

# Grading The Professor: Online Tools Give Instructors Feedback On Their Courses

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University instructors depend on evaluation and feedback from their students to revise and improve their study materials and teaching methods. This information is also useful for academic planning and accreditation activities.

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| *assessment.*

A self-assessment and a peer-review mechanism also allows members of a group to evaluate themselves, as well as each other's performance.

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