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Online Assessment Methods for Student-Centered Learning

Active Learning, Collaboration, & Application with Authentic Assessment

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Introduction

Let's move:

 Away from remote emergency online assessments during COVID to well-designed authentic assessments that simulate professional skills

•Beyond multiple choice to a variety of assessment methods

•Beyond worrying about proctoring to continuous assessments

 Forward to changing the culture of assessment from pass/fail, normal/bell curve to learning improvement and student development

A Learning and Pedagogical Foundation & Taxonomy for Assessment Methods

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Domains of Learning



Make a decision based on output from equipment

Evaluate an approach or technique

Analyze data or performance



Manipulate equipment (the feel, the sound)

Demonstrate a physical skill

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Affective

Conative

Learning Taxonomy

Bloom's* Taxonomy	Recall	Retention	Transfer	Application
Remember				
Understand				
Apply				
Analyze				
Evaluate				
Create				

*Anderson, Krathwohl, & Bloom (2001)

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Assessment



Proctoring is really focused on these types of assessments

Auto-graded assessments and adaptive learning systems focus on learning at this level "Authentic Assessment" – more focus on application; more authentic to what's expected on-the-job / in real life

Stiggins & Conklin, 1992; Chappuis & Stiggins, 2016

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Assessment – Ideas for Online



Three Approaches to Reducing Cheating



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Assessing Collaborative Learning

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Syllabus – OILS 532 eLearning Course Design

Assignments	Points
1. Personal Design Framework	10
2. Revised Personal Design Framework	10
 3. Group eLearning Design Project: Learner Analysis (15 points) Initial Design Document (10 points) Usability Testing (15 points) Final eLearning Design Project (25 points) 	65
4. Participation in Class and Group Activities	15
TOTAL	100

Syllabus – Expectations for Demonstration of Skills

Grades will be based on the successful completion of the above-mentioned requirements with evidence of the following characteristics:

Higher order thinking skills - the ability to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate

Effective communication skills - the ability to get information across effectively, orally and in writing

Collaborative learning skills - the ability to work effectively in a group

Self-direction and motivation

Professional commitment - a sense of responsibility, meeting deadlines, etc.

Syllabus – Grade Expectations for A+

- I do not grade on the curve, so if all students do exceptional work, all students earn an A.
- A+ students are excellent collaborators and put their effort into building a learning community in this class.

The grade of A+ is reserved for outstanding performance and exceptional contribution to the learning community with evidence of leadership and mentoring. This grade is awarded to those who have not only demonstrated their own progress and expertise in course activities, but also shown their selfless service to others in this class and beyond.

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Directions for Asynchronous Discussions (OILS 535_2020 Culture & eLearning - Gunawardena)



Self Assessment Survey

(scale strongly disagree, disagree, agree, strongly agree)

Community Building:

1. I addressed others by name and/or mentioned the name/s of previous posters in referring to their statements.

2. I supported or encouraged others to express their views and experiences.

3. My messages were positive and cordial in tone.

4. When disagreeing, I treated other's views respectfully, and stated specific reasons for disagreeing.

Knowledge Building:

5. I introduced personal life or professional experience directly relevant to the discussion topic.

6. I referred to the required reading/s (quoted or paraphrased accurately) in my posts.

7. I asked questions about, or restated the content of, a previous post to clarify.

8. I agreed or disagreed with a previous poster and gave reasons or examples.

9. I asked a question that lead the discussion into a new but related area.

10. I pointed out relationships between ideas advanced by different authors.

Figure 16.3. Self-assessment Survey. **Source:** Gunawardena, C. N., Frechette, C., & Layne, L. (2019). *Culturally Inclusive Instructional Design: A Framework and Guide for Building Online Wisdom Communities*. New York: Routledge.

Peer Synthesis of Group Discussion - Preserving Social Construction of Knowledge (From OLIT 535 - Gunawardena)



Group Process Evaluation Form

This form helps you to reflect on your group process, and the contribution of your peers to the group process. Using the following scale, indicate the number which, in your opinion reflects each group member's contribution to the group project in each of the categories. You should first evaluate yourself and then write down the names of each group member and evaluate their contributions.

