

## Evaluating Teaching with MoCAT and MyCourse

MOCAT is used for formative, mid-semester evaluations and it can be accessed at

<http://MOCAT.missouri.edu>

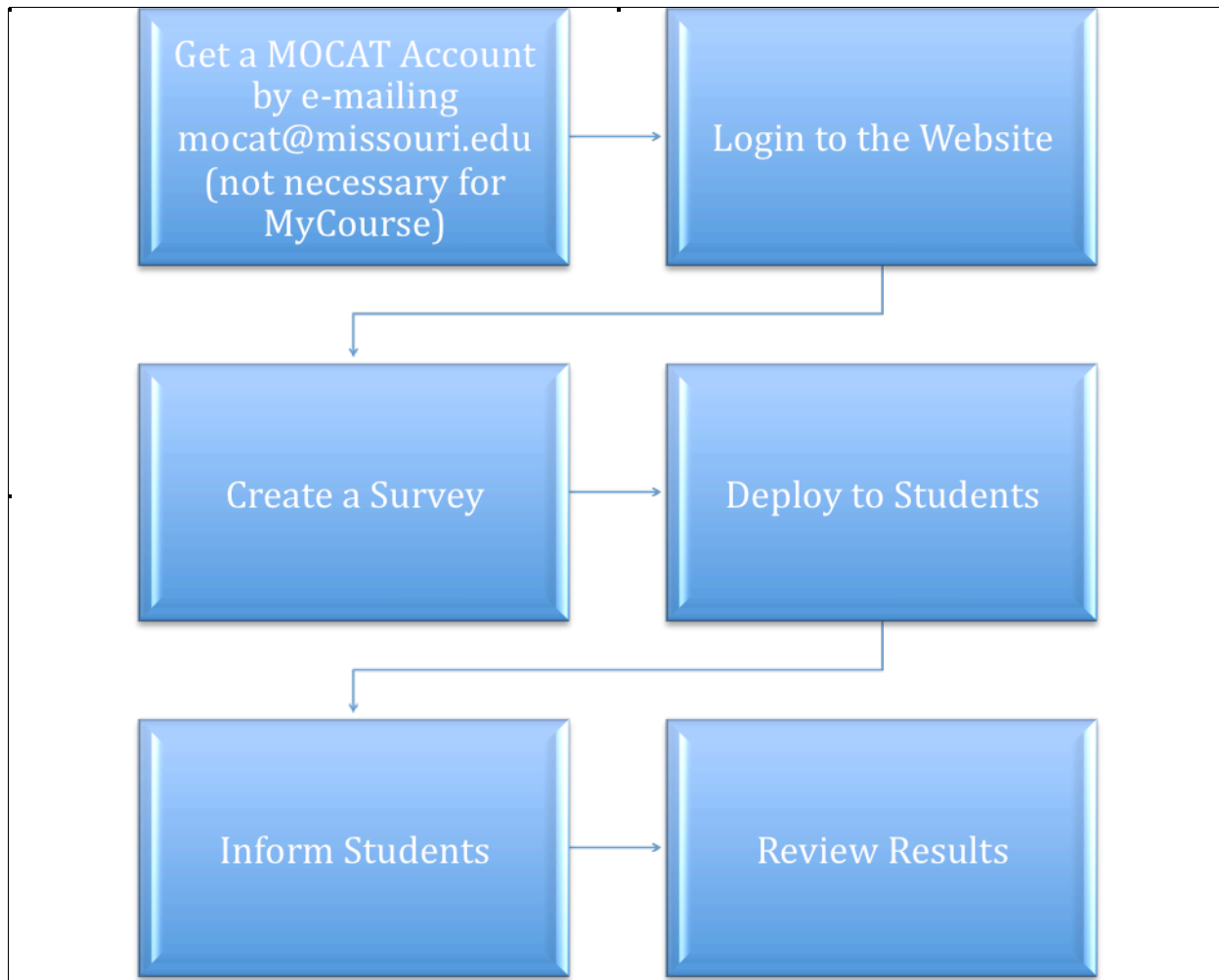
MyCourse is used for summative, end of semester final evaluations and can be accessed at

<http://mycourse.missouri.edu>

### Benefits of online evaluation

- Results are available to faculty immediately after data collection
- Eliminates taking class time to administer paper forms
- Completely anonymous
- Students may complete the forms when they have enough time to provide thoughtful responses, rather than being rushed in class
- Students tend to provide a higher number of written comments and write twice as many words (going into much more detail) than with paper forms
- Although there are lower response rates with online evaluations compared to paper forms, statistically, the results do not appear substantially different.

### Basic Steps



## Tips for Using MyCourse or MOCAT

1. Find out when the survey will be deployed and genuinely encourage your students to take it. Tell them that it is important to you and why. Students sometimes have no idea about the impact or importance of evaluations or how they are they are being used to improve their learning experiences.
2. Have your students bring their laptops to class and take the survey during the time they would take the paper survey.
3. If some of your students do not have laptops, arrange with your IT person to have a couple extra laptops on hand. Alternatively, you can schedule a computer lab site as a place for your students to take the survey.
4. If you choose to have the students complete the survey during class on laptops or in a computer lab, you could easily award an extra-credit point for participation, which some instructors have done with the paper evaluations. An alternative idea is to have a pizza party in the computer lab to encourage attendance.
5. Add an open-ended question to you survey. Students provide more feedback to open-ended questions when they can type their answer instead of writing it.
6. Mention to your new class one thing you changed due to the feedback you received during this or the previous semester.
7. Detailed documentation on how to use these systems is available at <http://etatmo.missouri.edu/mycourse/> or <http://mocat.missouri.edu>