

## Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) 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 1-13 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"**.

Commented [ES1]: Replaces: "to evaluate"

Commented [ES2]: Addition.

Commented [ES3]: Addition.

### Multiple Choice Questions

The instructor:

1. Demonstrated relevance of the course content:
  5. Strongly Agree
  4. Agree
  3. Neutral
  2. Disagree
  1. Strongly Disagree
  - Not applicable/no opportunity to observe
2. Used assignments that enhanced learning:
  5. Strongly Agree
  4. Agree
  3. Neutral
  2. Disagree
  1. Strongly Disagree
  - Not applicable/no opportunity to observe
3. Summarized/emphasized important points:
  5. Strongly Agree
  4. Agree
  3. Neutral
  2. Disagree
  1. Strongly Disagree
  - Not applicable/no opportunity to observe
4. Was responsive to questions and comments from students:
  5. Strongly Agree
  4. Agree
  3. Neutral
  2. Disagree
  1. Strongly Disagree
  - Not applicable/no opportunity to observe

5. Established an atmosphere that facilitated learning:

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

6. Was approachable for assistance:

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

7. Was **respectful of** the diversity of students in this class:

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

Commented [ES4]: Replaces: "responsive to"

8. Showed strong interest in teaching this class:

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

9. **Used teaching methods that helped students learn important concepts:**

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

Commented [ES5]: Replaces: "Used intellectually challenging teaching methods."

10. **Used grading criteria that were clear:**

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

Commented [ES6]: Replaces: "Used fair grading methods."

11. Helped students analyze complex/abstract ideas:

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

12. Provided meaningful feedback about student work:

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

13. 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

Please answer the following informational items:

14. 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.)

15. You are a:

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

16. Did you complete this form without undue influence from other students?

- Yes
- No

17. Did you complete this form without undue influence from the instructor?

- Yes
- No

**Commented [ES7]:** Modified response format.  
Previously:

Overall, this instructor's teaching was:

- 5. Very Effective
- 4. Effective
- 3. Somewhat Effective
- 2. Ineffective
- 1. Very Ineffective

**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.

**Commented [ES8]:** Replaces: "Discuss the strengths of this instructor's teaching."

**Commented [ES9]:** Replaces: "Discuss the weaknesses and/or areas in need of improvement for this instructor's teaching."

**Commented [ES10]:** Replaces: "Please provide any other comments you feel would be helpful to the instructor regarding his/her teaching performance/ability."