1 = very poor 2 = poor 3 = average 4 = good 5 = excellent

	Yourself						
Contribution to the analysis and synthesis of ideas during group discussions.							
Contribution to the writing of the group paper and completion of assigned activities.							
Collaboration: the ability to work effectively in a group and contribute as a group member.							
Self-direction and motivation.							
Commitment to group goals.							
Sense of responsibility to group – meeting deadlines, informing others of progress, etc.							
Percentage of Effort in the Group Project. (Here list your perception of the percentage of effort contributed by each member towards the group project. The percentages you assign to yourself and other members of the group must total to 100)							
Using the following scale, indicate the number which reflects your opinion of the climate in your group in the blank provided for each statement. 1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = neutral 4 = agree 5 = strongly agree							
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Figure 16.4. Group Process Evaluation Form. Source: Developed by Charlotte N. Gunawardena and used with permission.

Figure 16.4. Source: Gunawardena, C. N., Frechette, C., & Layne, L. (2019). Culturally inclusive instructional design: A framework and guide for building online wisdom communities. New York, NY Routledge.

Assessing Collaborative Inquiry-Based Learning (CIBL) while Developing an EMT Certification Program

Figure 12.3. **Source:** Gunawardena, C. N., Frechette, C., & Layne, L. (2019). Culturally inclusive instructional design: A framework and guide for building online wisdom communities. New York, NY Routledge.



Collaborative Concept Mapping to Develop a Diabetes Prevention Specialist Program – Example of Ongoing Instructor Feedback



Source: Figure 16.5. **Source:** Gunawardena, C. N., Frechette, C., & Layne, L. (2019). Culturally inclusive instructional design: A framework and guide for building online wisdom communities. New York, NY Routledge.

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The Interaction Analysis Model to Assess Social Construction of Knowledge Online (Gunawardena, Lowe, & Anderson, 1997)



Student-Centered Assessment Methodologies at the University of Jaffna

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University of Jaffna

> Is very much a traditional University

> Has already adopted SCL principles to its core educational activities

> Has been slowly incorporating online modes of teaching and assessment

>Lots of policy level changes are needed to adopt online based assessments

Assessment components are well defined

Intended Learning Outcomes:	 Apply software engineering principles and practices for the planning and development of a software product Practice as an effective player of a software project team Use appropriate tools, principles and best practices for developing an application Create professional-quality deliverables Develop an application based on a given set of requirements in order to deploy the application at the client site Demonstrate abilities to manage pressures and procedures of a team work in an industrial setup
Contents:	 This course unit introduces and applies a range of topics in software engineering and rapid application development in the context of a team project Students will be assigned to a group of three to four members and each group works to specify, design, implement, and document a software project The course unit is oriented around directed and self-paced learning, supported by weekly mentoring and discussions
Teaching/Learning Methods:	Mentoring, Small group discussions, Case studies, Presentations, Demonstrations
Assessment Strategy:	 Team Software Project Report ————————————————————————————————————

Online Assessment Mechanisms

>As of now online based assessments are confined to In-course assessments.

>Some group project activities are done as online based

> Part of the evaluation process is also done using online mode

Group Projects

Group Projects have multiple aims:

- Gives students opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge to solve a real world problem
- Enable students to develop a completed product
- Work together as a group and collaborate
- Involve students in a more focused small-group activity
- Teachers can give more attention to a small group of students
- Additionally it also develops skills such as gathering resources, presenting, working under deadlines

Online Based Assessment Methodologies

- LMS and Github based submission of progress of group projects in subjects such as Computer Science, using online modes
- Students have scheduled timings during the week and will have to present their achievement
- Diagrams describing the requirements identification, development cycle phase, the entity relationship diagrams have to be presented

Group projects – student submissions



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Online Courses ~ LMS*

Automatically preserves all *documentation* of individual **and** group work

Provides resources

- Learning
- Assessment



* Learning Management System

Online Courses ~ LMS

Students can submit multimedia work in multiple formats using the text editor

- Online Text
- File Upload
- Video
- Audio
- Graphics

Essay (audio, video, text)

Please respond to this prompt with...

