

NCA Self Study
Criterion 4 Documents

Eastern Illinois University

Year 2014

Critical Thinking Watson Glaser Report
2013

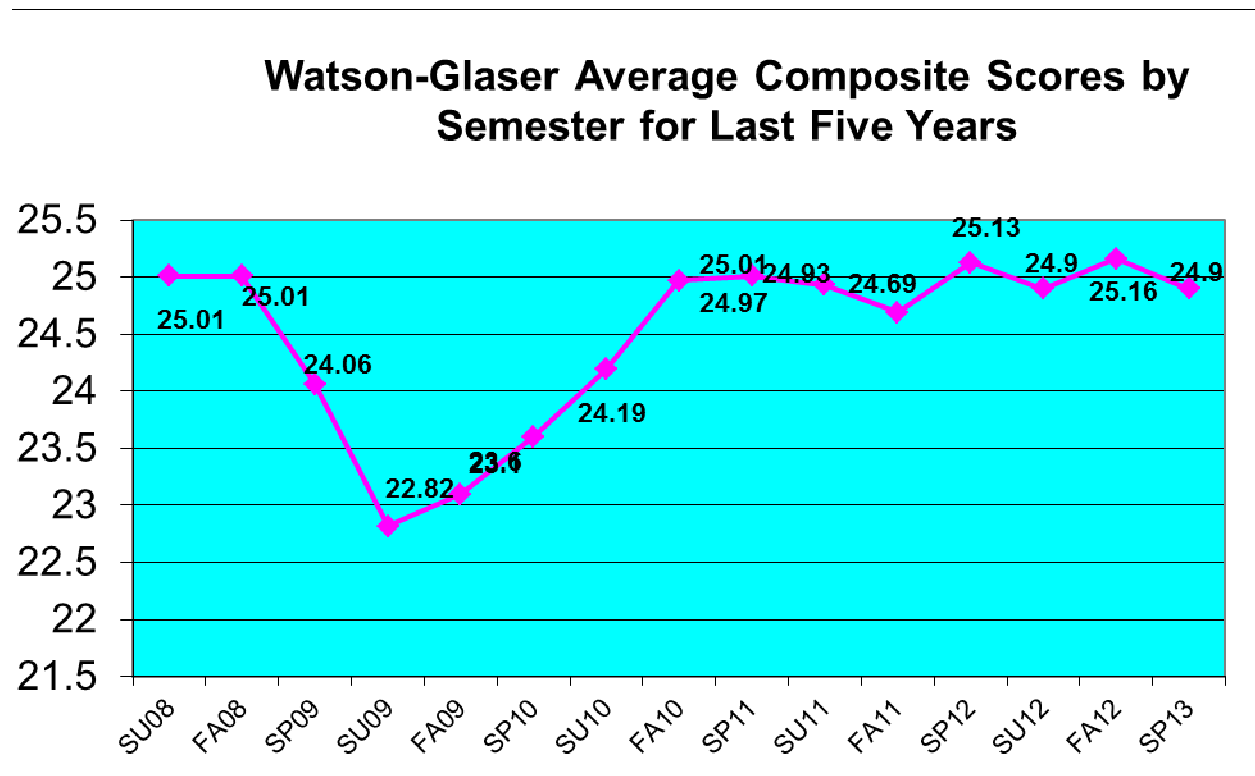
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AY 2012-13 Watson-Glaser Report

The Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal is given in senior seminars the twelfth week of each semester or at the corresponding time for weekend and summer sessions. The majority of administrations take place in the classrooms, but students taking on-line classes have the option to take the WGCTA on-line.

The chart below indicates the average composite scores by semester. Because we are using the short form of the Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisal, only the composite score is considered valid. Comparisons may be made from spring semester to spring semester, fall semester to fall semester, and summer to summer.

