

Generic Assessment Criteria

The University's generic assessment criteria draw together the university eight learning outcomes into three groups, and adds a further criterion relating to professional requirements. Separate criteria have been provided for each academic level. This information can be used by both students and staff to explain how work will be assessed and assists in the provision of written feedback which aligns to the university learning outcomes statements and the percentage grade awarded.

Generic Undergraduate Assessment Criteria Level 3

Learning Outcome	First class			Upper second	Lower second	Third	Fail		
	90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	50-59%	40-49%	30-39%	20-29%	Below 20%
Knowledge and Understanding Learning Enquiry	Exceptional answer demonstrating a highly-detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and the link to with other fields of study; appreciation of the uncertainty, and limits of knowledge. Exceptional presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	An outstanding answer demonstrating a detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data; awareness of the uncertainty of knowledge. Excellent presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Excellent knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other subjects. Very good presentation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Good knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data. Some understanding of limits of knowledge. Good presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Sound knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data. May contain errors and/or discussion of irrelevant issues. Adequate presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the key issues raised by the question but some elements of knowledge missing. Limited presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Unsatisfactory, but shows a limited grasp of understanding in the subject. Limited awareness of limits of knowledge, or ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data.	An attempt to answer the question, but without any significant grasp of material or appropriate skills. Minimal application of knowledge, or use of information.	No answer or an answer which is totally irrelevant or fundamentally wrong. Minimal or no evidence of learning.
Analysis Application Problem Solving	Independent thinking, rigorous argument and an impressive use of evidence. Thorough and accurate analysis of subject with evidence of breadth and depth of study. Excellent application of theory to problem.	Outstanding analysis displaying independent thought and strong, well-organised argument and highly competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Excellent analysis displaying independent thought and strong and well-organised argument, competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	A very good analysis and well-organised argument, very well supported by evidence. Evidence applied well to provide solution to problems.	Good analysis and argument, well supported by evidence. Good application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Arguments and analysis adequate, accurate and supported by evidence, but may be superficial or limited. Some application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Argument and analysis may be illogical, irrelevant, or contradictory in places and/or unsupported by evidence. Limited application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Brief, irrelevant or deficient argument and analysis; unsubstantiated generalisations. Little or no attempt to draw conclusions. Little or no attempt to apply evidence and theory to solve problem.	Absence of analysis and argument. No evidence of application of knowledge to solve problem. Or no answer offered.

Learning Outcome	First class			Upper second	Lower second	Third	Fail		
	90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	50-59%	40-49%	30-39%	20-29%	Below 20%
Knowledge and Understanding Learning Enquiry	Exceptional answer demonstrating a highly-detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and the link to with other fields of study; appreciation of the uncertainty, and limits of knowledge. Exceptional presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	An outstanding answer demonstrating a detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data; awareness of the uncertainty of knowledge. Excellent presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Excellent knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other subjects. Very good presentation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Good knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data. Some understanding of limits of knowledge. Good presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Sound knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data. May contain errors and/or discussion of irrelevant issues. Adequate presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the key issues raised by the question but some elements of knowledge missing. Limited presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Unsatisfactory, but shows a limited grasp of understanding in the subject. Limited awareness of limits of knowledge, or ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data.	An attempt to answer the question, but without any significant grasp of material or appropriate skills. Minimal application of knowledge, or use of information.	No answer or an answer which is totally irrelevant or fundamentally wrong. Minimal or no evidence of learning.
Analysis Application Problem Solving	Independent thinking, rigorous argument and an impressive use of evidence. Thorough and accurate analysis of subject with evidence of breadth and depth of study. Excellent application of theory to problem.	Outstanding analysis displaying independent thought and strong, well-organised argument and highly competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Excellent analysis displaying independent thought and strong and well-organised argument, competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	A very good analysis and well-organised argument, very well supported by evidence. Evidence applied well to provide solution to problems.	Good analysis and argument, well supported by evidence. Good application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Arguments and analysis adequate, accurate and supported by evidence, but may be superficial or limited. Some application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Argument and analysis may be illogical, irrelevant, or contradictory in places and/or unsupported by evidence. Limited application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Brief, irrelevant or deficient argument and analysis; unsubstantiated generalisations. Little or no attempt to draw conclusions. Little or no attempt to apply evidence and theory to solve problem.	Absence of analysis and argument. No evidence of application of knowledge to solve problem. Or no answer offered.

