

**Student Opinion of Laboratory and Activity Teaching Effectiveness (SOLATE) Revision**  
Proposal to Professional Standards Committee by SERB, September 2016

*Note: Text highlighted in red has been revised.*

**Instructions**

This instrument is designed to be a professional evaluation of your instructor's teaching performance. It is NOT designed to measure your reaction to the subject, the facilities (such as the physical conditions of the classroom), or your instructor's physical appearance. Your individual ratings will be anonymous and a summary of items 1-15 will be available to your instructor after grades are turned in. This summary may enhance your instructor's teaching. It will also be used in the evaluation of your instructor for personnel matters such as retention, tenure and promotion. **If the question does not apply to your course, please select "not applicable/no opportunity to observe".**

The lab or activity instructor:

1. Made course requirements clear.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

2. Used grading criteria that were clear.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

3. Was well prepared for class or activity.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

4. Showed concern for student success in the course, and was accessible and responsive to students.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

**Commented [ES1]:** Replaces: "You are being asked to provide your opinion regarding the effectiveness of your instructor in the attitudes or behaviors listed below. Only the rating of the class as a whole will be reported; individual student ratings will not be identifiable. You may also supplement this anonymous questionnaire with a formal signed letter to the department chairperson."

**Commented [ES2]:** Addition.

**Commented [ES3]:** The following questions were removed:

"Collected enough relevant information to assign grades."

"Used class time effectively."

"Demonstrated or explained technical skills as necessary."

**Commented [ES4]:** Response format changed from:

- A. Excellent
- B. Above Average
- C. Average
- D. Below Average
- E. Far Below Average
- NA. Not applicable or no opportunity to observe

**Commented [ES5]:** Replaces: "Used fair and impartial grading methods."

**Commented [ES6]:** Addition.

**Commented [ES7]:** Replaces: "Provided individual assistance as necessary." and "Was accessible to students during the class activity."

5. Made the class environment safe for students, including demonstration of the proper use of any equipment and techniques.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

**Commented [ES8]:** Addition.

6. Helped me integrate the lecture concepts with the class/activity.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

**Commented [ES9]:** Replaces: "Helped me apply theory or concept to class activity."

7. Increased my understanding of the subject.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

8. Stimulated my interest in the subject.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

**Commented [ES10]:** Replaces: "Helped me learn material."

9. Overall, this instructor's teaching was effective.

- 5. Strongly Agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neutral
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly Disagree
- Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

**Commented [ES11]:** Modified response format. Previously:

The overall effectiveness of this instructor is:  
A. Excellent  
B. Above Average  
C. Average  
D. Below Average  
E. Far Below Average  
NA. Not applicable or no opportunity to observe

Please answer the following informational items: *(wording and responses changed only to match current SOTE instrument)*

11. What is your current estimate of your expected overall grade in this course?

- A
- B
- C
- D or F
- Other (Credit/No Credit, Incomplete, etc.)

**Commented [ES12]:** Replaces: Based on mid-term exams, projects, and graded assignments to date, what is your current grade in the course?

12. You are a:

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate Student
- Credential Only
- Other (e.g. Open University)

Free-Response Questions:

What do you think are the strengths of this instructor's teaching?

What suggestions, if any, do you have to further improve the instructor's teaching?

If you like, please use this space to elaborate on your responses to the multiple choice questions above.

**Commented [ES13]:** Modified response format:  
Previously:

Freshman/Sophomore  
Junior/Senior  
Graduate Student  
Other (e.g., Open University, Audit, etc.)

**Commented [ES14]:** Addition.