2018-2019 University Writing Project

Accreditation, Assessment and Evaluation (AAE) invites faculty to participate in the 2018-2019 University Writing Project (UWP) by submitting student written assignments for evaluation. The UWP is an in-house assessment of student writing that uses course-embedded assignments to assess writing performance of juniors and seniors from across the university.

**How are the results used?**

The university-level writing performance outcomes are posted each year on the assessment webpage for public access while the individualized reports and course-level qualitative feedback are sent to the departments and course instructors participating in the project. These results are also made available to be used by the General Education Committee (GEC) to inform their discussions on writing outcomes for NIU graduates.

**What happens when I submit an assignment?**

Submitted and qualifying assignments will be evaluated using a modified VALUE Rubric. The modified rubric is modeled after two of the AAC&U VALUE Rubrics: Written Communication and Critical Thinking. Assessment data will be available to faculty, departments, and colleges by Fall 2019.

**Faculty can participate by:**

1. **Selecting one** assignment from a 300/400 level course that you find appropriate to be evaluated by the [rubric](#). Student assignments **MUST** be a minimum of three pages of text. *(We recommend 3-15 pages).*

2. **Informing** students that course assignments will be submitted to AAE for institutional, college, and program level assessment. Individual student results will remain confidential.

3. **Registering here** to send the course name, semester, and section # to AAE (e.g. ENGL 104, Fall 2018, section 0001) **by Friday, November 16, 2018 (for Fall 2018 papers) and Friday, March 22, 2019 (for Spring 2019 papers).**

4. **Sending** the final writing assignment instructions and student writing samples to AAE **by Thursday, December 20, 2018 (for Fall 2018 papers) and Friday, April 26, 2019 (for Spring 2019 papers).** Faculty and instructors may choose to submit papers in any of the following ways:
   a. E-mail papers to tgipson1@niu.edu.
   b. Share papers with tgipson1@niu.edu via OneDrive or Dropbox.
   c. Give us access to your class in Blackboard so we can download papers.
   d. Provide clean hard copies and send through interoffice mail to Adams Hall, B20.

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