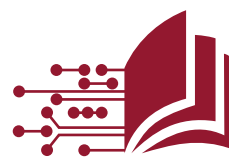


# Assessment Selection Tool



Your assessment methods should be based on the type and level of learning you want to evaluate. Class size and discipline area, among other things, may also factor in to your decisions. Ensuring your assessments align with the type of knowledge and level of learning you need to assess and diversifying your assessment tasks will improve student engagement and provide a more robust evaluation of student achievement.

The table below categorizes learning that is commonly evaluated in Higher Education and lists some examples of standard academic tasks and authentic assessment methods (tasks that mimic the way knowledge is used in the real world). Use it as a tool to help you select appropriate assessment methods for your learning outcomes.

Learning to Evaluate	Assessment Methods
<p><b>Demonstrate knowledge and conceptual understanding</b></p> <p>Recall, describe, report, recount, recognize, identify, relate, interrelate, exemplify, classify, summarize, compare, explain, infer, etc.</p>	<p>Standard academic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Essay, Report, Summary, Compare &amp; Contrast, Selected Response (True/False, Label a Diagram, Multiple Choice, Matching), Constructed Response (Short Answer Question, Self-evaluation, Peer review)</li> </ul> <p>Authentic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dictionary/ glossary/ encyclopaedia entry</li> <li>• Graphical representation or analogy</li> <li>• Identify examples in everyday life</li> <li>• “In Plain English” video aimed at general public</li> </ul>
<p><b>Solve problems and develop plans</b></p> <p>Identify problems, pose problems, define problems, analyze data, review, design experiments, plan, apply information, etc.</p>	<p>Standard academic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Analysis, Research Proposal, Collaborative Project Work</li> </ul> <p>Authentic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem scenario</li> <li>• Inquiry committee</li> <li>• Grant application</li> <li>• Experiment design</li> <li>• Data visualization (chart)</li> <li>• Proposals (project, business, development, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Design, create, perform something new</b></p> <p>Imagine, visualize, design, produce, create, innovate, perform, plan, generate, build.</p>	<p>Standard academic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portfolio, Performance, Presentation, Business Plan</li> </ul> <p>Authentic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model or prototype</li> <li>• Web site, pamphlet, poster, video</li> </ul>



Learning to Evaluate	Assessment Methods
<p><b>Thinking critically and making judgements</b></p> <p>Recall, describe, report, recount, recognize, identify, relate, interrelate, exemplify, classify, summarize, compare, explain, infer, etc.</p>	<p>Standard academic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essay, Report, Journal, Critique, Book Review, Problem sets</li> </ul> <p>Authentic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing paper for a committee</li> <li>• Case presentation for an interest group</li> <li>• Advisory report (about policy, public health matters)</li> <li>• Newspaper article/blog post</li> <li>• Podcast</li> </ul>
<p><b>Perform procedures and demonstrate techniques</b></p> <p>Compute, use equipment, follow laboratory procedures, follow protocols, carry out instructions, etc.</p>	<p>Standard academic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration, Role Play, Lab Report, Poster Presentation</li> </ul> <p>Authentic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How-to video</li> <li>• Illustrated manual</li> <li>• Graphic workflow</li> <li>• Design a simulation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Access and manage information</b></p> <p>Research, investigate, interpret, organize information, review and paraphrase information, collect data, search and manage information sources, etc.</p>	<p>Standard academic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annotated bibliography, Research Project, Dissertation</li> </ul> <p>Authentic task examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation</li> <li>• Design Thinking workshop</li> </ul>

Note: this is not a comprehensive list of learning targets nor assessment methods