Calibrated Peer Review™ (CPR)

Basic Student Information

When you have read these directions, use the following URL to access the program:

https://cpr.tamu.edu

Getting Started With CPR

The first time you use the program you need to Create new user profile. Click this link and follow the instructions on the screen until you are given a CPR username. By default, this be your UIN. Make sure you record this username as you will need it and the password you set up in your profile to enter the program in the future.

If you have already used the program in a previous term and have forgotten your login information, then you can retrieve this information by visiting the CPR login page (using the URL above) and clicking Recover login information. Check with your instructor if you are still not able to login to the system after you have reset your profile.

Before starting your first CPR assignment:

After you have received your username, you will log into CPR, and then complete an online CPR tutorial as well as a pretest before starting the writing assignment. There is no grade associated with the pretest, but there is a record that you have done it.

IMPORTANT: You are strongly encouraged to complete each stage of the assignment earlier than the due date. If there are technical difficulties with your browser or the Internet connection, you still have time to re-submit the assignment. If you wait until the last minutes and there are problems, you will miss the due date.

CPR Assignment Structure

A. Source Materials and Text Entry

Before developing your outline and writing your text for an assignment, you should study the preparatory material and pay attention to the guidance provided for doing this. As you begin to prepare the outline for your essay be sure to address the salient points given as guidance for writing your text. Always write and save your text offline and then paste it into the text box of the CPR program.
**IMPORTANT:** CPR uses the time on the server, which may not be the same time as on your computer or watch. You can check the CPR time by clicking on the “CPR Time” link on the top of the assignment screen. After you have submitted your text and logged out of the program, you should log back into CPR and check the Assignment Information and Progress page to make sure that your text has been successfully accepted by the program. You will not be able to complete the rest of the writing assignment without completing Text Entry.

**B: Calibrations (See the last page of this handout for a suggested ratings scale.)**

The in this stage, students assess three ‘calibration’ submissions against a detailed set of questions that address the criteria on which the assignment is based. Students individually evaluate each of these calibration submissions according to the questions specified by the rubric and then assign a holistic rating out of 10. Feedback at this stage is vital. If the evaluations are poorly done and don’t yet meet the instructor’s expectations, the students get a second try. The quality of the evaluations is taken into account in the next step evaluation of real submissions from other students.

Be sure to retake any “missed” calibration reviews before the end date for the calibrations.

**IMPORTANT:** Save your work frequently. If your connection is terminated and you try to submit work, it will be lost even if it appears you are still in the CPR program. After you have submitted the calibration reviews and logged out of the program, you should check to make sure that all your work has been successfully accepted by the program.

**C: Peer Reviews**

Once the deadline for calibration evaluations is passed, each student is given anonymous submissions by three other students. They use the same rubric to evaluate their peers’ work, this time providing comments to justify their evaluation and rating. Poor calibration performance in 2. decreases the impact of the grades they give to their peers’ work. After they’ve done all three they evaluate their own submission.

**D: Self-Assessment**

After completing the Peer Reviews, students will then review their own submission using the same rubric used to evaluate their Peer’s work.

**IMPORTANT:** After you have submitted the reviews and the self-assessment and logged out of the program, you should log back into CPR and double check to make sure that your reviews and self-assessment have been accepted by the program.
E: Results
You can obtain your results online any time after the end of the assignment. You will be able to see not only how your peers evaluated your work, but also how they evaluated the texts that you were assigned. Comparing the feedback your peers have provided to you and others is an excellent way to refine your understanding and assessment of your mastery of the subject.

Your CPR Technical Support
Check with your instructor first or send e-mail to: itshelp@tamu.edu.
Include your CPR username and student ID in your message.