

Chapter 4: COLLEGIATE LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Who takes it?

A sample of 100+ first-year students and seniors. Effective December 2006, seniors were no longer sampled. Those seniors who take the CLA from this point forward are required to do so as their senior test. The disciplines requiring the CLA are: Communication Disorders, English, Interdisciplinary Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy and Religion, Russian, and Theatre.

When is it administered?

First-year students take the CLA in the Fall and seniors in the Spring.

What office administers it?

The Assessment and Testing Office administers it online in coordination with The Council for Aid to Education.

Who originates the exam?

Council for Aid to Education and the RAND Corporation.

When are the results typically available?

First-year results are available in the spring and senior results in the early fall.

What type of information is sought?

The CLA is divided into two tasks: an Analytical Writing Task and a Performance Task. Students take one of the two tasks, which measure critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and written communication. For more information and examples of questions, consult CAE website at: http://www.cae.org/content/pro_collegiate.htm#

From whom are the results available?

Council for Aid to Education
215 Lexington Avenue, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10016-6023
(212) 661-5800
e-mail: cla@cae.org

To whom are the results regularly distributed?

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assessment Committee, and the campus community through this *Almanac*.

Are the results available by department or discipline?

No.

Are the results comparable to data of other universities?

Yes.

Truman Administration and Results

Truman State University participated in the CLA in 2010-2011. First-year students were invited to participate in the fall of 2010 during Truman Week. First-year students who completed the CLA were given a coupon to Main Street. Seniors were invited to participate in the spring of 2011 and the CLA counted as their senior test. Truman State University's institutional results for 2010-2011 are available to faculty, staff, and students through the Provost Office.

The full institutional report is in chapter 16 of this almanac