

- **What is the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA)?** The CLA (or CLA+) is a performance-based assessment that measures important FSU core learning outcomes: critical thinking, written communication, information literacy, quantitative reasoning and scientific literacy.
- **Why does FSU administer the CLA?** FSU uses the CLA to assess how well our programs help students develop the skills and knowledge that make up our core learning outcomes. By giving the CLA to freshmen, rising juniors, and seniors, we can measure how much students improve during their undergraduate career. We use that information to improve our programs and to serve students better.
- **Who is required to take the CLA?**
 - **Entering Freshmen:** Students who enter FSU as first-time freshmen. Early College graduates are exempt.
 - **Rising Juniors:** Students who entered FSU as a first-time freshmen and who have earned 40-59 hours. Teacher Education and Nursing majors are exempt.
 - **NEW THIS SEMESTER - STUDENTS IN CAPSTONE COURSES:** All students enrolled in a capstone course, whether they entered as freshmen or transfers, must take the CLA. (For a list of capstone courses, visit the FSU CLA web page.) If you took the CLA as a senior in a previous semester, you do not have to take it again. Exceptions:
 - Only students enrolled in capstone courses are required to take the CLA. If you are a graduating senior, you have not taken the CLA, and you are not enrolled in a senior capstone course, you do not have to take the CLA.
 - Students in the generic Nursing program satisfy the Graduating Senior Assessment requirement by taking the NCLEX. Students in the RN-to-BSN program must take the CLA.
 - Students in the College of Education satisfy the Graduating Senior Assessment requirement by taking PRAXIS.
- **How does doing well on the CLA benefit me?** Students who demonstrate proficiency on the CLA receive a digital badge that can be referenced on your resume. The CLA is recognized by many employers as evidence of the skills they prize in today's knowledge economy. FSU posts its average scores on websites used by both potential students and potential employers. Doing well on the CLA helps increase the value of an FSU degree, which will help you get a job.
- **How do I take the CLA?**
 - **Entering Freshmen** take the CLA as part of Freshman Seminar.
 - **Rising Juniors** register to take the CLA during one of the days and times listed below.
 - **Senior capstone students** take the CLA in one of two ways:
 - **Face-to-face students** take the CLA on the FSU campus during one of the scheduled times below. To register, look for an e-mail with the subject heading "Capstone Assessment (CLA) Requirement".
 - **Students in online sections of capstone courses** are automatically registered to take the CLA via remote proctoring through ProctorU. Look for an e-mail from CLA with further instructions.
- **When can I take the CLA?**
 - **Students in online sections of capstone courses** can make an appointment with ProctorU at any available day/time through the deadline.
 - **All other students** take the CLA at one of the dates/times listed below. All on-campus testing will be in CBE 214.

<p>Tuesday, February 26, 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, March 25, 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 3:00 p.m.</p>
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- **How long does the CLA take?** Students can take up to 90 minutes on the CLA. Students *must* spend at least 45 minutes on the assessment to complete the requirement.
- **I can't make the scheduled dates/times. Are there other dates/times?** Students in capstone courses should contact their instructors for more information.
- **What is the deadline to take the CLA?** March 31, 2019.
- **Questions?** Visit the [CLA web page \(www.uncfsu.edu/cla\)](http://www.uncfsu.edu/cla) or contact University College (910-672-1060).