

## CAAP Tests for First-year Students

### **What are you being asked to do?**

Participate in a University research project by taking a short test that measures either your critical thinking or general writing skills.

### **Why are you being asked to do this?**

The UI is part of a national effort to develop a warehouse of information that prospective students and their families can use in their college search that will help them find the best institutional fit. Average scores from the College Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) tests will be used to demonstrate the UI's strength in developing core learning skills in comparison to other institutions.

### **Who is being asked to test?**

First-year students and seniors. The average score for each group will be reported in the University of Iowa Voluntary System of Accountability College Profile.

### **What do you get for participating?**

You will be given priority registration for the spring semester which means you will be able to register for classes at the same time as the seniors.

In addition, if you score at or above the national average, your name will be entered into a drawing for three \$100 University Book Store gift certificates to be awarded at the beginning of the fall semester.

### **How much time will this take?**

You will take **one** forty minute test. The entire process lasts approximately 1 hour.

### **What are the tests like?**

Critical Thinking – 32 item multiple-choice test with 4 reading passages. Each passage presents one or more arguments which you will be asked to analyze.

Writing – Consists of two essays (20 minutes each). You will be asked to formulate an assertion about an issue and write an essay to support your assertion.

### **Does this affect your UI academic record?**

Scores from these tests have no impact on your UI academic record.

### **When will the test be administered?**

Two test sessions will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis on the second day of Orientation, after you have completed course registration. Your Orientation student advisor will provide you with more details at the program.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

If you have questions, contact the UI Evaluation and Examination Service at: [exam-service@uiowa.edu](mailto:exam-service@uiowa.edu).