

Writing Practice

Week 1: Introduction to Academic Writing

Lesson1: Introduction to the Course

03. Assessment Components in the Course

Study - Notes

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1. Types of Assessments

The course includes two main types of assessment components:

- 1. Ungraded Assessments**
 - 2. Graded Assessments**
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2. Ungraded Assessments

Ungraded tasks do **not** carry marks but are important for learning and indirectly help improve graded performance.

A. Practice Quizzes (Based on Videos)

- Given after each video.
- Provide practice on the concepts discussed.
- Example: A quiz may ask how many types of assessments exist.
- Help with **revision, recall, and content understanding**.

B. Discussion Questions

- Based on reflective questions raised in the videos.
- Students think critically and respond in writing.
- Questions may ask:
 - Why follow writing conventions?
 - Why use citation and referencing rules?
 - How is plagiarism harmful?
- Students also respond to peers' posts.

- Example: A peer may argue plagiarism isn't harmful if unnoticed; you may respond by highlighting ethics and academic integrity.
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3. Graded Assessments

A. Graded Assignments

Two types:

1. Peer-graded assignment

- Usually involves a **planning task**, such as outlining an essay.

2. Instructor-graded assignment

- You write the full essay based on the given topic.
- Graded by the instructor or teaching assistants.

B. Graded Quizzes (Module-Based)

- Contain **10 questions per module**.
- Cover multiple components from the entire module (not just one video).
- Fewer chances to retake compared to practice quizzes.
- Help measure your **overall progress**.

C. Term-End Examination

- Formal final exam with weightage.
 - Contains several questions to be completed within a fixed time.
 - Tests understanding of all major concepts from the course.
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4. More Details on Key Assessment Types

Practice Quizzes

- Three quizzes per video.
- Help reinforce learning from topics such as:
 - Paragraph types
 - Argumentative paragraphs
 - Writing structures
- Completing these helps with memory and revision.

Graded Quizzes

- One graded quiz at the end of each module.
- Covers a combination of topics from multiple videos.

Graded Assignments

- **Two assignments** in total.
 - First: Planning stage for an essay (peer graded).
 - Second: Full essay writing task (graded by instructor).
 - Completed before the final exam.
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5. Summary

In this video, the course introduces:

- The **two categories** of assessments
- The purpose of ungraded tools (practice + reflection)
- The structure of graded tools (assignments, quizzes, final exam)
- How each component supports learning and performance

By following the assessment structure consistently, students can meet their learning goals and perform well in the course.