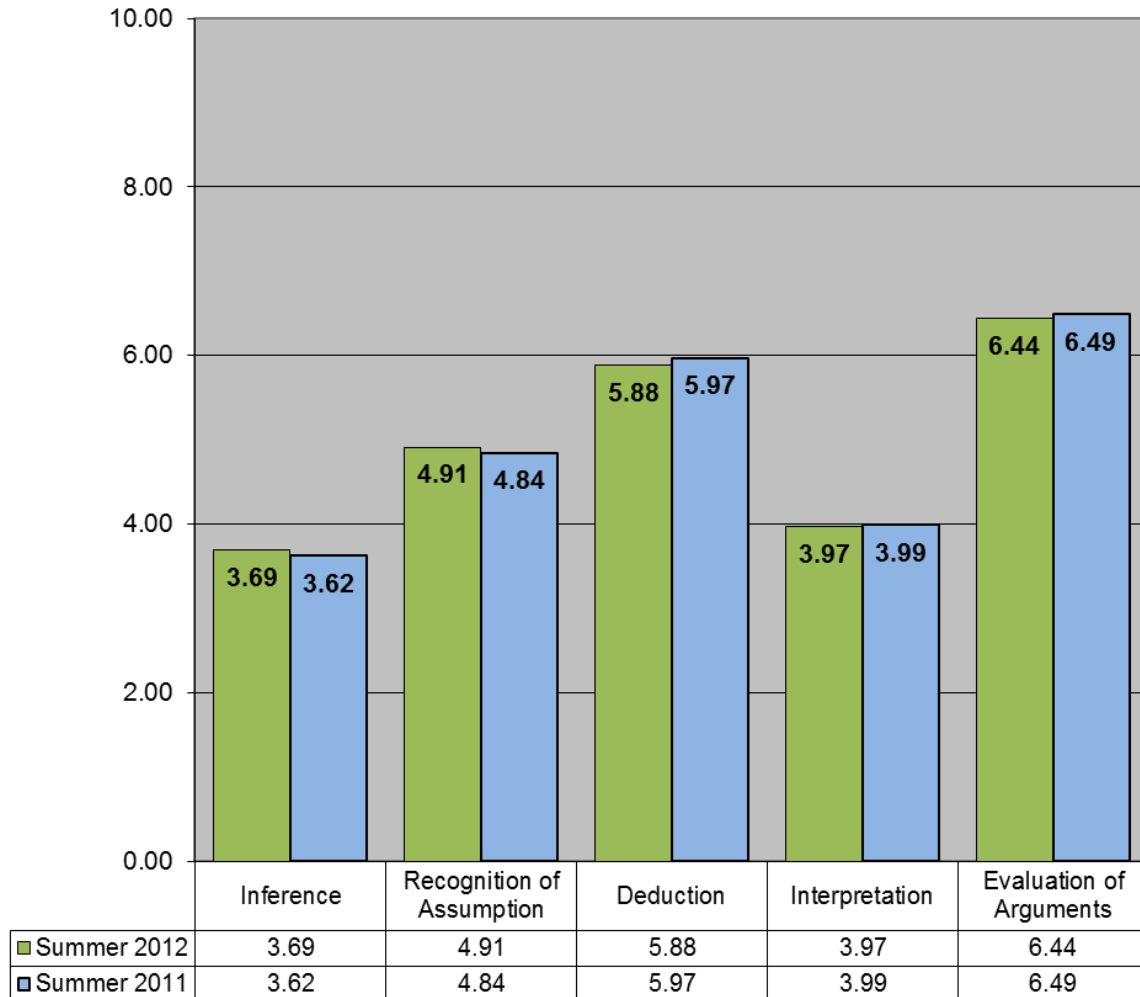
The highest possible composite score is a 40. The chart below offers the average composite scores for the last five years, 15 semesters of data. The scores for the past 5 semesters remain relatively stable from the all-time low of 22.82 in SU09.



The following three charts offer the subscores for each semester in AY13 compared to the corresponding semester in AY12. These charts as well as the data by major and the composite average are shared with department chairs.

