

Course Evaluations at McGill

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What are course evaluations used for?

- To help instructors improve the future delivery of courses;
- To inform students about courses and instructors;
- As a component of the teaching dossier; and
- To help administrators and faculty committees in their decision-making processes.



Fall 2015 Evaluation Dates

Default Evaluation Period:

November 12 – December 24

Condensed Evaluation Period:

November 12 – December 8

- Anthropology
- Art History and Communication Studies
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- History and Classical Studies
- Institute of Islamic Studies
- Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Sociology

Average Response Rates for Fall 2014

	Number of Courses Evaluated	Average Response Rate
Condensed	742	45%
Default	1751	49%
Grand Total	2493	48%

Average response rates for Fall 2014

Faculty	# of courses evaluated ¹	Average response rate and comparison to F2013	
		Response Rate	Change
Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	167	43%	↔
Arts	520	52%	↔
Dentistry ⁴	<10	N/A	-
Education	226	42%	↓
Engineering	246	43%	↔
Law	84	39%	↓
Desautels Faculty of Management	207	47%	↑
Medicine	180	54%	↑
Schulich School of Music	109	37%	↓
Religious Studies	32	41%	↓
Science	332	46%	↓
Faculty-wide Response Rate²	2111	47%	↓
School of Continuing Studies	382	58%	↔
University-wide Response Rate²	2493	48%	↓

[1] The Faculty averages are calculated on a per department basis: $\sum \text{depts } x / \# \text{ depts}$

[2] Relative to Fall 2013, the arrows (↑ ↓) indicate a change of greater than ±1% while ↔ represents a 0 to ±1% change.

[3] The Faculty Response Rate and University-wide Response Rate averages are calculated on a per course basis:

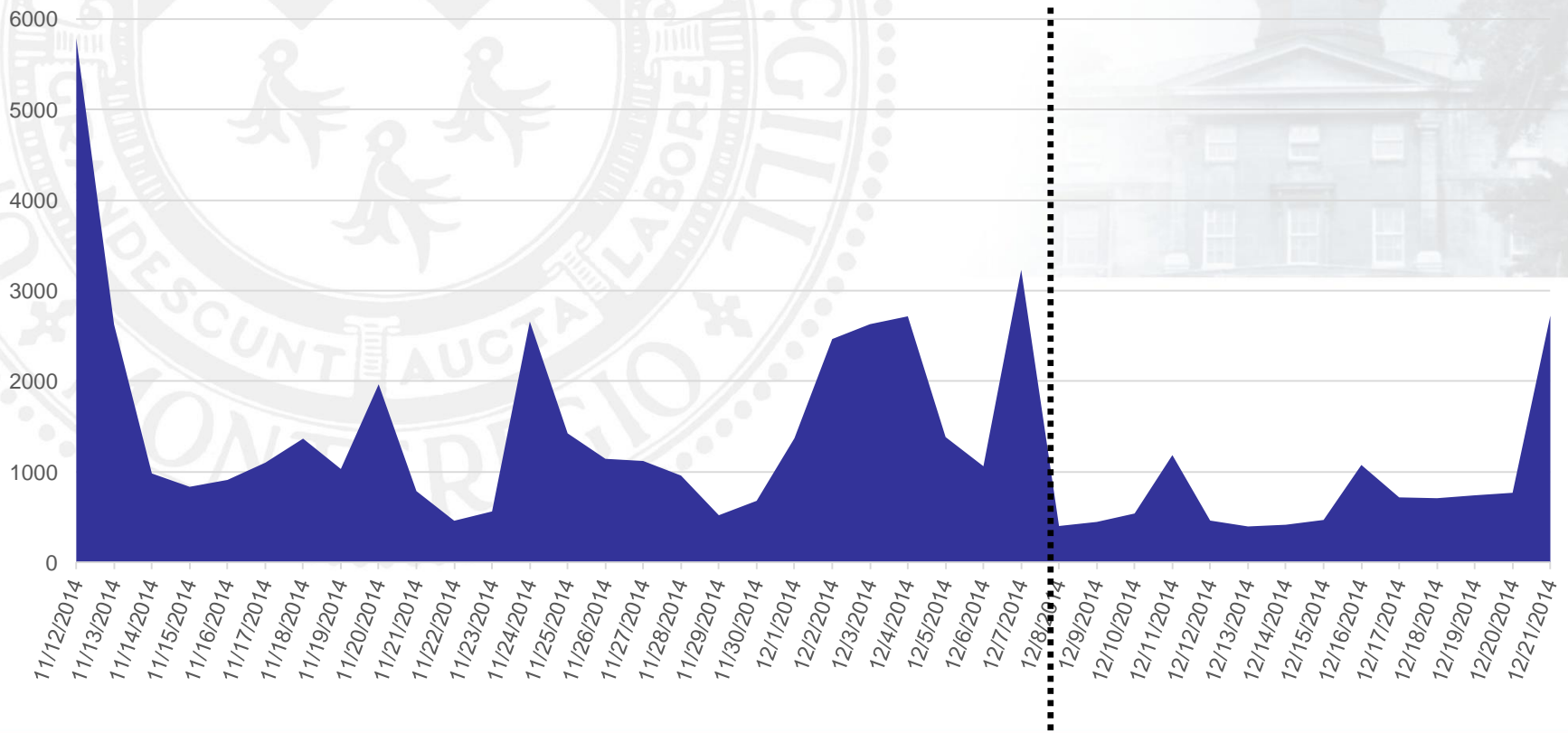
$\sum \text{course } x / \# \text{ courses}$

