Completing the Course/Instructor Opinion Survey (CIOS): Why it is in your best interest

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http://www.cetl.gatech.edu/cios/digitalmeasures_student.htm
CIOS General Information

• **Who:** all students are expected to submit CIOS responses for their courses each semester. You will receive email reminders to complete the survey.

• **What:** CIOS is a common survey administered in all regular courses
  – Core questions (results seen by instructors, appropriate administrators, and students when there are sufficient responses)
    • Questions about your effort
    • Questions about your instructor
    • Question about your course
  – 0-3 instructor selected questions (results seen only by instructors)
  – Comments: please be polite and constructive (results seen only by instructors)

• **Where:** A company called Digital Measures hosts the survey
  [http://www.cetl.gatech.edu/cios/digitalmeasures_student.htm](http://www.cetl.gatech.edu/cios/digitalmeasures_student.htm)

• **When:** the survey is open during the last two weeks of classes and through Sunday at midnight following finals week
  – Log in at any time during the survey period to complete your surveys
  – Instructors cannot see CIOS results until five days after grades are due

• **Why:** to improve the quality of instruction across the campus
Individual faculty DO utilize CIOS results

- They use results to plan for improvements in teaching and learning in their classes
  - Numerical averages for different questions inform strengths and areas for improvement
  - Constructive comments help decide what changes to make and how
- They must submit numerical results for promotion and tenure applications
- They can select comments to submit for promotion and tenure

Note: changes are much more likely when more students contribute (politely and constructively) to CIOS data.
Departments and administration DO utilize CIOS results

- They track faculty performance in courses to aid in the course assignment process
- They use numerical data to support promotion and tenure decisions (they do not see comments unless instructors choose to submit them)

Note: decisions made using CIOS depend on the quality of data received. When more students complete CIOS, better decisions are made.
Students CAN utilize CIOS results

– Choose potential instructors
  • Check past faculty ratings (at http://sga.gatech.edu/critique/Search.php)
  • See which instructors get high response rates
– Benefit from past student CIOS contributions in courses where changes have been made

- Note: only courses with >5 responses AND 30% response rate show up on SGA’s Course Critique
- More responses to CIOS means more data for YOU!