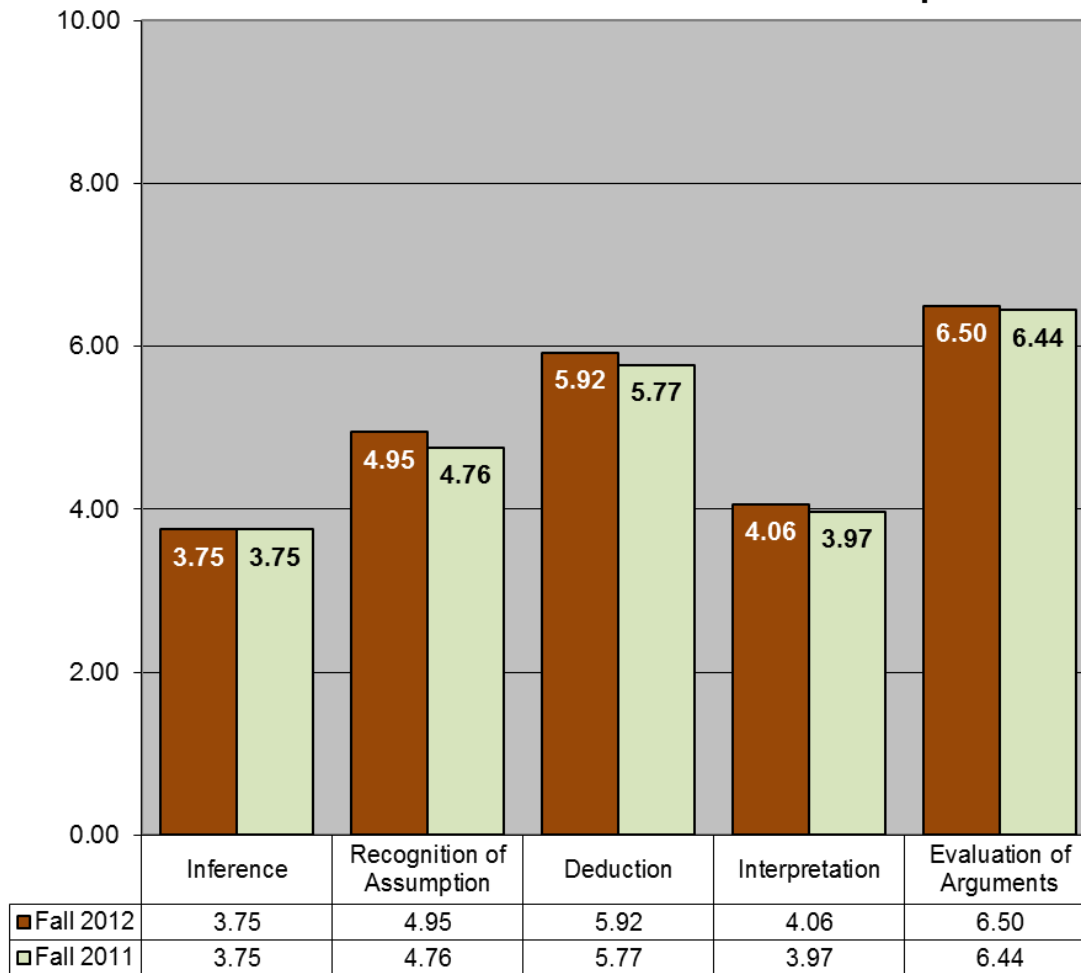
Watson-Glaser Analysis

Summer 2011 & Summer 2012 Mean Score Comparison



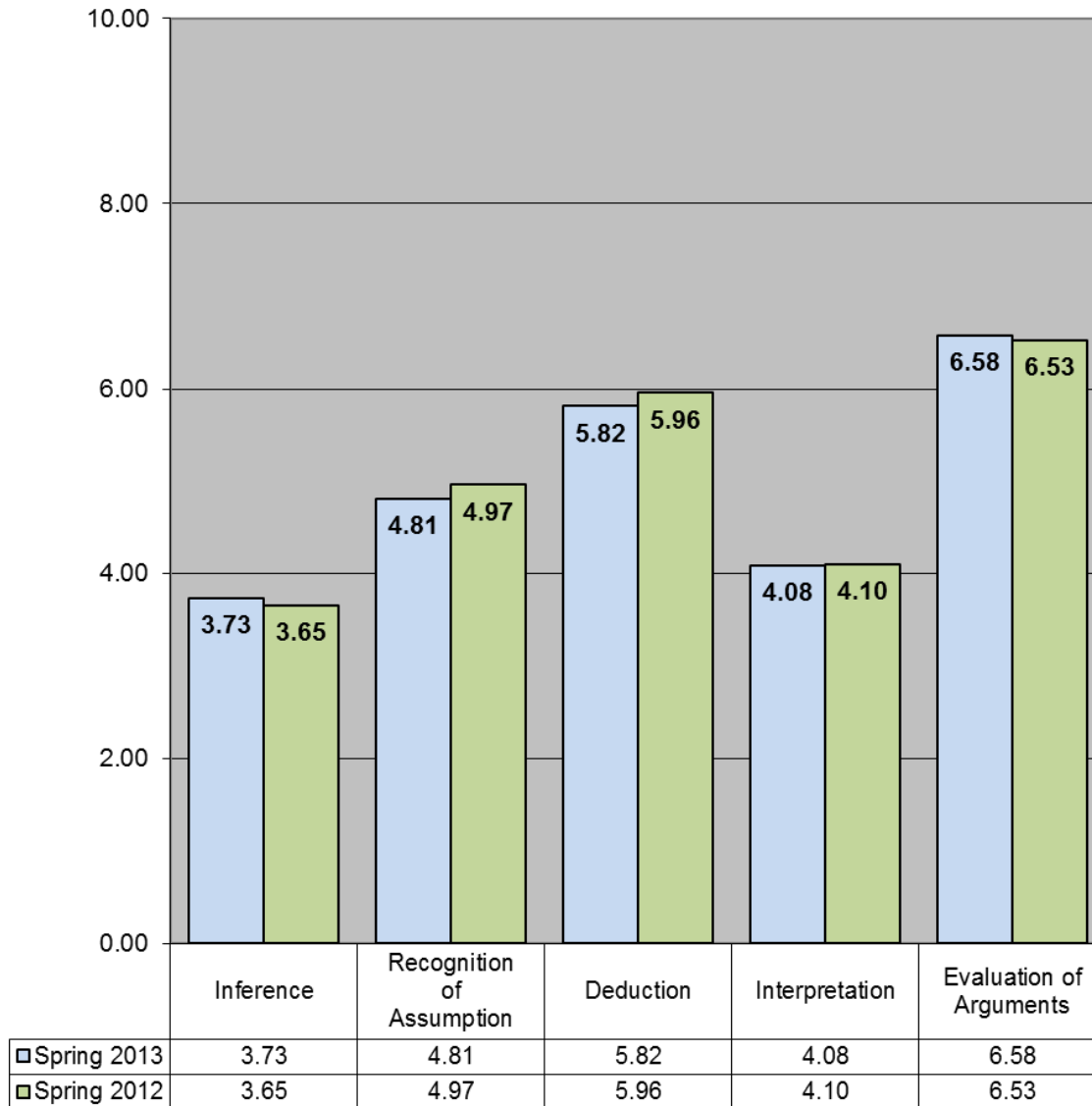
Watson-Glaser Analysis

Fall 2011 & Fall 2012 Mean Score Comparison



Watson-Glaser Analysis

Spring 2012 & Spring 2013 Mean Score Comparison



The chart below offers the composite means by academic year for each college. With the exception of AY11, the trajectory for each college is relatively stable with the College of Sciences averaging the highest scores and the College of Education and Professional Studies with the lowest scores.

