ONLINE COURSE QUESTIONNAIRE

In 2012 the Bloomington Faculty Council approved the implementation and usage of a new Online Course Questionnaire for end-of-term course assessments. We invite you to learn more about this migration from the long used paper-based assessment to an online tool.

The Online Course Questionnaire (OCQ) consists of at least four core quantitative questions intended to help instructors improve their courses as well as five core "student-access" questions intended both to help instructors improve their courses as well as to provide a source of feedback to improve instruction. Faculty are also encouraged to utilize IUpulse, a formative feedback tool designed to help instructors assess students' learning needs and areas of perceived understanding. IUpulse provides instructors with an additional avenue to communicate with a diverse learner population and allows instructors to refine their teaching methodologies.

SCANNING SERVICES TESTING SERVICES

BEST and the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education are excited to share with you some important updates as we move into the busy fall semester.

Reports generated from the scanning of classroom exams (previously called Digitek) will now be available through a new platform called DigitalDesk. DigitalDesk is an online suite of tools that gives instructors more power and flexibility over their scantron tests and the resulting data that is generated. Instructors can manage answer keys, student scores, and download pre-formatted data files that can be uploaded easily into Canvas to assign grades. Scantron forms will still need to brought to BEST.

BEST administers placement exams in mathematics and foreign languages and exemption exams in biology and calculus to thousands of incoming freshmen and other undergraduates each year. We also administer the Graduate School for foreign language proficiency exams in French, German, and Spanish to graduate students who show proficiency at those language levels.

In addition, BEST serves as a test administration site for a number of other exams, including the SAT, GRE, PRAXIS, MCAT, and other widely-used admissions and certification exams.

PROCTORING SERVICES

BEST regularly proctor exams for students enrolled in online/distance-learning courses at IU regional campuses and other institutions worldwide who need to participate in testing on campus. Testing is done by appointment and must be scheduled in advance of the desired test date. Convenient appointment times may be arranged during the day, in the evening, or on the weekend.

We at BEST have used successfully at other Big Ten institutions, and we are excited to be able to offer it here at IU.

Training for faculty on DigitalDesk will be provided. Please watch for the email notice about training dates. For more information, please contact John Bean, Testing Services Administrator, at (812) 856-0684.
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We administer a wide variety of national, institutional and computer-based exams in conjunction with national test organizations and Indiana University academic departments. Our testing services include placement exams, standardized testing and proctored exams.

We offer scanning services for the scoring of tests, surveys and evaluation instruments.

Our Mission
Assessment, evaluation, and testing are essential processes in teaching and learning. The IU Bloomington Evaluation Services and Testing (BEST) helps IU faculty, students, and administrators with these activities through:

• Consultation with departments and individual faculty concerning assessment of student learning, evaluation of teaching, and educational surveys.
• Research and development of technologies used for testing, evaluation, and grade keeping.
• Development and maintenance of a system for course evaluation (Multi-Op) which is used by most IUB departments.
• Administration of placement tests and national standardized tests.
• Machine scoring of tests, surveys, and evaluation instruments.

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