

Chapter 4: Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA+)

Who takes it?

A sample of approximately 100 freshman and seniors. While the freshman students are randomly selected; some seniors take the CLA+ as their senior test. The disciplines that require the CLA+ include: Communication Disorders, English, Interdisciplinary Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy and Religion, Russian, and Theatre.

When is it administered?

The CLA+ is taken by freshman students in the Fall and is taken by the seniors in the Spring each year.

What office administers it?

It is administered by the Assessment and Testing Office online with The Council for Aid to Education.

Who originates the exam?

The Council for Aid to Education.

When are the results normally available?

Freshman 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. Individual students take one of the two tasks, which measure critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and written communication

From whom are the results available?

The Council for Aid to Education provides an institutional report that's included in this report. CAE emails individual results to the students

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.

Collegiate Learning Assessment

The objective of the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA+) is to measure problem solving, critical thinking, writing skills, and analytical reasoning through the use of a performance-based assessment. This assessment also demonstrates how an institution is contributing to the growth of students in the aforementioned measured skills. The test uses ACT scores as the estimate of incoming ability and compares this to test scores. This allows a comparison of progress shown after the entry level. Furthermore, the CLA+ offers comparisons across participating institutions.

Truman Summary of Results

First-year students at Truman had a Total CLA+ score of 1149; this score is greater than approximately 90% of CLA+ schools. By CLA standards, this score is labeled “Proficient”.

For Truman seniors, the Total CLA+ score is 1226, which is better than 92% of CLA+ schools. By CLA+ standards, this score suggests Truman seniors are “Accomplished”.

Summary CLA+ Results, by Class

		MEAN SCORE	STANDARD DEVIATION	25 TH PERCENTILE SCORE	75 TH PERCENTILE SCORE	MEAN SCORE PERCENTILE RANK	EFFECT SIZE V. FRESHMEN
TOTAL CLA+ SCORE	Freshmen	1149	124	1078	1228	90	--
	Sophomores	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Juniors	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	92
	Seniors	1226	109	1150	1314	N/A	N/A
PERFORMAN CE TASK	Freshmen	1096	151	1038	1201	75	--
	Sophomores	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Juniors	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	84
	Seniors	1196	139	1108	1298	N/A	N/A
SELECTED- RESPONSE QUESTIONS	Freshmen	1201	165	1092	1310	97	--
	Sophomores	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Juniors	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	95
	Seniors	1255	141	1165	1360	N/A	N/A
ENTERING ACADEMIC ABILITY	Freshmen	1210	132	1110	1300	94	--
	Sophomores	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--
	Juniors	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	--
	Seniors	1256	134	1150	1380	98	--

Truman State University has a senior Total CLA+ score of 1226 and percentile rank of 92. The corresponding Mastery Level for this score is Accomplished.