

LiveText and General Studies Assessment

General Studies Student Learning Outcomes:

Communication: Upon completion of the general studies program at West Liberty, students will communicate with clarity, coherence, and persuasiveness.

Analysis: Upon completion of the general studies program at West Liberty, students will apply appropriate concepts and methods to analyze, evaluate, and interpret information or texts, implementing suitable strategies to solve problems or relate analyses as appropriate.

Self & Cultural Awareness:

Upon completion of the general studies program at West Liberty, students will reflect objectively on the human condition through investigation, appreciation, and evaluation of the products, perceptions, expressions, and interrelations of various cultures.

Additional information about the General Studies Assessment Committee, GS Assessment, GS Rubrics, and the GS Course Review Process can be found on the IR&A website:
<http://westliberty.edu/institutional-research-and-assessment/general-studies-assessment-committee/>

Who needs to use LiveText?

Faculty who teach courses within the general studies curriculum are required to use LiveText to collect assessment results on the GS student learning outcome associated with the course as specified in the WLU Catalog, and students enrolled in GS courses are required to use LiveText.

How to access the GS rubrics?

- A LiveText assignment with the appropriate rubric attached is copied to all GS courses at the beginning of each semester by Paula Tomasik, IR&A Director and University LT Administrator.
- Faculty may EDIT the assignment, (change title, include description, assignment due date, etc.) but **NEVER COPY OR CHANGE THE GS RUBRICS**
- Faculty teaching GS courses should **only use the University GS Rubrics** for assessment data collection.
- After logging in to LiveText, if you do not see the appropriate GS assignment included with your semester courses, please contact Paula Tomasik, ptomasik@westliberty.edu or (8340).

Why use LiveText?

- The use of LiveText eases the burden of data, collection, aggregation, and analysis with a limited staff devoted to university assessment.
- Students will benefit from continuous improvement of course and programmatic revisions based on analysis of data by the faculty, chairs, deans, and/or GSAC.
- Student cost for a five-year subscription is equal to that of a regular college textbook.
- Students are able to review ALL previous submissions, returned comments and rubrics, and utilize for their own personal reflective practice.

Do all students need LiveText the first week of classes?

- Purchasing LiveText IS required for all students enrolled in GS courses.
- The "cut-off" date for purchase is left up to the instructor and/or department/program of the course. The GSAC recommends a minimum cut-off date of at LEAST a week prior to the assessment being submitted to the LiveText system. There are typically a few students who have difficulty registering and this allows time for them to get assistance.

Who is responsible for making sure this process is done correctly?

- It is the responsibility of faculty to know how to use LiveText for GS assessment data/collection. If you are unsure, or if you have other questions, please contact Paula Tomasik, WLU LiveText Campus Administrator, ptomasik@westliberty.edu (8340).
- LiveText training sessions will be offered throughout the academic year.

Thank you for continued efforts in helping to build a strong general studies assessment system!