Fall 2010 SAILS assessment results

315 first year students completed the assessment, which was a pre-test of their IL skills and knowledge prior to receiving instruction at Hamline. It was the first administration of the Project SAILS individual test scores version.

The assessment was administered in the first week of classes, fall semester 2010.

Only 23 students scored at 70% or higher, which is considered proficient for first year students. 85% or greater is considered mastery.

The average number of questions answered correctly was 28/55. The average score was 51.55%. One question had a mean score of 14.60% (Standard 5 question item #552), and the highest mean score for a question was 85.71% (Standard 1 question Item #30).

The 55 questions on the SAILS test measured four different information literacy standards developed by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

ACRL Standard #1: Determines the nature and extent of information needed. (13 questions on SAILS)

The mean score of Hamline first year testers in fall 2010 for this standard was 58.41%

ACRL Standard #2: Accesses needed information effectively and efficiently. (25 questions on SAILS)

The mean score of Hamline first year testers in fall 2010 for this standard was 47.67%

ACRL Standard #3: Evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his or her knowledge base and value system. (7 questions on SAILS)

The mean score of Hamline first year testers in fall 2010 for this standard was 60.14%

ACRL Standard #5: Understands many of the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information and accesses and uses information ethically and legally. (10 questions on SAILS)

The mean score of Hamline first year testers in fall 2010 for this standard was 46.35%

A $100 book store gift certificate was given away to 1 winner, whose name was drawn from the pool of testers who completed the test.

Test results were sent via email to students’ Hamline email accounts on January 10, 2011.

Bush Library plans to administer the individual test scores version of Project SAILS to this same sample group in late spring 2011.