WE ARE ALL GOING BLUE®...
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**What:** The implementation of BLUE®, UAF’s new electronic system for recording students’ opinions of their courses and instructors

**When:** Fall 2015, during the final segment of each course taken (last two weeks for standard 14-week courses)

**Where:** All of UAF including the main campus, rural and community campuses, and remote locations

**Why:** Full accessibility (smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop); flexibility (fill out in class or on your own time, as per instructor’s direction); lower costs than the old paper-based system.

**How:** Follow the instructions included in the e-mail ([UAF-course-eval@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-course-eval@alaska.edu)) sent to your preferred address or through BlackBoard® to reach your BLUE® portal, fill out the survey for each course, submit. DONE!

**FAQ**

**Will BLUE® be similar to IAS®?** It will be sharper, shorter, faster! Only 17 to 25 questions, and to the point.

**Can students complete the survey on their own time?** You are invited to access the BLUE® portal and complete the evaluation of your courses at your earliest convenience. Your instructor may provide class time for you to complete the survey.

**What if I cannot remember my UA credentials to log in to course surveys?** You can go to ELMO ([https://elmo.alaska.edu](https://elmo.alaska.edu)) and retake possession of your identity!

**Will I be able to add comments to the survey?** The survey will give you significant space to type in comments.

**Is it anonymous?** Any information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. After grades are released all evaluations will be anonymously made available to the instructor.

**Who should I contact if I have other questions?** Please contact [UAF-course-eval@alaska.edu](mailto:UAF-course-eval@alaska.edu)
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Will BLUE® be similar to IAS®? It will be sharper, shorter, faster! Only 17 to 25 questions, depending on how many personalized questions you wish to add, and more on point!

Will response rates change? The short answer is: no, if you help us! Your support in endorsing BLUE®, reminding students how important and valuable their opinions are, and how you have molded your course based on prior comments is the best way to engage them and prompt them to fill out the survey. It is possible that the first time response rates will drop. However, a significant effort has been put forth to increase students’ awareness, and to identify suitable incentives. Remember that even if the quality and the quantity of responses change, your course will be evaluated against overall campus performance, and not in absolute terms!

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Can instructors add their own questions to their surveys? You can add up to 8 course-specific questions. You can decide to use questions that are listed in the available question bank, or you can write your own questions. That new textbook you adopted and you were not sure about? Now it’s time to ask your students’ opinion, and only you can do it!

What if an instructor does not add specific questions? Students will receive their invitations at the designated time regardless of whether you add questions. However you may want to access BLUE® and click “submit” even if you do not wish to add any questions, if you want to avoid receiving reminders.

Will TAs be evaluated? BLUE® is fed with info from Banner®. If the TA name is input in Banner®, he/she will be evaluated with BLUE®.

Is it anonymous? All information students provide will be kept strictly confidential. Anonymised evaluations will be made available to you after grades are released.

When will instructors get their reports? Instructors will get their reports two weeks after the due date for course grades.

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