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
- **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!*