

TECGW Student Pre Survey

1. Introduction and Purpose

This survey has been designed to assess your experience with group collaboration in your course. Any information you provide will be confidential, and any identifying information you provide will only be used to link this initial survey with a similar survey that will be conducted later in the semester. There are no risks associated with completing this survey, and your instructor will never see identifying information associated with your responses. Your participation is voluntary, and greatly appreciated.

This survey is being administered across 40 classes this academic year as part of an Engage Award Program. The results of the survey will be used to identify best practices in facilitating and using technology to enhance group work. We appreciate your participation in helping us define the elements of a productive group experience.

After completing BOTH this initial survey and the subsequent follow up survey, participants will have the option of being entered into random drawing for an 8 Gb iPod touch. Two winners will be notified at the end of the semester by the Engage Program and winners will be posted on our website (www.engage.doit.wisc.edu)

If you have any comments, questions or concerns about this survey or incentive drawing, please email the Engage evaluator, Lindsey Schmidt, at lindseyj.schmidt@doit.wisc.edu.

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2. Demographics

1. What is your name?

(This information will only be used to link the data from your pre- and post- surveys. Your answers will remain confidential and will not affect your grade in this course.)

Last Name

First Name

2. What is your major?

3. What year are you in?

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

5th Year

Graduate School

Other (please specify)

4. What is your GPA?

3.5 - 4.0

3.0 - 3.49

2.5 - 2.99

2.0 - 2.49

1.5 - 1.99

0 - 1.49

N/A - I am a new student

5. Why did you take this course? (Select all that apply)

It was required for my major

It satisfies a breadth requirement

I heard it was easy

I heard it was a good course

It sounded interesting

Other (please specify)

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6. Before enrolling in this course what was your perception (or what had you heard) regarding the difficulty of this course?

(as compared to other courses you've taken at UW-Madison)

Very Difficult

Somewhat Difficult

Neutral

Somewhat Easy

Very Easy

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3. Perceptions of Group Work

1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Slightly Agree	No Opinion	Slightly Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I learn more effectively in groups	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I see value in group assignments	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Finding time to meet with my group is a challenge of group work	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I do not understand why my instructors assign group work	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
When I complete a group project, my grade should be based on my contribution to the project in combination with the final project grade (each group member may receive a different grade)	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
When I complete a group project, my grade should be based solely on the quality of the final product (each group member receives the same grade)	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Evaluations from my group members of my contribution to the group project should be calculated into my final grade	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
In group projects, I end up doing all the work.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I enjoy using technology tools like wikis, blogs, chat, discussion forums, social networking sites and collaborative applications (i.e. Google Apps)	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Technology tools make it easier for me to complete group assignments	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
I have had previous training working in groups	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

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4. Challenges and Tools

1. What challenges do you face in completing group assignments? (Select all that apply)

- Finding time to meet with my group
- Dealing with group dynamics
- Delegating responsibilities
- Coordinating work and integrating contributions of group members
- Understanding how my instructor graded the group process
- Group size
- Using technology tools

Other (please specify)

2. For past group projects, have you used any of the following technology tools to complete the project? (Select all that apply)

- Email
- Wikis
- Blogs
- Chat
- Threaded Discussion Forums
- Social Networking Sites
- MyWebspace
- Collaborative applications (i.e. Google Docs)
- Project Management tools (i.e. Basecamp)

Other (please specify)