Blue for Department Chairs

The link for Blue is the same for admins, faculty, and students: sirs.ctaar.rutgers.edu/Blue

Blue provides a single location to monitor and complete all portions of the SIRS process. Information and directions are found on our website:

- For administrators: https://ctaar.rutgers.edu/sirs/BlueForAdmins
- For faculty: https://ctaar.rutgers.edu/sirs/BlueForFaculty
- ► As of Summer 2019, all online SIRS will be run in Blue

When you log into Blue at sirs.ctaar.rutgers.edu/Blue, you will very likely see "Select User Group"

To see information about the courses that you are a chair for, select "Administrators". To see information and reports for the courses you teach, select "Instructors".

- ▶ Blue provides various levels of access which will generate email notifications throughout the SIRS process. If you are getting too many emails please let us know and we can adjust your access.
- Course and instructor verification will now be done in a program attached to Blue called DIG (instead of the Excel spreadsheets).

The following pages provide some additional information about questions, midcourse surveys, response rate monitors, and reports in Blue.

If you have any questions or comments please contact us!

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Blue has also permitted greater departmental and school control over the SIRS process, including the questionnaire itself. There are three optionsone at the school level and two at the department level.



At the school level, SVP
Barbara Lee has given
permission to change the
standard SIRS form as long as
questions 9 and 10 are retained
(overall teaching effectiveness
and course quality).



Departments can add questions to all courses or a set of courses in their department. These can be automatically loaded when the surveys are created. These need to be set within the first two weeks of the semester to run for that semester.

About two weeks before the surveys run, department administrators will have the option of adding last minute questions to surveys. These are one-off questions.

Schools or departments who wish to begin the process of changing their form or adding questions should contact CTAAR to discuss the options.



- ▶ When administrators verify course and instructor information during SIRS set-up in DIG, they can select courses to have a mid-course survey generated. Admins will need to verify and 'publish' from DIG about a month earlier than normal.
- ▶ Instructors can add questions and they will receive results the day after the survey ends.

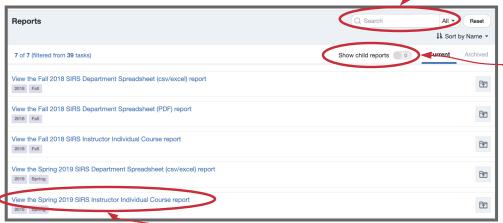


- ▶ Department chairs can monitor real-time response rates through Blue by logging in and hitting "Response Rates" from the left-hand side navigation
- ▶ If your department is accustomed to providing class time for students to complete SIRS, Blue makes this easy to continue in an online format. Suggestions for completing in class and LMS integration are available on our website: https://ctaar.rutgers.edu/sirs/Students-Blue.html



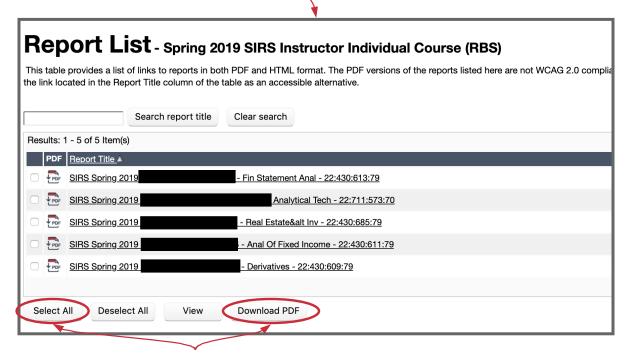
- Reports are only available after grades are due and can be found on the Blue dashboard.
- Reports will always be accessible in Blue, but we still suggest departments download and store the reports for future reference. Scroll to the bottom of the main page to "Reports".

You can search by the year and semester by typing in the search box



Turn on 'Show child reports' to search by instructor name, netID, or course number

You can view individual reports by clicking on the link for a full listing (like the view below)



You can click on the reports individually or "Select All" and then "Download PDF" to download a ZIP folder with all of the PDFs reports