Selecting assessment methods based on skills

When considering the assessment methods that are best suited to your particular course, you may wish to reflect on the key skills that you want your students to develop. This guide helps you identify the assessment method that is best for your course needs.

Look through the list on this page and select the skill that you think is most important. Once you have opened your selection, you will see a list of assessment methods that are likely to work for you!

Application of data

Case studies; policy papers; problem sets

Comprehension

Annotated bibliographies; blogs; case studies; oral presentations; research proposal

Communication

Blogs; class participation; essays; oral presentations; posters; policy papers

Constructing meaning

Blogs; case studies; essays; oral presentations; policy papers

Conceptual thinking

Blogs; essays; oral presentations; policy papers; portfolio; simulations and games

Critical thinking

Case studies; essays; oral presentations; policy papers; problem sets; research proposals; simulations and games

Discriminating between sources

Annotated bibliographies; blogs; essays; MCQs; objective tests; policy papers; posters; research proposals

Evaluation

Annotated bibliographies; essays; MCQs; objective tests; policy papers; problem sets

Identifying core concepts

Essays; MCQs; objective tests; oral presentations; policy papers

Logical argumentation

Blogs; case studies; class participation; essays; oral presentations; research proposals

Organising data

Oral presentations; policy papers; portfolio; posters; simulations and games

Presenting findings

Blogs; class participation; essays; oral presentations; policy papers; portfolio; posters

Problem solving

Case studies; objective tests; oral presentations; problem sets; simulations and games

Self-management

Class participation; essays; oral presentations; portfolio; research proposals; simulations and games

Summarising abstract concepts

Annotated bibliographies; blogs; case studies; essays; oral presentations; posters

Synthesis of data

Blogs; case studies; class participation; essays; oral presentations; policy papers; posters

Synthesis of meaning

Blogs; case studies; class participation; essays; oral presentations; posters