New unit of study survey (USS) to allow greater customisation

From March 2015, the new unit of study survey (USS) will replace the unit of study evaluation (USE). This is a major component of the University's revision of the suite of student experience surveys being led by DVC Education, Professor Pip Pattison. The USS will be fully online, and all units of study offered across the University will be surveyed each time they run. Information on the new survey, including the core items endorsed by SEG, is available on the ITL Surveys website.

A key feature of the new USS system is flexibility for faculties to tailor versions of the USS to suit a variety of curriculum settings. In the first iteration, faculties can develop up to four versions of the USS, by adding faculty-specific items to the core items. Some of the ways faculties are considering using alternate USS versions are to use different surveys: for PG or UG level units, for units within a particular degree program, for workplace/clinical placement units, for units taught online or at a distance, for units with a practical/laboratory component, and for honours units.

Queries regarding the ordering process for the USS should be directed to your faculty administrator. General queries regarding the new USS can be sent to itl.surveys@sydney.edu.au, or your faculty's representative on the SEG Education Committee.