Online text

File submissions



Online Courses ~ LMS

Instructors can provide multimedia feedback in multiple formats using the text editor

- Online Text
- File Upload
- Video
- Audio
- Graphics



MC Grade Book Text Editor

LMS Applications

- Discussion forum ~ Chat
- Web-conference (BigBlueButton, Zoom)
- Journal ~ Wiki ~ Blog
- Video recording (PC, mobile)
- Audio recording (PC, mobile)
- Document creation (MS Office, Google Docs/Sheets/Slides/Forms)
- Graphics (PC, mobile; Wikimedia)
- Embed social media (Twitter)
- Embed social collaboration apps (Padlet, Popplet)
Collaborative Applications

Supports social *interaction* and *engagement*

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Technologies for Assessment Assessing Collaborative Work/Individual Participation

General feedback ~ Public Space

- Positive Supportive
- Social presence
- A/Synchronous
 - > Within tool (discussion, chat, web-conference)

Formal feedback ~ Private Space

- Detailed focus on guidance/improvement
- Self and Group Evaluation (e.g., WisCom)
- A/Synchronous
 - One:one or small group (Skype, Zoom, BBB, Chat)
 - ➢ Grade Book

Text, audio, video, graphic

Collaborative Applications

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Course: Production & Utilization of Instructional Materials (OILS 421) Platform: Poplet (Poplet.com)

Goal: Class introductions to build learning community and increase interest/engagement (non-linear) Task: Students post their introductions with encouragement to share images, videos, links, etc. Benefit:

Students: Creative engagement in non-linear, freeform work space supports greater participation/more authentic interaction

Students: Work may be saved as learning/instructional resource (download)

Instructor: Demonstrate social presence (providing positive, supportive general feedback)

Instructor: Source for providing personalized, private assessment feedback to students

Collaborative Applications



Course: Technological Change & Society (OILS 481) Platform: Miro (Miro.com)

Goal: Research, explore & share every technology without repetition

Task: Collaborative brainstorming concept map creation

Benefit:

Students: Creative engagement in non-linear, freeform work space supports greater participation/more authentic interaction

Students: Work may be saved as learning/instructional resource (download)

Instructor: Demonstrate social presence (providing positive, supportive general feedback) *Instructor:* Source for providing personalized, private assessment feedback to students



Collaborative Applications



Student example

Course: Management of eLearning Systems (OILS 405/505) *Platform: Padlet (Padlet.com)*

Goal: Learn LMS Site Administrator skills: Set-up backend categories and course structure before building them in MC LMS

Task: Create individual storyboard concept map of categories and course structure for a fictitious, or real, organization/client

Benefits:

- Students: View peers' work to support their learning & enhance understanding
- Students: May be saved as instructional resource (download)
- Instructor: Social presence (providing positive, supportive general feedback)
- Instructor: Provides personalized private assessment feedback to students

Assessment for Learning

Labs & Art Online – Assessing Practicals

EXPERIMENTS AND SIMULATIONS

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Remote Labs



Heriot Watt University, United Kingdom

Guide on online and blended labs, studios, and fieldwork:

https://lta.hw.ac.uk/wpcontent/uploads/03 RBL Practicebased-activities.pdf

Includes a planning guide, ideas, and links to resources, media articles, and academic articles



California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA

Website with a lot of examples and resources:

https://www.cpp.edu/facultycenter/teachingcontinuity/labs-studios-and-activity-courses/

Labs * Studios * Activity Courses

<u>Multimedia Learning Objects Repository</u> – various visualizations, animations, simulations and other learning objects

