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The Collegiate Learning Assessment Information

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What is the Collegiate Learning Assessment?

The Collegiate Learning Assessment (or CLA for short) is an assessment that measures your critical thinking, analytic reasoning, problem solving, and written communication abilities.

Why should I participate?

1. **Volunteers who complete the CLA will receive a \$30 Amazon.com gift card**, as an incentive for participation.
2. It is a chance for you to see how you perform on real world tasks, the kind you would see in a future job—you will be able to access a score report outlining how you did on the CLA.
3. It helps YSU deliver the best possible education to its students
4. It provides information to prospective students and their families about the quality education that YSU provides.

When is the CLA?

Testing for the CLA will take place **April 14-15th**. All testing will be open and walk-in at **Kilcawley Center, in Bresnahan Training Room (2nd floor)**. The testing session takes about 1.5–2 hours. The walk-in testing periods are:

APRIL 14 (Wednesday): 9 am—3pm (last test starts at 3 pm)

APRIL 15 (Thursday): 2pm—5pm (last test starts at 5 pm)

Who can volunteer?

Students classified as seniors (graduating or not) over the age of 18 are eligible to participate. If you do not have an ACT or SAT score on file with the University, you will also be asked to complete a additional short, multiple-choice assessment—the complete testing period will not go beyond two hours.

How do I participate?

1. Read and sign the informed consent form*, found at www.ysu.edu/assessment/InformedConsentForm2010.pdf.
2. Come to Kilcawley Center, Bresnahan Training Room (2nd floor) during one of the testing sessions.
3. Don't forget your student ID! (YSU ID will be required to receive the Amazon gift card upon test completion).
- 4* After completing the CLA assessment, you will receive your Amazon.com gift card via email. Informed consent is a paper that outlines the important information about taking part in the Collegiate Learning Assessment, e.g., it is voluntary and who to contact if you have questions. If you participate, keep a copy of the informed consent for your records.