

# Eastern Learning Communities Participation Evaluation

**Semester and Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ELC number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation for Eastern's Learning Communities Program. We appreciate your honesty in answering each question. The information collected through your responses is confidential and will not be shared with your instructor until **after** final course grades have been submitted. Your responses will be used to improve the learning experience and program design of Eastern's Learning Communities. Please indicate the response that most closely reflects your opinion and use the space provided to record any additional comments you have.

## General Information

I enrolled in a learning community because (check up to three)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> times of classes were good            | <input type="checkbox"/> classes satisfied General Education Requirements     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> interested in theme/description       | <input type="checkbox"/> thought a community would ease transition to college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> only choice left when registering     | <input type="checkbox"/> recommended by an advisor                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> recommended by a friend/other student | <input type="checkbox"/> recommended by parent                                |

## Participant Evaluation

Please rate each item **twice**.

**On the left, rate the frequency:** 0 = never; 4 = at least once a week.

**On the right, rate helped my learning:** 0 = not at all; 4 = very much. (Circle the number that applies.)

### Frequency

### Helped

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| 0 1 2 3 4 | 1. Participated in group work in class.   | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 2. Studied outside class with someone from my Eastern Learning Community (ELC).   | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 3. Attended a campus event/activity with someone from my ELC.                     | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 4. Felt comfortable expressing my opinion in class, even on controversial issues. | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 5. Saw connections between the readings/ discussions in my different classes.     | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 6. Learned with/from students whose cultural background was different from mine.  | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 7. Asked a classmate for help on an assignment.                                   | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 8. Wrote journal entries and essays, and received feedback on my writing.         | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 9. In my ELC, considered issues related to individual and civil ethics.           | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 10. Discussed ideas from my classes with peers outside of class.                  | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 11. Worked on my note taking, time management, and reading skills.                | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 12. Discussed ideas with an instructor outside of class.                          | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 13. Collaborated with a classmate on a project outside of class                   | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 14. Helped a classmate outside of class.  | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 15. Took a leadership role either in class or outside of class.                   | 0 1 2 3 4 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 16. Practiced thinking and problem-solving skills in my ELC.                      | 0 1 2 3 4 |

For the following items, indicate whether you (4) Strongly Agree, (3) Agree, (2) Disagree, or (1) Strongly Disagree.

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| 17. My ELC courses relate to each other.  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 18. My writing skills have improved as a result of the instruction and assignments in the ELC.                  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 19. I receive support and encouragement from the ELC instructors.   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 20. My ELC instructors are approachable and accessible outside of class.  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 21. My ability to work in groups has improved because of my participation in the ELC.                           | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 22. I feel a sense of belonging at Eastern.   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 23. I receive support and encouragement from other students in the ELC.   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 24. My ELC classes academically challenging.  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 25. I use computer technologies (i.e. e-mail, Blackboard) to communicate with my instructors.                   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 26. My FS Learning facilitator made a difference in supporting my learning.                                     | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 27. My ELC has prepared me for success in my first year of college.   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 28. I set high but realistic expectations for my learning and my community's learning.                          | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 29. I came to see my learning environment as more than just my classrooms.                                      | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 30. My non-ELC instructors are approachable and accessible outside of class.                                    | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 31. I have learned more in my ELC classes than I did in my other classes.                                       | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 32. The theme of my ELC was important and interesting and the University should repeat it in a future semester. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 33. The theme of my ELC is interesting to me.   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 34. The ELC theme is well integrated in instructor's activities and class materials.                            | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 35. The integration of subjects increased my understanding of course materials.                                 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 36. There are integrated writing assignments in my ELC.   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 37. I would recommend participation in an ELC to friends and/or new students coming to Eastern.                 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 38. I'm happy with my decision to participate in an ELC.  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

## Open Questions

39. What I liked most about my experience in the ELC was ...
40. What I liked least about my experience in the ELC was ...
41. My suggestions for ELC planners for future semesters are ...
42. What did you expect to gain from participating in an ELC? Did the program meet your expectations?
43. How has being in an ELC helped you in your first semester at Eastern?
44. Any other comments about ELCs ...