

## Faculty Review of Course Evaluations

The eCore Curriculum and Instruction office sends eCore instructors the results of their course evaluations along with the eCore Instructor Evaluation report for the semester. Faculty must review the course evaluation results and the Instructor Evaluation and then complete the Instructor Evaluation Summary Survey, documenting what improvement they plan to make. eCore Administrative Services first implemented the Instruction Evaluation Summary during the 2009 Summer term. The eCore Instructor Evaluation was implemented during the end of the Fall 2009 term.

The Instructor Evaluation includes two elements from the course evaluation: timeliness of response to students and overall instructor effectiveness. The instructor evaluation also provides course retention percentage and the average retention for course subject area. Instructors are evaluated on discussion participation and discussion quality in the eCore Instructor Evaluation.

The eCore Faculty Instruction Evaluation Summary poses the following questions to eCore instructors:

- After reviewing your student evaluations, what do you think went well in the class?
- What was problematic? What needs to be improved?
- What do you plan to change next time you teach the course?

## Major Findings

In FY 2011, faculty evaluation summaries revealed:

- Use of outside multimedia, including PowerPoint, Wimba sessions, podcasts and class archives, enhanced achievement of learning outcomes.
- Multiple instructors planned to ensure students are aware of the course schedule and time commitment to eCore to diminish the number of missed assignments and course withdrawals.
- Faculty members added current topics, such as terrorism in POLS 1101, contributing to students being more engaged in course discussions.
- Students reported receiving more encouragement to perform better from the instructors, which in turn helped students to stay connected to and involved in the course.
- Faculty Evaluation Summary responses are published under each term's Course Information webpage at <http://ecore.usg.edu/admin>.