Generic Undergraduate Assessment Criteria Level 4

Communication Reflection	Exceptionally effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Exceptional demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for future study.	Extremely effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Excellent demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for future study.	Highly effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Extremely good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for future study.	Very effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for future study.	Effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Some demonstration of learning ability necessary for future study.	Adequate communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline but with evident weaknesses. Adequate demonstration of learning ability necessary for future study.	Unsatisfactory communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Poor level of learning ability necessary for future study.	Some evidence of communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Limited or no evidence of managing own learning.	Limited or no evidence of the communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Limited or no evidence of managing own learning.
Professional Requirement (Not usually weighted and usually a pass/fail component of assessment)	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Breach of confidentiality of individuals/ organisations from a practice learning setting.

Learning Outcome	First class			Upper second	Lower second	Third	Fail		
	90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	50-59%	40-49%	30-39%	20-29%	Below 20%
Knowledge and Understanding Learning Enquiry	Exceptional answer demonstrating a highly-detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and the link to other subjects; appreciation of the uncertainty, and limits of knowledge. Exceptional presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	An outstanding answer demonstrating a detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and the link to other subjects; awareness of the uncertainty of knowledge . Excellent presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Excellent knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other subjects. Very good presentation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Good knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data. Some understanding of limits of knowledge. Good presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Sound knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data. May contain errors and/or discussion of irrelevant issues. Adequate presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the key issues raised by the question but some elements of knowledge missing. Limited presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Unsatisfactory, but shows a limited grasp of understanding in the subject. Limited awareness of limits of knowledge, or ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data.	An attempt to answer the question, but without any significant grasp of material or appropriate skills. Minimal application of knowledge, or use of information.	No answer or an answer which is totally irrelevant or fundamentally wrong. Minimal or no evidence of learning.
Analysis Application Problem Solving	Original, independent thinking, rigorous argument and an impressive use of evidence. Thorough and accurate analysis of subject with evidence of breadth and depth of study. Excellent application of theory to solve problems.	Outstanding analysis displaying independent thought and strong, well-organised argument and highly competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Excellent analysis displaying independent thought and strong and well-organised argument, competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Very good analysis and well-organised arguments, very well supported by evidence. Evidence applied well to provide solution to problems.	Good analysis and argument, well supported by evidence. Good application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Arguments and analysis adequate, accurate and supported by evidence, but may be superficial or limited. Some application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Argument and analysis may be illogical, irrelevant, or contradictory in places and/or unsupported by evidence. Limited application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Brief, irrelevant or deficient argument and analysis; unsubstantiated generalisations. Little or no attempt to draw conclusions. Little or no attempt to apply evidence and theory to solve problem.	Absence of analysis and argument. No evidence of application of knowledge to solve problem. Or no answer offered.

Generic Undergraduate Assessment Criteria Level 5

Communication Reflection	Exceptionally effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Exceptional demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for higher levels of study.	Extremely effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Excellent demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for higher levels of study.	Highly effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Extremely good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for higher levels of study.	Very effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for higher levels of study.	Effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Some demonstration of learning ability necessary for higher levels of study.	Adequate communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline but with evident weaknesses. Adequate demonstration of learning ability necessary for higher levels of study.	Unsatisfactory communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Poor level of learning ability necessary for higher levels of study.	Some evidence of communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Limited or no evidence of managing own learning.	Limited or no evidence of the communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Limited or no evidence of managing own learning.
Professional Requirement (Not usually weighted and usually a pass/fail component of assessment)	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Breach of confidentiality of individuals/ organisations from a practice learning setting.

Learning Outcome	First class			Upper second	Lower second	Third	Fail		
	90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	50-59%	40-49%	30-39%	20-29%	Below 20%
Knowledge and Understanding Learning Enquiry	Exceptional answer demonstrating a highly-detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study; clear appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. Exceptional presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	An outstanding answer demonstrating a detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study; awareness of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. Excellent presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Excellent knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study; clear awareness of the limits of knowledge. Very good presentation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Very good knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study. Some understanding of limits of knowledge. Good presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Systematic knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study. May contain minor errors and/or discussion of irrelevant issues. Adequate presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the key issues raised by the question; some knowledge and understanding of its inter-relationship with other fields of study. Limited presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Unsatisfactory, but shows a limited grasp of some relevant issues. Limited awareness of ambiguity of knowledge, or ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data.	An attempt to answer the question, but without any significant grasp of material or appropriate skills. Minimal application of knowledge, or use of information.	No answer offered; or an answer which is totally irrelevant or fundamentally wrong. Shows minimal evidence of having benefited from the course.
Analysis Application Problem Solving	Original, independent thinking, rigorous argument and an impressive use of evidence. Thorough and accurate analysis of subject with evidence of breadth and depth of study. Excellent application of theory to solve problems.	Outstanding analysis displaying independent thought and strong, well-organised argument and highly competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Excellent analysis displaying independent thought and strong and well-organised argument, competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	A very good analysis and well-organised argument, very well supported by evidence. Evidence applied well to provide solution to problems.	Good analysis and argument, well supported by evidence. Good application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Arguments and analysis adequate, accurate and supported by evidence, but may be superficial or limited. Some application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Argument and analysis may be illogical, irrelevant, or contradictory in places and/or unsupported by evidence. Limited application of evidence and theory to solve problem.	Brief, irrelevant or deficient argument and analysis; unsubstantiated generalisations. Little or no attempt to draw conclusions. Little or no attempt to apply evidence and theory to solve problem.	Absence of analysis and argument. No evidence of application of knowledge to solve problem. Or no answer offered.

