



Institutional Research and Analysis Newsletter

Greetings from Institutional Research and Analysis (IRA)! This first IRA newsletter provides information on the office and describes current IRA projects. You are welcome to explore IRA's website, including selected data, at [Institutional Research and Analysis \(live link\)](#).

IRA Newsflash

- **Students** have two exciting ways to participate in surveys and assessments. Please encourage students to participate. We value students' opinions!



Seniors have the opportunity to receive a \$25 ASC gift card and be included in a raffle for a \$400 ASC gift card for completing the College Learning Assessment (CLA+) at sessions scheduled from March 31-April 3. **Seniors** should watch for emails to sign up for the (CLA+)! Space is limited.



The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is an opportunity for students to provide feedback on their experience at SUNY Cortland. **Freshmen and Seniors** have been receiving e-mail invitations and reminders. Student participation helps SUNY Cortland understand what the College is doing well and how it can improve.

What is Institutional Research and Analysis?

Institutional Research and Analysis is an office in the Academic Affairs Division that provides and coordinates information support for planning, administering, and evaluating academic and administrative programs in ways that will continuously improve the State University of New York College at Cortland. The name of the office was changed from Institutional Research and Assessment to Institutional Research and Analysis in 2013.

The operations of the office may be divided into three overlapping functions:

1. Providing and reporting institutional data to internal and external constituents, including accreditation and federal and state agencies;
2. Providing assessment support to academic and support/service units; and
3. Providing administrative planning and research support.

IRA coordinates federal (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) and state (New York State Department of Education) mandated reporting and institution-level accreditation reports (such as the Middle States Institutional Profile) on enrollment, financial aid, graduation rates, and other statistics. The office manages institution-wide surveys and instruments such as the National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA+) and responds to institution-level internal data requests.

IRA News

- Institutional Research and Analysis is thrilled to be expanding partnerships with Information Resources to help implement a new data warehouse. The warehouse will allow greater and easier access to data.
- IRA recently locked SUNY Cortland's Winter Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/IPEds/>) reports, submitted Specialized Professional Association analyses to the teacher education programs, and is in the process of completing the most recent round of SUNY Institutional Research Information System (SIRIS) data reporting to SUNY.
- IRA started the semester welcoming Director Stephen Chemsak. Stephen Cunningham serves as Associate Director. Kathy Gustafson is Keyboard Specialist II. A search has begun for an Assistant for Institutional Research and

Analysis to succeed Miranda Blechman, who has taken a position at Syracuse University. We would like to thank Miranda for her service.

How can we help you? For further information, contact Institutional Research and Analysis:

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