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Labs

New Faculty Resources

Multimedia Learning

- Quickstart Guide
- Lecturer Guide

Objects

- Research & Scholarship
- Service Opportunities
- Grant Opportunities

Faculty Recognition

- Wall of COOL
- · Grant Projects
- Accessibility Champions

- Labs can be a challenge to perform remotely since many require specific equipment and may be hard to reproduce outside of a lab. Resources like the Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) can help you get your lab online. Use the following resources to help you deliver your lab online.
- Incorporate free and fee-based virtual labs curated through MERLOT Virtual Labs.
- Browse over 40,000 materials in different categories through the MERLOT Collection.
- Employ one of many learning objects authored by our CPP faculty on <u>eLearning's Multimedia Learning Object's</u> Repository.
- Here are some examples of the use of learning objects for labs throughout different disciplines:
- Organic Chemistry Thin Layer Chromatography, Chemical Kinetics and Equilibrium, and Liquid Extraction
- Geography Orographic Process
- Biology Post-Translational Modifications and Understanding Gene Structures
- Consider creating video demonstrations of techniques for pre- or post- lab work. Some of the tools that you
 can use on your MAC or Windows laptop for video creation are:
 - · Powerpoint to record presentation slides with narration
 - Camtasia to record your screen for the creation of software demonstrations, simulations, and

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BCcampus – British Columbia, Canada

Virtual Labs for Science Education (overview of how they developed virtual labs):

https://bccampus.ca/2020/06/18/spoiled-forchoice-virtual-labs-for-science-education/

Extensive Open Text – Virtual Lab and Science Resource Directory https://opentextbc.ca/virtualscienceresources/

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	<u>PhET Interactive Simulations</u> from the University of Colorado Boul	lder						

While an effort has been made to include the best undergraduate science resources in this directory, you may choose to search within these sources directly to help you identify the best

Irish Universities Association

Enhancing Digital Teaching & Learning (EDTL) – Considerations for Lab-based Subjects

Infographic on process for developing remote labs

https://edtl.blog/the-edtl-approach/edtlapproach-considerations-for-lab-based-subjects/

Site features:

Case Studies

Resources

Exemplars (videos)



Lecturemotely – webinar series

Webinars specifically on lab courses:

https://www.lecturemotely.com/co py-of-lab-courses

#DryLabsRealScience webinar recordings	
Non-lab alternative dissertation projects	Non-lab Masters level projects
Dr Dave Lewis, University of Leeds @lewisd99	Dr David Smith, Sheffield Hallam University &dave_thesmith
Watch video	Watch video
Box of broadcasts: capstone projects	Questionnaire-based projects
Dr Chris Willmott, University of Laicester Criw	Dr Katharine Hubbard, University of Hull discHiplantsci
Watch video	Watch video How-to guide
Bio-enterprise dissertation projects	Undergraduate laboratory provision
Prof Momna Hejmadi, University of Bath @HejmadiMomna	Prof Ian Turner, University of Derby @DocWithTheSocs
Watch video	Watch video PDF slides
LearningScience: virtual lab software	Labster: teaching lab courses remotely
Dr Ian Thistlethwaite @LearnScillQ	Dr Sam Butcher Habetter
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Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Canada

Physics – students received a kit and completed experiments at home, recording and sharing those experiments back with the instructor

Astronomy – experiments at home, simulations

Brief video showing examples: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uG4Ho5gRpBQ&featur e=youtu.be



KPU Physics for Modern

Learning physics concepts from home? No problem! This is KPU student Alexa Berard in the Astronomy 1100 class doing the "Crater Size and Impact Velocity" lab. She's dropping projectiles (hard candies) into a pan of sugar from a series of heights (five times from each height) in order to measure how wide the craters are. Then the diameter of the craters. squared, is graphed against the impact velocity to confirm whether crater-diametersquared and impact velocity have a linear relationship. For more information on KPU's Physics for Modern Technology degree program, First Year Engineering Certificate and more visit http://www.kpu.ca/physics







We were happy to welcome colleagues and students from Langara College earlier this month to use our cloud lab demo for their online classes. Students learn concepts such as acceleration of a cart down an inclined track, a mainstay topic in introductory physics. Students learn about experimentation, backed by the relationship between displacement, velocity and acceleration and an application of Newton's 2nd Law of Motion. A great example of taking lessons normally learned in class to an online format! Pictured here is KPU Physics instructor Dr. Takashi Sato, in front of the track that he helped develop.