Communication Reflection	Exceptionally effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Exceptional demonstration of	Extremely effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Excellent demonstration of	Highly effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Extremely good demonstration of	Very effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Good demonstration of	Effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Demonstration of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for	Generally satisfactory communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline but with evident weaknesses	Unsatisfactory communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Poor level of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for employment.	Some evidence of communication skills appropriate to this level of study.	Limited or no evidence of the communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Limited or no evidence of managing own learning or
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Generic Undergraduate Assessment Criteria Level 6

Learning Outcome	First class			Upper second	Lower second	Third	Fail		
	90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	50-59%	40-49%	30-39%	20-29%	Below 20%
Knowledge and Understanding Learning Enquiry	Exceptional Answer demonstrating a highly-detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study which is significantly beyond the threshold expectation of a graduate at this level and beyond what has been taught; and a clear appreciation of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. Exceptional and extensive investigation, research and enquiry which are well beyond the usual range, in the presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	An outstanding answer demonstrating a detailed understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study; awareness of the uncertainty, ambiguity and limits of knowledge. Excellent investigation, research and enquiry in the presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Excellent knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study; clear awareness of the limits of knowledge. Very good investigation, research and enquiry in the presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Very good knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study. Some understanding of limits of knowledge. Good, thorough investigation, research and enquiry in the presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Systemic knowledge and understanding of the issues and methodologies, concepts, theories and/or data and its inter-relationship with other fields of study. May contain minor errors and/or discussion of irrelevant issues or tend towards the descriptive rather than the critical. Adequate presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the key issues; some knowledge and understanding of its inter-relationship with other fields of study, sufficient to deal with terminology, facts and concepts. Limited presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data ,but has the ability to extract relevant points.	Unsatisfactory, but shows a limited grasp of some relevant issues. Limited awareness of ambiguity of knowledge, or ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, little or no evidence of background investigation, research or enquiry.	An attempt to answer the question, but without any significant grasp of material or appropriate skills. Minimal application of knowledge, or use of information. Little or no evidence of background investigation, research or enquiry.	No answer offered; or an answer which is totally irrelevant or fundamentally wrong. Shows minimal evidence of having benefited from the course.
Analysis Application	Exceptional and original analysis displaying independent thinking, and showing ability to select, consider,	Outstanding analysis displaying independent thought, and showing ability to select, consider, evaluate and	Excellent analysis displaying independent thought and showing ability to select, consider, evaluate and	Very good analysis displaying ability to select, critically evaluate and comment on reading, research and primary	Good analysis, displaying ability to select, evaluate and comment on reading, research and primary sources, sometimes beyond the set range,	Adequate analysis displaying ability to select, evaluate and comment on reading, research and primary sources. Arguments	Argument and analysis may be weak, illogical, irrelevant, or contradictory in places and/or unsupported by	Brief, irrelevant or deficient argument and analysis; unsubstantiated generalisations.	Absence of analysis and argument.

