FALL 2017 SRTI_ONLINE INFORMATION

This fall The Office of Academic Planning & Assessment (OAPA) will administer the Student Response to Instruction (SRTI) course survey for all credit-bearing lecture, lab, seminar, studio/skills, and practicum sections online.

PLEASE NOTE: The University is discontinuing the processing of paper SRTI forms.

The SRTI_Online system was developed and is maintained by UMass Amherst IT in collaboration with OAPA. The system has many benefits – it streamlines processing and facilitates timely dissemination of results, reduces demands on staff time, allows us to create instructor reports of students’ responses to open-ended questions, and helps us move toward becoming a paperless campus.

SRTI Survey Dates for Fall 2017

In response to instructor feedback, this semester we are extending the closing date of the SRTI_Online. Students may complete their online surveys from:

Monday, December 4th (7:00 am) through Thursday, December 21st (11:00 pm)

Who Can Use the SRTI_Online Form?

The SRTI_Online system imports course and instructor information from SPIRE to set up a survey form for Primary Instructors of credit-bearing course sections. In order to be evaluated, a person must have a SPIRE designation of “Primary Instructor.” Our office has been working with program and department SRTI coordinators to help ensure the list of courses and instructors for this semester is complete and correct.

Team-taught courses: More than one person can be assigned a designation of Primary Instructor. For multiple instructor or team-taught courses, students will fill out a SRTI form for each instructor.

SRTI_Online Communication

With Instructors: Towards the end of the first and second weeks of the survey period, we will send an email to instructors that includes the current response rate for each of their course sections. At the end of the survey period, a follow-up email to instructors will report the final response rate for each course section.

With Students: Once the survey opens, students will be emailed their first notification. (The text of the email is printed below.) There will be four additional reminder emails sent only to students who have not yet completed their forms.

Students that use Moodle or Blackboard Learn will be notified in both platforms if they have forms that need to be completed. (Instructors who use Moodle will also see a block appear in your course called "UMass Course Surveys." This block provides students with the survey link and reminds them if they still have forms to fill out.)

SRTI_Online Results

Once the grade submission deadline for the semester has passed (January 2, 2018), OAPA will generate departmental and instructor reports that are made available as electronic files to department and program SRTI coordinators, who then distribute reports to instructors.
Questions or Concerns

Please feel free to contact our office at oapamail@acad.umass.edu or 413-545-2564 if you have any questions or concerns.

First Email to be Sent to Students

Dear Student,

You currently have at least one online course survey available.

Use the following link to access your surveys:

http://owl.oit.umass.edu/partners/courseEvalSurvey/uma/

(If clicking the link does not take you to the login page, copy and paste it into the address bar of your browser.)

Each questionnaire gives you the opportunity to comment about a course and the way it was taught by your instructor(s). If a course was taught by more than one instructor, there will be a separate survey for each instructor for you to fill out.

The responses of individual students will not be identifiable in any reports. Course surveys are confidential to the extent allowed by law and University policy, and results are not shared with instructors until after they turn in students’ grades.

Your feedback is very important because it helps us improve the quality of the educational experience for all students.

It takes only a few minutes to fill out each form, so please complete your survey(s) now.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

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