

Teaching Evaluation Implementation Committee

Update for Department Chairs and Program Directors

January 2025

Background

- 2018: Senate convened an ad hoc committee to review policies, procedures, and mechanisms for how teaching is evaluated.
- 2021: Executive Council received and endorsed the ad hoc committee recommendations.
- 2022: Provost charged a joint Senate-admin committee (TEIC) to implement the ad hoc recommendations.
- 2023: TEIC completed consultation on draft implementation plan including new student evaluation of teaching (SET) questions.

New SET questions

- Fall 2023: completed revisions in response to feedback received.
- Spring 2024: conducted a pilot.
- Summer 2024: analyzed pilot results and additional feedback; submitted final report and recommendations to the Senate.
- Fall 2024: Executive Council endorsed the recommendations.

Next steps

- TEIC roles transitioning to Senate
- Spring 2025: second pilot (“test drive”) will run.
- Summer 2025: ITS will switch from iEval to Qualtrics platform.
- Fall 2025: campus-wide implementation of new platform and new SET questions; old iEval system and questions will be retired.

Preview

<https://ucrcourseevals.qualtrics.com/>

- Early-term SET: optional and very brief
- End-of-term SET: required for most courses; now customizable
- Results dashboards

WSCUC Reaffirmation of Accreditation

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- UCR has been accredited since 1956, currently by WSCUC.
- Accreditation is a form of peer review and is very public.
- 2010: UCR received an 8-year reaccreditation with an interim report.
 - Expanding/improving assessment of student learning outcomes.
 - Completing a strategic planning process to support aspirational goals.
- 2018: UCR received an 8-year reaccreditation with an interim report and a special visit.
 - Expanding/improving assessment of student learning outcomes.
 - Residual items from strategic planning, mostly related to our budget model.
 - “A stronger campus commitment to accreditation processes”.
- Standard result for UC and AAU: 10-year clean accreditation.

Planning for 2026 reaccreditation

- The Assessment Advisory Committee will be the steering committee.
- March 2025: complete the “self-study” phase.
- November 2025: complete a draft of the institutional report.
- February 2026: campus-wide review of the draft institutional report.
- April 2026: submit final institutional report to WSCUC.
- May 2026: “off-site review” by the visiting team.
- November 2026: site visit including meetings with department chairs.

Things to know

- WSCUC does not dictate our goals; they want us to articulate our goals and show we have “aligned” our resources to achieve them.
- The visiting team will use 41 criteria to evaluate us against 4 standards; our job is to show evidence of compliance in each area.
- The WSCUC Standards of Accreditation emphasize:
 - Educational effectiveness and student outcomes
 - Evidence-based decision-making and continuous improvement
 - Serving all students
- Our main liability remains assessment of student learning outcomes.