Problem Solving	evaluate, comment on and synthesise a broad range of research, primary sources, views and information, and offer a rigorous argument well supported by evidence.	comment on a broad range of research, primary sources, views and information, and offer a strong and well-organised argument well supported by evidence.	comment on a broad range of research, primary sources, views and information, and offer a strong and well-organised argument well supported by evidence.	sources, usually beyond the set range, and offer a well-organised argument supported by evidence.	and offer a logical argument supported by evidence. Good application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	and analysis adequate, accurate and supported by evidence, but this may be superficial or limited. Has demonstrated evidence of developing and applying discipline-specific specialist skills. Has demonstrated technical,	evidence. Has not demonstrated sufficient evidence of discipline-specific specialist skills. Has demonstrated a lack of technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. Limited application of evidence and theory to solve problems. Little demonstration of creativity.	Little or no attempt to draw conclusions. Has demonstrated insufficient or no evidence of discipline-specific specialist skills. Has demonstrated a lack of technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. Little or no attempt to apply evidence and theory to solve problems. Little or no demonstration of creativity.	Has demonstrated no satisfactory evidence of discipline-specific specialist skills Has demonstrated a lack of technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. No evidence of application of knowledge to solve problems. Or no answer offered. No demonstration of creativity
	Exceptionally accomplished and innovative application of discipline-specific specialist skills. Has the full range of exceptional technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. Thorough and accurate analysis of subject with evidence of breadth and depth of study. Exceptional application of evidence and theory to solve problems. Shows exceptional aptitude for decision-making in complex and unpredictable circumstances with a high degree of	Accomplished and innovative application of discipline-specific specialist skills. Has the full range of outstanding technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. Highly competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems. Shows outstanding aptitude for decision-making in complex and unpredictable circumstances with a high degree of autonomy. Demonstration of an outstanding perception,	Accomplished and innovative application of discipline-specific specialist skills. Has the full range of excellent technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. Excellent application of evidence and theory to solve problems. Shows excellent aptitude for decision-making in complex and unpredictable circumstances with a high degree of autonomy. Demonstration of an excellent perception,	Capable and effective application of discipline-specific specialist skills. Has a thorough command of highly-developed relevant technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. Very good application of evidence and theory to solve problems. Shows very good ability to make decisions in complex and unpredictable circumstances with a degree of autonomy. Demonstration of a very good perception, critical insight and ability to	Has consistently demonstrated the development and informed application of discipline-specific specialist skills. Has consistently demonstrated well-developed technical, creative and artistic skills necessary for the discipline. Shows good ability to make decisions in complex and unpredictable circumstances. Consistent demonstration of a creativity.	Has demonstrated evidence of developing and applying discipline-specific specialist skills. Has demonstrated technical, Some application of evidence and theory to solve problems. Shows some ability to make decisions in complex and unpredictable circumstances. Production of some creative work.			

	autonomy. Demonstration of a sophisticated and exceptional perception, critical insight and ability to interpret complex matters and ideas. Demonstration of exceptional creative flair and originality.	critical insight and ability to interpret complex matters and ideas. Demonstration of outstanding creative flair and originality.	critical insight and ability to interpret complex matters and ideas. Demonstration of excellent creative flair and originality.	interpret complex matters and ideas. Demonstration of very good creative flair and originality.					
Communication Reflection	<p>Exceptionally Effective and accomplished communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline.</p> <p>Exceptional capability to make clear, authoritative and valuable contributions to group discussions and/or project work with exceptional teamwork and leaderships skills.</p> <p>Exceptional demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or</p>	<p>Extremely effective and accomplished communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline.</p> <p>Outstanding capability to make clear, authoritative and valuable contributions to group discussions and/or project work with outstanding teamwork and leaderships skills.</p> <p>Outstanding demonstration of managing own learning and initiative , learning ability, qualities or</p>	<p>Highly effective and accomplished communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline.</p> <p>Extremely good capability to make clear, authoritative and valuable contributions to group discussions and/or project work with excellent teamwork and leaderships skills.</p> <p>Extremely good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or</p>	<p>Very effective and proficient communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline.</p> <p>Very effective capability to make strong, valuable contributions to group discussions and/or project work with an understanding of teamwork and leaderships skills.</p> <p>Good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or</p>	<p>Consistent and confident communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline.</p> <p>Consistently demonstrated capability to make coherent and constructive contributions to group discussions and/or project work.</p> <p>Demonstration of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for employment.</p> <p>Well-developed</p>	<p>Generally satisfactory communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline but with evident weaknesses.</p> <p>Capability of making useful contributions to group discussions and/or project work.</p> <p>Adequate demonstration of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for employment.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to this level of study.</p> <p>Infrequent contributions to group discussions and/or project work.</p> <p>Poor level of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for employment.</p> <p>Little ability to reflect on own work.</p>	<p>Some evidence of communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to this level of study.</p> <p>Infrequent or no contribution to group discussions and/or project work.</p> <p>Very poor level of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for employment</p> <p>Little or no ability to reflect on own work.</p>	<p>Limited or no evidence of the communication of information, ideas, problems and solutions, verbally, electronically and in writing as appropriate to this level of study.</p> <p>Limited or no evidence of managing own learning or initiative.</p> <p>Infrequent or no contribution to group discussions and/or project work.</p> <p>Little or no ability to reflect on own work.</p>

	skills necessary for employment. Exceptional ability to reflect critically and independently on own work.	skills necessary for employment. Outstanding ability to reflect critically and independently on own work.	skills necessary for employment. Extremely good ability to reflect critically and independently on own work.	skills necessary for employment. Very effective ability to reflect critically on own work.	ability to reflect on own work.	General ability to reflect on own work.			
Professional Requirement (Not usually weighted and usually a pass/fail component of assessment)	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/statutory or regulating bodies.	Breach of confidentiality of individuals/ organisations from a practice learning setting.

