

FAQs for Students

Why do I have to take this appraisal?

The *Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal* provides Eastern with information concerning how critically our students are thinking. Good critical thinking skills are one of the goals of General Education, and this appraisal shows us whether we are meeting that goal or whether we will need to make changes in the General Education program. The results of this exam help Eastern make sure that you are receiving the best possible education that we can offer, and if you are not, to make adjustments to improve that education.

What happens to me if I don't take the exam?

Watson-Glaser is not a graduation requirement. It is part of your senior seminar, and it is up to your instructor to impose any penalties or ramifications for your not taking the exam.

Do I need to study for the exam?

You do not need to study for this exam. It is not testing what you know, but rather how you think and process information to solve problems. All the information you will need to know to complete the appraisal is given in the examination booklet.

What is the exam like?

The exam booklet will ask you to read passages containing information about a topic in one of these fields. You will then be asked to complete a series of questions based on this topic.

How long is the exam?

You will be given 30 minutes to complete the test.

What do I need for the exam?

Bring pencils to the class where you will take the exam. All other materials will be supplied.

Do I get a copy of my results?

Yes, your senior seminar instructor will be given the results for the students in his/her class.