

Eastern Illinois University

**INFORMATION FOR  
SENIOR SEMINAR FACULTY**

**Resources**

Assessment Web Site:

[www.eiu.edu/~assess](http://www.eiu.edu/~assess)

Senior Seminar Web Site:

<http://www.eiu.edu/~acaffair/SeniorSeminar/>

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Web site: [www.eiu.edu/~casa2000](http://www.eiu.edu/~casa2000)

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## ELECTRONIC WRITING PORTFOLIO

**Writing-Intensive Courses:** All senior seminars are writing intensive: 35% or more of the final course grade is devoted to student writing and at least one writing assignment must be revised after it has been commented upon by the instructor.

**Deadlines:** Faculty are encouraged to set a date for when they will read EWP submissions and to publish that date on the course syllabus to encourage students to submit early. This deadline is especially pertinent for graduating seniors. CASA accepts submissions throughout the year.

**Forms:** Submission forms and the scoring rubric may be found on-line at the assessment web site. Only submissions rated a 2 or higher will be accepted for submission; submissions scored as a 1 must be revised by the student.

**More Information:** Brochures on the EWP are available for faculty to hand out to students in class. Call 581-8384 to request copies of the brochure or to ask questions about EWP questions. A list of courses and FAQs are on the assessment web site.

## SPEAKING COMPONENT

**Administration:** A packet of speaking forms and a copy of the speaking rubric will be delivered to your department at the beginning of the semester; these forms may be used for individual or group speeches. As students deliver their presentations, fill out the assessment form and return the top copy to Rm. 2100 Ninth St. Hall along with any unused forms as soon as the class has delivered all presentations. The second copy of the form may be given to the student.

**Group presentations:** The rubric was designed by Communication Studies faculty to accommodate individual and group presentations. If your students give group presentations, only one form can be completed for each group. However, all group members names must accompany the evaluation. Please clip together the unused sheets with the students' name labels to the completed form.

**More Information:** Questions about the speaking form may be directed to 581-5986 and additional information is on the assessment web site, including information on using the scoring rubric.

## GLOBAL SURVEY

**The Survey:** This survey is administered on-line and should be completed before the 12th week of the semester. Composed of 32 questions, this survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete. While we can track which students completed the survey, we cannot link the students' names to their answers. The survey is available at <http://casa.eiu.edu/global/senior>. Students will need their account name (Eastern email user id) to complete this survey.

**Administration:** Faculty are asked to alert students that they must complete this survey and to direct them to complete it before the Watson-Glaser administration. We encourage faculty to make the completion of this survey a requirement of the course. A list of students who have completed the survey will be supplied to faculty at midterm and the week following the survey deadline.

**More Information:** For a list of instructions on how to complete the survey see the assessment web site; questions call 581-6695.

## WATSON-GLASER CRITICAL THINKING APPRAISAL

**The Appraisal:** The short form of this appraisal takes 30 minutes to complete with an additional 10 minutes given to instructions. There are 16 scenarios given in this 40-item exam. Students complete a scantron form to answer these 40 items.

**Administration:** Appraisals and information on administration will be delivered to your department the week prior to administration. In the regular semester, the Watson-Glaser is to be administered in the 12th week of the semester. Weekend courses should administer the exam in the last 45 minutes of the second Friday session. Summer courses should follow the dates established as corresponding to the 12th week in the semester. Dates for administration will be posted on the assessment web site. Completed exams should be delivered to rm. 2100 Ninth St. Hall for scoring. Reports will be sent to the instructor, so results may be shared with the students. Students who miss the in-class administration are to arrange a time to take the exam with their instructor.

**More Information:** Additional information about the exam and FAQs may be found on the assessment web site or call 581-5986.