Generic Postgraduate Assessment Criteria

Learning Outcome	Distinction			Merit	Pass	Fail			
	90-100%	80-89%	70-79%	60-69%	50-59%	40-49%	30-39%	20-29%	Below 20%
Knowledge and Understanding Learning Enquiry	Exceptional work showing an excellent understanding of complex issues and methodologies at the forefront of the subject or practice. Is able to reflect on the limitations of theory and/or research.	Outstanding work demonstrating an excellent level of understanding of complex issues and methodologies at the forefront of the subject or practice. Is able to reflect on the limitations of theory and/or research. Excellent presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Excellent work demonstrating a very good level of understanding of complex issues and methodologies at the forefront of the subject or practice and their inter- relationship with other fields of study; clear awareness of the limits of knowledge. Very good presentation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Very good work demonstrating good understanding of issues, including some complex Issues. Able to describe and examine a range of principles, much of which is at the forefront of the subject or practice. Good awareness of inter-relationship with other fields of study. Some understanding of limits of knowledge. Good presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Good work showing satisfactory grasp of main issues, sufficient awareness of the subject or practice. Shows a reasonable understanding of the major empirical and/or theoretical issues involved. Some understanding of inter-relationship with other fields of study. May contain minor errors and/or discussion of irrelevant issues. Adequate presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Unsatisfactory work showing only limited grasp of some of the issues, poorly conceived and poorly directed to the question or task set, or with serious errors or omissions and limited awareness of the subject or practice. Limited presentation and evaluation of qualitative and quantitative data.	Unsatisfactory work, showing very limited grasp of some relevant issues and necessary material and/or skills, or with major errors, omissions or misconceptions, and with very limited awareness of the subject or practice Limited awareness of ambiguity of knowledge, or ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data.	An attempt to answer the question or complete the task, but with little grasp of course material or awareness of the subject or practice. Little ability to connect subject knowledge to appropriate contexts. Minimal application of knowledge, or use of information.	No work offered; or work that is totally irrelevant to the question or task set, or fundamentally wrong. Shows minimal evidence of having benefited from the course.
Analysis Application Problem Solving	Exceptional evidence of original independent critical thinking and is based upon a sophisticated and rigorous argument. Explores at, and at times, beyond the boundaries of existing knowledge Thorough and accurate analysis of subject with evidence of	Independent critical thought, is strong and sophisticated, with well organised argument. Explores at the boundaries of existing knowledge. Highly competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Excellent analysis displaying independent critical thought and a strong, organised argument and is able to reflect on the limitations of theory and/or research. Competent application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	A very good analysis and well-organised argument, very well supported by evidence. with the ability to critically evaluate competing arguments. Evidence applied well to provide solution to problems.	Good analysis and argument, well supported by evidence but with limited critical judgement. Adequate application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Arguments and analysis inadequate, sometimes accurate and supported by superficial or limited evidence. Shows limited or no critical judgement in analysing issues or presenting ideas. Limited attempt to connect aspects of subject knowledge. Some application of	Argument and analysis may be illogical, irrelevant, or contradictory in places and/or unsupported by evidence. Limited application of evidence and theory to solve problems.	Brief, irrelevant or deficient argument and analysis; unsubstantiated generalisations. Little or no attempt to draw conclusions. Little or no attempt to apply evidence and theory to solve problems.	Absence of analysis and argument. No evidence of application of knowledge to solve problems. Or no answer offered.

	breadth and depth of study. Excellent application of theory to solve problems.					evidence and theory to solve problems.			
Communication Reflection	Exceptionally effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Exceptional demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Extremely effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Excellent demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Highly effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Extremely good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Very effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Good demonstration of managing own learning and initiative, learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Effective communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline. Demonstration of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Generally satisfactory communication skills appropriate to the level of study, task, audience and discipline but with evident weaknesses. Adequate demonstration of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Unsatisfactory communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Poor level of learning ability, qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Some evidence of communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Limited evidence of managing own learning ability, or developing qualities or skills necessary for highly skilled employment or further study.	Limited or no evidence of the communication skills appropriate to this level of study. Limited or no evidence of managing own learning or initiative.
Professional Requirement (Not usually weighted and usually a pass/fail component of assessment)	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Meets the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Fails to meet the competencies or standards of proficiency required by professional/ statutory or regulating bodies.	Breach of confidentiality of individuals/ organisations from a practice learning setting.