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Aggregate Dashboards

Summary: The **Aggregate Dashboard** in the Blue Course Evaluation system is used for organizational-level analysis. It enables stakeholders (e.g., department chairs, deans) to explore course evaluation data across units, time periods, and demographics to support data-driven decisions. This quick start guide provides an overview of the Dashboard features, and what you can drill down to see. Find a detailed guide with screenshots on CLI's website. A separate *Individual Dashboard* allows instructors to view and analyze feedback from students across all their courses and semesters.

Dashboard Access

- Access via the **Illinois Tech Portal** by searching "Blue."
- Navigate to the **Blue Dashboard** and select **View Your Dashboard** link. Choose the published view.
- Access is role-based, determined by the **Data Visibility Chart** on the Student Course Evaluations site.

Key Concepts

- **Dashboard Questions (DQ):** Standardized questions across evaluations.
- **Question Groups:** Thematic clusters (e.g., communication, course structure).
- **Time Scale:** Custom time periods (e.g., semesters).
- **Thresholds:** Minimum response counts to protect anonymity.
- Only includes **submitted responses**.

Dashboard Features

Header

- Breadcrumb navigation, legend, pop-out view, export options.
- Customize views and statistics via the **Settings Menu**.

Settings

- Choose default and display statistics (e.g., mean, median).
- Arrange view order and enable/disable statistics.

Hierarchy-Based Grouping

- Drill-down navigation through organizational layers.
- Automatically displays next-level items based on user role.

Data Selection

- Filter by **primary** or **secondary subject hierarchies**.
- Select specific organizational units or subject pairs.

Dashboard Controls

- **Time Navigation (IMPORTANT):** <mark>Adjust anchor period and time range</mark> (up to 9 time periods/semesters). *Be sure to adjust the time periods to view the correct data.*
- **Compare With:** Slice data by demographics or compare with norms.
- **Filter By:** Apply multiple filters across subjects and respondents.
- **Presets:** Save and load custom views.
- **Print Preview:** Create print-friendly versions.
- **Pattern Charts:** Enable for accessibility compliance.

Views & Widgets

Summary View

- Executive summary with customizable widgets:
  - **Score Widget:** Displays scores and changes.
  - **Score + Trend Widget:** Adds trend lines.
  - **Ranking Widget:** Ranks demographics with visual indicators.

Trend View

- Graphs of average scores over time.
- Drill down into question groups and demographics.

Subject (Course) Listing View

- Lists subjects with statistics and response rates.
- Supports sorting, filtering, and comparisons.

Heatmap View

- Color-coded score visualization to highlight patterns.
- Not printable.

Subject Details

- Tabs for question group stats, comments, and demographic breakdowns.
- Toggle between table and chart views.

Response Rate Analysis View

- Focuses on response rates only.
- No question-level stats or drill-downs in this mode.

Additional Help

See the Blue Faculty Guide for Individual Dashboards on the [Student Course Evaluations](#) webpage under Instructor Guides or the [Blue Dashboard Guides by Explorance](#). For more information about evaluations at Illinois Tech, email [cli@iit.edu;](#) for technical questions, email the Support Desk at [supportdesk@iit.edu](#).

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