

University Writing 20 Assessment – Spring 2007

Table 1. About the Course

	Percent N=
Overall rating of the course	
Poor	3.0%
2	6.6%
3	20.7%
4	36.7%
Excellent	33.0%
Amount you learned in the course	
Almost nothing	4.2%
2	9.9%
3	23.5%
4	33.1%
A great deal	29.4%
Overall, how would you rate your level of intellectual challenge in the course?.	
Not at all challenged	1.9%
2	8.2%
3	20.6%
4	41.5%
Very challenged	27.9%
Amount of effort/ work required was	
Very little	0.1%
2	2.3%
3	12.7%
4	42.2%
A great deal	42.6%
Overall, how would you rate your level of engagement in the subject matter?	
Not at all engaged	2.3%
2	8.4%
3	20.9%
4	34.7%
Very engaged	33.7%
Increased conceptual understanding and/or critical thinking	
Not At All	3.3%
2	7.0%
3	20.1%
4	36.0%
A great deal	33.5%
Course content was organized in a manner that facilitated learning	
Not At All	2.8%
2	10.7%
3	17.3%
4	34.1%
Completely	35.1%

Table 2. About the instructor

	Percent N= 874
Overall rating of the instructor	
Poor	3.6%
2	5.9%
3	14.1%
4	31.9%
Excellent	44.5%
Was knowledgeable about the subject and course material	
Not at all knowledgeable	0.4%
2	1.9%
3	7.2%
4	21.9%
Very knowledgeable	68.6%
Accessibility outside of class.	
Not at all accessible	0.4%
2	3.6%
3	9.9%
4	26.9%
Very accessible	59.2%
Enthusiasm for topic/subject	
Not at all enthusiastic	0.2%
2	1.4%
3	8.9%
4	19.7%
Very enthusiastic	69.8%
Designed and used fair grading procedures	
Not at all fair	3.6%
2	7.5%
3	16.8%
4	28.9%
Very fair	43.1%
Provided adequate feedback on exams/papers/performance	
Not adequate	1.5%
2	6.6%
3	11.7%
4	27.2%
Very adequate	52.9%

Table 3. Student self-evaluation

	Percent N=874
On average, how much time outside of class did you spend per week on UW20?	
No hours	0.4%
2 hours or less	16.2%
3-5 hours	49.0%

6-10 hours	24.2%
11-15 hours	6.7%
16-20 hours	2.0%
More than 20 hours	1.4%
I registered for this particular section because the content interested me	
Strongly Disagree	6.4%
2	8.0%
3	18.3%
4	35.0%
Strongly Agree	32.3%
The theme of this course was engaging	
Not at all	4.1%
2	8.5%
3	18.1%
4	34.4%
Very	34.9%
Feedback on assignments was returned in a timely fashion	
Not at all	4.2%
2	6.6%
3	17.9%
4	35.4%
Very	35.9%
The class size contributed to making this course an effective learning experience	
Strongly disagree	0.8%
2	2.7%
3	13.3%
4	31.6%
Strongly agree	51.7%
Collaborating with other students on classroom projects or activities was valuable	
Strongly disagree	0.0%
2	12.2%
3	21.4%
4	33.1%
Strongly agree	33.3%
My ability to analyze and evaluate arguments in the readings improved.	
Strongly disagree	4.1%
2	8.2%
3	22.7%
4	39.0%
Strongly agree	26.0%
The course enhanced my writing ability	
Strongly disagree	5.9%
2	8.3%
3	19.1%
4	38.9%
Strongly agree	27.8%

My ability to synthesize ideas from a number of sources was enhanced.	
Strongly disagree	3.8%
2	8.3%
3	17.8%
4	39.1%
Strongly agree	31.0%
My ability to construct arguments improved.	
Strongly disagree	4.5%
2	7.8%
3	20.1%
4	39.6%
Strongly agree	28.0%
My research skills improved	
Strongly disagree	3.3%
2	5.8%
3	14.5%
4	38.7%
Strongly agree	37.6%
I am comfortable using the GW libraries for research	
Strongly disagree	1.4%
2	3.7%
3	13.1%
4	38.1%
Strongly agree	43.7%
My ability to locate articles in the database improved:	
Strongly disagree	1.9%
2	3.4%
3	13.8%
4	36.7%
Strongly agree	44.2%
My ability to locate books through the library catalog improved:	
Strongly disagree	6.0%
2	9.0%
3	18.0%
4	33.1%
Strongly agree	33.9%
In addition to UW20, I took one or more classes this semester that required significant research.	
Yes	44.7%
No	55.3%
The research skills learned in UW20 were useful in other classes I took this semester	
Not at all useful	7.1%
2	9.6%
3	21.1%
4	32.4%
Very useful	29.9%
The opportunities created by my instructor for peer feedback were helpful	

Not at all	4.5%
2	11.4%
3	18.8%
4	35.0%
Greatly	30.3%
Compared with my other GW courses this semester the amount of effort I put into UW20 was:	
Lower	2.8%
2	3.3%
3 About the Same	22.0%
4	35.2%
Higher	36.6%