Average response rates for Fall 2014

[Data for the Faculty of Arts](#) (p. 5)

Fall 2014 Response pattern

Daily Submission Chart
Fall 2014





Goal for Fall 2015:

50% Average Response Rate

How can we get there?

Strategies for Student Participation

What we do...

- Email messages with direct link to students and instructors
- Announcements on:
 - *myMcGill* Portal, myCourses, public display boards across campus, various computer labs across campus, McGill's Twitter and Facebook page, student association Facebook pages, McGill app
- Links to Mercury also found on McGill, TLS and Faculty homepages
- Encourage instructors to promote course evaluations to their students

Strategies for Student Participation

What you can do...

- Make announcements in-class
- Send emails and post announcements on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Encourage instructors to:
 - Give students time during class to complete evaluations;
 - Give an incentive to the class (i.e. additional review session) if the class response rate exceeds a target;
 - Grant permission to disseminate their results.

Strategies for Student Participation

What you can do...

I JUST DID MY
**COURSE
EVALUATIONS!**

DID YOU
KNOW?

Your course evaluations are
completely anonymous.



**COURSE EVALUATIONS
ARE NOW OPEN!**

- Your course evaluation feedback improves courses and future students' learning.
- You can view course evaluation results directly in Minerva.
- Your responses matter for your professors' careers, such as tenure and promotion.

November 12-
December 21
(or December 7)

Check your McGill Email
for a direct link to access
your course evaluations.



Strategies for Student Participation

What you can do...

SPEAK UP!

Your instructors and the University are listening.

Complete your **Course Evaluations.**

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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Your feedback makes a difference.

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Strategies for Student Participation

What you can do...

- Hold a raffle for students who complete their evaluations by the deadline; entry is a screenshot indicating they have no evaluations left to complete.
- Change computer lab banners, Facebook cover photos, etc. to MERCURY graphics
- Set the default homepage in computer labs to the MERCURY website homepage.



Other strategies or suggestions?

[Complete list.](#)

Viewing Course Evaluation Results

Mercury Online Course Evaluation Menu

[Submit your course evaluations](#)

[View course evaluation results](#)

View all available course evaluation results (numerical data) by instructor, subject, course number.

[Teaching assistant evaluation results](#)

View results for courses in which you were assigned as a TA.

[Show/Hide Instructor Comments](#)

[Show/Hide Definitions](#)

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OVERALL RESULTS	
Total Number of Completed Evaluations	59
Total Enrollment in Course	74
Response Rate	79.7%

Question 1 - The instructor was knowledgeable about the subject matter.

Response	Count	Percentage
2 - Strongly Disagree	2	3%
0 - Disagree	0	0%
2 - Neutral	2	3%
4 - Agree	4	7%
51 - Strongly Agree	51	86%

Valid responses	59
Blank responses	0
Mean	4.7
Std Dev	0.8
Std Dev of the Mean	0.0

- Integrated search functionality for posted results
- Access through Minerva & Visual Schedule Builder

New MERCURY Website

www.mcgill.ca/mercury

- Guidelines on providing constructive feedback
- Guidelines for interpreting previous course evaluation results
- Strategies for student leaders to encourage participation
- Faculty means and response rates reports
- List of system enhancements requests



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Questions?

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