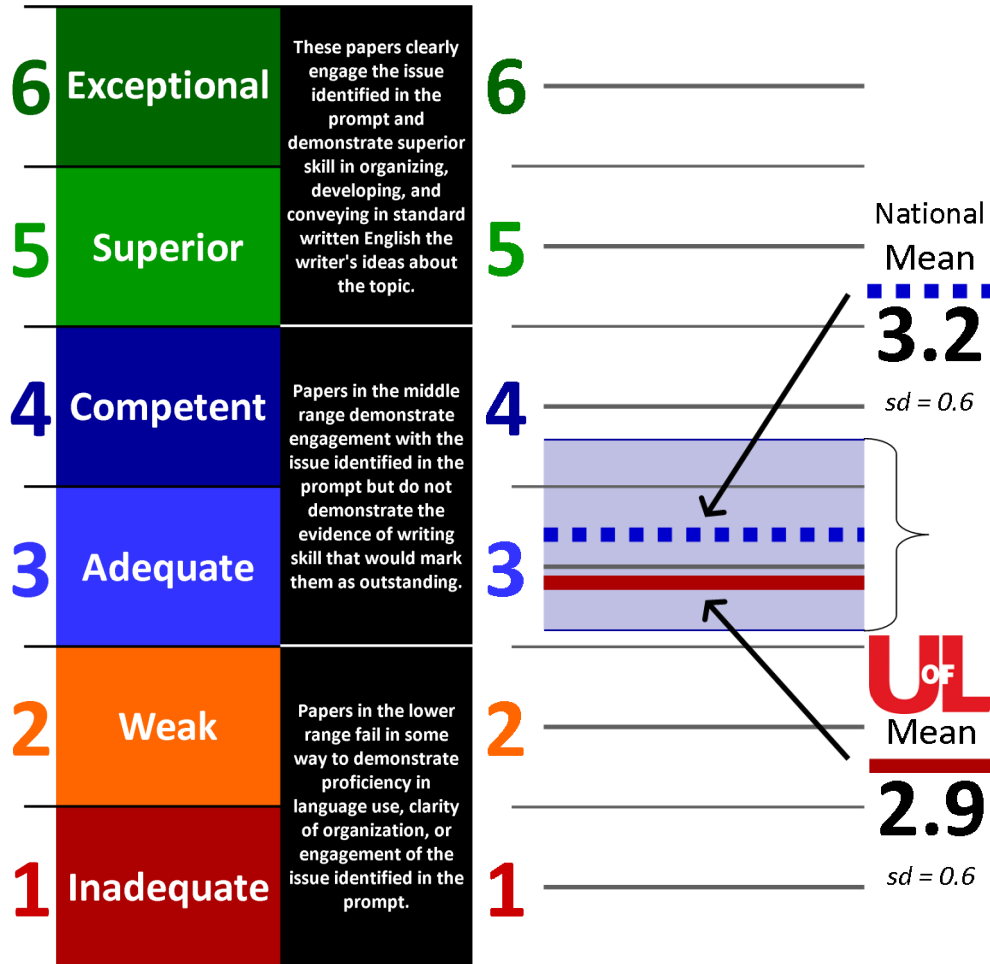


Writing (Essay) Interpretive Guidelines



Students scoring at or above the national mean (3.2) received a "Certificate of Achievement" from ACT. Overall, UofL freshman scored a 2.9, which fell within one standard deviation of the national mean score.

In fall 2010, UofL administered the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) Writing Essay module over a two-week period to first-year students in 10 randomly selected first-year experience courses. The university will conduct a cross sectional analysis by administering the CAAP writing essay module to our graduating seniors in spring 2011. The university anticipates that the results will show the learning gains between the freshman and senior years or the value-added component.

General Demographic Descriptors of First-year participants

	UofL	National
# of Students	322	4455
Range (1-6)	1.00 - 5.00	1.00 - 6.00
Mean Composite Score	2.9	3.2
Essay #1 Mean Score	3.0	3.2
Essay #2 Mean Score	2.9	3.2
% of Students at or above the national average	31.1%	*
% of Students at or above the 75th percentile	11.2%	*
% of Students at or above the 90th percentile	6.8%	*