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https://www.kpu.ca/physics

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University of Technology Sydney in Australia

Optics Lab – hybrid social distancing with 10 students in the lab and 10 students online in MS Teams and mirroring software

- students swap positions each lab

- some students are in permanent distance positions, so they complete the labs fully online

The Open University, UK

http://www.open.ac.uk/blogs/design/using-remote-andonscreen-laboratories-in-online-learning/

Resources

MERLOT Virtual Labs - https://virtuallabs.merlot.org/

MERLOT Materials -<u>https://www.merlot.org/merlot/materials.htm?page=1&keywords=&sort.property=</u> <u>overallRating&category=</u>

PhET Simulations - https://phet.colorado.edu/; <a href="https://generative-second-secon

LabXchange - https://www.labxchange.org/ - created by Harvard

Labster - <u>https://www.labster.com/</u> - virtual labs and ability to create your own simulations



Art & Studio-based Classes



VoiceThread

Social media tool

Discussion board in LMS

Live video chat (Zoom, Collaborate, WebEx, others)

Video recording tool in the LMS – either for assignment submission or for discussion submission

Virtual Exhibit tools https://exhibbit.com/home/ https://www.artsteps.com/ https://www.3dvas.com/

Digital portfolios

Teaching Art Online –

Gomes and Pacansky-Brock

https://sites.google.com/view/teachingartonline/teachingdemos?authuser=0



Direct Links to Featured Resources

- <u>Video: Online Art Critique Demonstration</u> (Hilary)
- <u>Video Demo: Image Curation Activity + Canvas Discussion</u> (Michelle)
- Instructions: Image Curation Activity (Michelle)
- Assignment details (from Canvas) for the Image Curation, Review and Reflect, and Canvas Discussion



Thank you!

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Examples and Resources

A COMPILATION OF NUMEROUS EXAMPLES AND RESOURCES ACROSS DIFFERENT SUBJECT AREAS AND TYPES OF COURSES



Framework for 21st Century Learning

Learning & Innovation Skills – The 4C's

- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation

Information, Media & Technology Skills

• Information, Media & ICT Literacy

Life & Career Skills

- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Initiative & Self-Direction
- Social & Cross-Cultural Skills
- Productivity & Accountability
- Leadership & Responsibility



www.P21.org/Framework

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Strategies to Address Cheating

A COMPILATION OF NUMEROUS EXAMPLES AND RESOURCES ACROSS DIFFERENT SUBJECT AREAS AND TYPES OF COURSES

What can you do – Course (re)Design

STRATEGY – MULTIPLE SMALL ASSESSMENTS

Lowers the stakes while maintaining accountability

Shifts the emphasis from performance to mastery (not a single point in time but what you accomplish over time)

Cumulative module tests – then don't need a final

Use different types of assessment (mixed approach)

BETTER FOR LEARNING

Testing is a learning strategy (outperforms studying)

Spaced repetition and retrieval

Knowledge less likely to be inert (students less likely to "binge-and-dump")

Culture Matters

Students who cheat are rarely dishonest in other contexts

• Cheating is strongly driven by the class environment

Students will cheat "just enough" so they don't feel bad about themselves

Priming and Timing

- Ten commandments experiment
- Sign statement or recite the honor code at the start of an exam or before submitting an assignment (UVA has an honor code and we have students sign or cite that with every assignment)

Creating the Culture You Desire

lectures, and class activities aren't making sense

Talk With Your Class	Institutional Strategies
Let them know systemic cheating is rare (establishes cultural norms)	Engage students in creating or leading efforts around an honor code
Help them understand why you care about that and why they might want to as well	 Integrate your honor code into the fabric of your institution Have students write it or sign it for
Be clear about what constitutes cheating and	assignments
what the penalties are, and about your	Ask a famous alum to record a video (we
commitment to consistent treatment	have Katie Couric)
	Incorporate it into student orientations
Tell them in your experience, students can avoid	
the temptation to cheat by keeping up with the	Create an education campaign to communicate
work and asking for help when readings,	the same class conversation but across campus

