

Activity ➔ 87

Understanding the reasons for assessment

STUDENT HANDOUT

Discuss the following questions with your group members. Once you have done this we will hold a class discussion on the issues raised.

1. What do you think is meant by the term 'assessment'? How is this term used in higher education?
2. What, in your opinion, is the purpose of assessment in higher education?
3. How can the assessment of students help tutors?
4. How can assessment help students?
5. How can the assessment of students help course leaders/administrators and universities?
6. Provide a list of the different methods of assessment that might be used on a university course. Discuss, with your group members, the effectiveness of the methods you have mentioned.

Learning outcome: By the end of this activity you will have a raised awareness about the meaning and purpose of assessment in higher education and will understand the relevance to teaching, learning, performance and personal development.