Because Baylor University emphasizes the importance of good teaching, faculty members should explore ways to develop, maintain, and improve instruction. Student evaluation of courses provides an important means by which faculty can measure the effectiveness of their instruction; for this reason, all faculty members at Baylor are expected to participate in the system of student evaluation of courses coordinated by the Office of Institutional Research and Testing.

All new tenure-track faculty members must participate in student evaluations in all sections of the courses they teach every fall until they have completed six years at Baylor or until they have received tenure. All tenured faculty members are expected to participate in student evaluations in all sections of the courses they teach during the fall of every third calendar year. All part-time faculty, whether employed for a single semester or on a recurring basis, must participate in student evaluations in all sections of the courses they teach.

These guidelines establish the minimum requirements for faculty participation in student evaluations of courses. However, faculty may choose to have students evaluate some or all of their courses each semester if they wish. All faculty members are encouraged to participate in the student evaluations voluntarily at least one semester each year.