

CourseEvalUM Update – Fall 2018

As we begin the Fall 2018 semester, we'd like to share some updates about the CourseEvalUM system.

We anticipate that **Summer 2018 evaluation reports** will be available for instructors and administrators on or before September 7. Results will be available for students via ELMS on or before September 11.

Recent Accomplishments:

- Enhanced system functionality now allows us to **update access to administrator reports** much faster than before. In most cases, access should be granted within 5 business days and will include all historic results.
- In order to include even more courses taught using non-standard dates, we have begun scheduling evaluations using **“evaluation seasons”** rather than traditional semesters. Sections are assigned to seasons based on the section end date in the scheduling system, regardless of the term assigned to the section. For example, a Summer 2018 course that ends in late September would be evaluated during the Fall 2018 season.
 - The Fall 2018 “season” will run from September 14 to December 20. You can view details about a particular course’s evaluation dates through our [Course and Instructor Reports](#).
- This summer, we began offering **“preliminary reports”** that give instructors early access to unofficial evaluation results. These reports, which do not include department and college averages, become available to instructors after 90% of grades have been submitted. Preliminary reports are then replaced with our full suite of official reports a few weeks after the evaluation season ends.
- **Merge reports** that combine large-lecture and cross-listed sections into a single report are now available for all semesters from Summer 2014 onward.
- **Students can now view results** via ELMS for all semesters from Summer 2014 onward (for sections with a 70% or higher response rate).

Enhancement Plans:

Our highest priorities for enhancements to CourseEvalUM for this academic year include:

- Update UMD-to-Blue data architecture to address some recent data integrity issues
- Design data structures for course evaluation results to be added to the data warehouse
- Testing and implementing a software upgrade from the vendor that offers reporting enhancements
- Migrate user documentation for faculty and staff from IRPA’s website to the [CourseEvalUM Help Center](#)

Other Items:

- The University Senate APAS Committee’s working group on course evaluations continues its work to identify recommendations for changes to the instrument and processes. We anticipate having more information to share during the Fall semester.