

Assessment of New and Revised Courses


The faculty and instructional designer responsible for each newly developed or revised course perform a 5-Star Review of the course once it is complete. The 5-Star Review is an assessment of whether the course meets the highest standards of widely-recognized principles of good practice in five areas: Course Introduction and Information; Learning Materials/Content; Assessment and Evaluation; Instructional Design and Interaction; Course Technology, Innovation, and Accessibility. These same faculty members continue to provide consultation throughout the first semester the new course is live in the event that further changes or content specific expertise are required. In addition to this continued collaboration, an alternative faculty member teaching a new or revised course in its first live semester is also asked to submit a 5-Star Review at the end of the term.

Current Initiatives

Course Homepage Updates

In an effort to emphasize the information presented within the News and Calendar widgets, the eCore team redesigned the course homepage beginning Summer 2014. The two-column layout implemented in the Spring was maintained; however, the News and Calendar widgets were moved to the top of each column. Further modifications can be expected during FY 2016.

The Tutor Talk widget was first introduced to all math eCore courses in Fall 2013. During Fall 2014, the widget was also placed on the homepage of each science and Spanish course. The widget allows students to easily access the embedded course tutor.



Need Help? Have a Question?
Chemistry Tutors are conveniently located
INSIDE
of your course.
Post your question(s) [HERE](#).

Course NavBar Updates

Beginning Spring 2015, GoVIEW—eCore’s LMS—was upgraded from version 10.2 to 10.3. Several tools and features were enhanced, but one of the most significant updates was made to the course NavBar. Instead of presenting an individual link for each, course tools were consolidated into cluster menus. This created a more organized look and allowed additional space for custom course links.

Course Resource Additions

Since their initial integration into GoView during FY 2014, Smarthinking and Turnitin have continued to see an increase in usage over time. In Summer 2014, tutorials for Smarthinking and Turnitin were added to the Course Resources folder in each subject area to ensure that students would be able to successfully access and navigate these applications.

Effectiveness of Faculty Instruction

In the eCore Course Evaluation that is provided at the end of each semester, students were asked whether the instructor taught the online course effectively. The table below shows results for FY 2015.

FY 2015 eCore Faculty Effectiveness

Overall, the instructor taught this online course effectively.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	61.7%	2535
Agree	24.8%	1019
Neutral	6.3%	260
Disagree	2.7%	121
Strongly Disagree	2.2%	67
Not Applicable	0.3%	11
Answered question		4060
Skipped question		44