

UK Engagement Survey: Staff Guide

The UK Engagement Survey begins at
Teesside University on Monday 12 February.

This guide has been produced to help you support students through the survey process.

What you should tell your students

The UK Engagement Survey is a national survey, co-ordinated by the national body for improving teaching and learning in Universities, the Higher Education Academy. It is carried out by the University and begins here on Monday 12 February and closes on Sunday 4 March.

The UK Engagement Survey is a new national initiative to explore how undergraduate students invest effort, energy and time in their studies. The survey asks students to reflect on their participation in a range of important educational activities, such as critical thinking and collaborating with other students. By going beyond simple measures of satisfaction, UKES is designed to provide more detailed data on how students are encouraged and challenged by their course.

Teesside University are promoting the survey to help encourage as many eligible students as possible to complete it online and to give their feedback. The more students who complete, the more representative it will be.

The survey is the chance for students to feedback on the extent to which they are engaged with activities that improve learning outcomes. The results help us better support them and focus on activities that will support their learning.

The survey is confidential and the results are made anonymous so that no individual can be identified.

Students will receive an email link from Bristol Online Surveys asking them to fill in the survey and a link to it and will also be able to access the survey via Blackboard.

Frequently asked questions

How will UKES be carried out?

The survey is carried out by Academic Registry and the questionnaire hosted online by Bristol Online Surveys. On 27 April, level 5 undergraduate students will receive an email asking them to complete the survey.

Any students not completing the survey within the first couple of weeks will receive further reminders. The survey will close on Sunday 4 March.

What will be asked?

The survey questions are broken down into the following areas:

- higher-order learning
- collaborative learning
- staff-student interaction
- course challenge
- reflective and integrative learning
- time spent
- skills development
- engagement with research and inquiry
- students as partners

Students are encouraged to take an overview of the whole course and have an opportunity to comment after each section, as well as at the end of the questionnaire.

What if students don't want to take part?

We strongly encourage students to fill it in as soon as possible because their experience is very important. However, it is not compulsory. Students are able to opt out and can let the University know at any point if they don't want to take part, by emailing surveys@tees.ac.uk.

How will I see the results?

The results of institutions aggregated together are published by the HEA. Institutions own their results and can decide whether to make them public. Results for the sector, this institution and student comments can be made public. Other results, for example for groups of institutions or sector quartile results, cannot be made public. All reporting should provide a fair and balanced picture of provision, and should be directed towards enhancing practice.

More information?

For more information please contact the Learning and Teaching Enhancement team via surveys@tees.ac.uk.

