Humboldt State University  
2010-11 Collegiate Learning Assessment  

Background  
The CLA is a CSU mandated assessment generally given each year to two populations of students; freshmen in fall and seniors in spring. The target is to test 100 students during each administration. The CLA is a 90 minute computer based test delivered on a secured testing website. It tests critical thinking and problem solving skills through delivery of either a Performance Task or an Analytic Writing Task. Participation is voluntary.  

Summary of 2010-11 Administration Process  
During August 2010 the Humboldt Orientation Program and EOP Orientation Program referred 86 first time students to complete the assessment. During spring 2011, 51 seniors participated. Senior participation was solicited through contact with 17 faculty teaching upper division GE courses, contact with directors/coordinators of academic support program units and by direct email in February, March and April to a random sample of 1655 seniors. HSU is not meeting the target of 100 students per administration.  

Considerations for Improving Local Administration  
• Re-think the process and assignment for administration of the CLA. Is there a way to recruit courses to participate both fall and spring? Is an office other than CELT better suited to conduct the administration? Is this a priority for HSU and if so, how can resources be aligned for successful administration on an ongoing basis?  
• Engage faculty in dialog regarding HSU CLA results. On a yearly basis send a team of faculty to the CLA Classroom Academy and other conferences sponsored by CLA.  
• Promote dialog regarding CLA results with students and student affairs professional staff working in academic support areas to promote awareness.  

2011-12 Administration Plans  
Fall 2011 target of 100 first time freshmen:  
• HOP and EOP have agreed to participate during the August 2011 CLA administration  
• The Director of CELT & Learning Assessment will provide an information sheet to HOP and EOP for distribution to recruited student participants  

Spring 2012 target of 100 seniors:  
• Recommend an alternate process from that used in Spring 2011