



SUNLEARN ASSIGNMENTS

The assignment activity in SUNLearn allows lecturers to electronically collect work (in various formats) from students, review it and provide feedback as well as grades.

Here are some things to consider when contemplating the use of SUNLearn assignments in teaching and learning.

AFFORDANCES

- Students can receive more immediate and detailed feedback since the marking workload can easily be divided amongst lecturers and/or tutors.
- Feedback comments, grading forms or marking rubrics can be set up beforehand to ensure consistency between different markers.
- Feedback can be in different formats i.e. comments, physically marked assignment, audio/video feedback, rubric, grading form.
- Assignments can be submitted to TurnitIn* to check for plagiarism.
- Students can resubmit assignments once they received formative feedback, thus it creates a learning opportunity and students have the chance to improve their grades.
- If marked directly in the digital document the marks will automatically upload to the grade book in SUNLearn.
- There are no paper-based assignments that can get lost.
- Lecturers do not have large quantities of paper-based assignments that need to be handed back to students.
- Marks can easily be changed and updated.
- If preferred, assignments can still be printed and marked manually.
- Assignments can be submitted individually or in groups.
- Deadlines and late submissions are controlled electronically.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

- Setting up feedback comments or rubrics takes time; however it can be re-used in the following year or slightly adjusted for other assignments in the same module.
- Students will need some guidance and encouragement regarding the effective use of feedback.
- Tutors and other markers need to be familiarised with the process.
- When students resubmit assignments it takes 24 hr before a new TurnitIn report is generated.

*Assignments that need to go through a plagiarism check should be submitted in a TurnitIn Assignment activity and not in the default SUNLearn Assignment activity. Both options are available in SUNLearn and have similar settings and affordances.