Plagiarism Tutorial and Certificate

Free, online from Indiana University:

https://plagiarism.iu.edu/certificationTests/

Assessment – Ideas for Online



Course Examples

GRADUATE EDUCATION CLASS

Design classes – want students to learn how to design effective instruction, how to apply particular methods and principles

Project-based design – on major product that is broken into a series of deliverables (students have to propose, provide a detailed plan, then storyboard, then develop)

Feedback provided at these stages on deliverables (formative) so students have an opportunity to act on the feedback

First class in sequence – have self-assessments periodically on both the content and best practices for being an online learner

UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING CLASS (MATERIALS ENGINEERING)

Professor recorded talks that presented material (direct instruction) and worked examples

After they viewed the video, students were then provided problems to solve and submit by recording themselves working out the problem and submitting as an assignment (measuring reasoning and skills)

Professor and students used tablet PCs with electronic inking that allowed them to draw diagrams and equations and record their work to share or submit

Course Examples

UNDERGRADUATE CLASS ON ETHICS OF TECHNOLOGY

Synchronous sessions with ~20 minutes of direct instruction to present content then ~30 minutes in small groups answering quiz questions that required reasoning and application of readings (instructor drops in on all the groups), then ~20 minute whole-class discussion to share and discuss

Cross-country collaboration (UVA and TU Dortmund in Germany)

Simulation on decision making – required research, presentation of research, recommendations, deliberation, final proposal, then an after-action review featuring a discussion with the head of Germany's Nuclear Ethics Commission

GRADUATE CLASS ON SPECIAL EDUCATION – ASSESSING LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES

Scaffolded case study design

- 1. Case 1 "textbook" provided all the relevant materials
- 2. Case 2 a bit more authentic some missing information
- 3. Case 3 authentic missing documents, conflicting doctor's reports, "answers" aren't clear or simple

Designed cases like a scavenger hunt – students had to go to certain "offices" or email certain people to receive information (like they would in real life)

Some resources buried in emails – could tell who carefully read and who did not

Formative & Summative Assessment

EVALUATING STUDENTS AND CREATING FEEDBACK LOOPS

Formative & Summative



Do students receive some sort of feedback that allows them to adjust? No Yes

Summative

Formative

Measuring learning at the conclusion

Summative

Evaluative – final course grade, final exam, midterm exams (usually) or end-ofunit exam

Informs decisions on achievement, effectiveness of course / programs, course placement decisions, graduation, etc. (not used to inform students on their learning and how to improve)

Summative Only – High Stakes

If you are only using Summative assessments, especially if it's only once or twice a course, this contributes to "high stakes" conditions that become favorable to cheating

Summative

Want to lower the stakes and increase the support for meaningful learning – Formative Assessment helps with that

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Formative Assessment



Assessment for learning – informs the student's learning process Provides strategy-focused feedback on what to improve Can be used as a diagnostic as well or for progress monitoring

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Feedback

Type of Feedback	Changing Role for Instructor	Tools
Strategy-focused feedback (what is strong, what needs attention – and how to tend to it)	Instructional time shifts from content delivery to discussions and feedback with students	Ability to comment on submissions and provide written or audio feedback on work
Not error-focused feedback		Feedback via discussions
		Synchronous tools for live class meetings and office hours

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Activity: Selecting Assessment Methods

Go through your course objectives and classify them using Bloom's taxonomy (if you haven't written course objectives yet, this is a good time to do so – you can use Bloom's to help you structure those).

THEN for each objective, map it to the appropriate type of assessment so you are aligning these (start brainstorming if you feel so inclined – we'll talk about specific ideas in Days 2 and 3).

You can use the table on the next page to list objectives under each classification on Bloom's and then indicate type of assessment / enter notes.

Activity: Selecting Assessment Methods

You can use the following table to list objectives under each classification on Bloom's and then indicate type of assessment / enter notes. Feel free to copy this into a separate document – whatever is helpful.

Bloom's Taxonomy	Knowledge	Reasoning	Skills	Products	Dispositions
Remember					
Understand					
Apply					
Analyze					
Evaluate					
Create					

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