

Student Ratings Report Changes

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Composite Student Rating	
Section	4.5 - 4.9
Course	4.6
Department 100-299	4.5 - 4.7
College 100-299	4.6
University 100-299	4.5
Historical Course Average	
4.7	

- Effective Fall 2019, single point composite numbers were eliminated for the section and department. Uncertainty ranges provide a more realistic appraisal of student perceptions than a single point.
- The course number remains a single point due to limitations of the statistical approach.*
- The College and University averages are reported as a single number for the same reason, and because in those cases the N is sufficiently large that the uncertainty ranges would differ in only hundredths of a point, a level of accuracy beyond which the ratings are reliable. Reporting ranges at that level would belie the impressionistic nature of the ratings exercise as a whole.
- Section uncertainty ranges are compared to department uncertainty ranges (and college and university averages) on the same curricular level: 100-299; 300-499; 500+.

*For a more detailed explanation of the statistical approach behind the student ratings instrument, please contact Kirsten Thompson in the Center for Teaching and Learning.