

London South Bank University, Undergraduate Marking Criteria Level of Achievement Indicators Level 4-6

The weightings for each element within the table may vary between pieces of work. The final mark represents the balance of these elements.

Criteria	Feedforward comments						
	100-80%	79-70%	69-60%	59-50%	49-40%	39-30%	29-0%
1. Research Systematic identification and use of academic and relevant resources	Extensive independent relevant research evidenced by quality and quantity used. Ability to draw on own research and that of others.	Extensive independent relevant research evidenced by quality and quantity used. Some autonomous research.	Wide range of relevant sources identified and used. Very little guidance needed.	A range of sources identified and used. Limited guidance needed.	Limited research identified and used. Some guidance needed to complete research tasks.	Some evidence of research but insufficient amount. Needs support to develop research skills.	Little or no research presented. Needs significant support to develop research skills.
2. Subject Knowledge Understanding and application of subject knowledge. Contribution to subject debate.	Shows sustained breadth, accuracy and detail in understanding key aspects of subject. Contributes to subject debate. Awareness of ambiguities and limitations of knowledge.	Shows breadth, accuracy and detail in understanding key aspects of subject. Contributes to subject debate. Some awareness of ambiguities and limitations of knowledge.	Accurate and extensive understanding of key aspects of subject. Evidence of coherent knowledge.	Accurate understanding of key aspects of subject. Evidence of coherent knowledge.	Understanding of key aspects of subject. Some evidence of coherent knowledge.	Some evidence of superficial understanding of subject. Inaccuracies.	Little or no evidence of understanding of subject. Inaccuracies.
3. Critical Analysis Analysis and interpretation of sources, literature and/or results. Structuring of issues/debates.	Very high-quality analysis developed independently. Sustained evaluation and synthesis of resources. Use of evidence-based arguments. Thoroughly identifies trends, inconsistency, congruence, and states the implications.	Sustained evaluation and synthesis of resources. Use of evidence-based arguments. Thoroughly identifies trends, inconsistency, congruence, and states the implications.	Evaluation and synthesis of resources. Use of evidence-based arguments. Identifies trends, inconsistency, congruence, and states the implications.	Evaluation and synthesis of resources. Use of evidence-based arguments.	Some attempt at evaluation and synthesis of resources. Some use of evidence-based arguments.	Limited evaluation of resources. Limited use of evidence-based arguments	Little or no evaluation of resources. Very little use of evidence-based arguments.
4. Testing and Problem-Solving Skills Design, implementation, testing and analysis of product/process/system/idea/solution(s) to practical or theoretical questions or problems	Autonomous creation and novel implementation. Adapts to unforeseen practical and theoretical challenges to achieve identified goals.	Almost entirely autonomous creation and implementation. Adapts to unforeseen practical and theoretical challenges to achieve identified goals.	Mainly autonomous creation and implementation. Adapts to unforeseen practical and theoretical challenges to achieve identified goals.	Some autonomy to create and implement. Some adaption made to unforeseen practical and theoretical challenges to achieve identified goals.	Exploration of possible solution(s). Use of established approaches to resolve practical and theoretical problems.	Limited exploration of possible solution(s) using established approaches to resolve practical and theoretical problems.	Little or no exploration of solution(s). Question or problem unresolved.
5. Experimentation Problem-solving and exploration of the assessment including risk taking and testing of ideas.	Evidence of rich, in-depth exploration and highly innovative problem-solving. Responds to assessment in a way that pushes boundaries and/or makes exciting new connections possible within discipline. Finds a balance between experimentation and resolution to create a highly coherent and innovative piece of work.	Evidence of in-depth exploration and innovative problem-solving. Responds to assessment in a way that pushes boundaries and/or makes new connections possible within discipline. Finds a balance between experimentation and resolution to create a coherent and innovative piece of work.	Clear evidence of exploration and experimentation. The work may not find the balance between experimentation and the attempt to create a coherent piece of work.	There is some problem-solving evident but lacks creative exploration and experimentation.	Some evidence of limited problem-solving. Appropriate response to assessment but there is little development and exploration evident.	Some evidence of engagement with assessment but it is insufficiently developed. Unable to engage with the challenges of assessment.	Little or no evidence of engagement with the assessment, it shows little development.

6. Practical Competence Skills to apply theory to practice or to test theory	Consistently applies comprehensive practical and/or technical skills which reflect the correct application of theory to context.	Applies comprehensive practical and/or technical skills which reflect the correct application of theory to context.	Applies practical and/or technical skills very well and with careful application of theory to context.	Applies practical and/or technical skills correctly and with some application of theory to context with only minimal errors.	Applies a sufficient level of practical and/or technical skills but with some errors. Limited application of theory to context.	Applies some aspects of the practical and/or technical skills but these are incomplete or contain important errors. Very limited application of theory to context.	Limited application of some aspects of the practical and/or technical skills. No application of theory to context.
7. Communication and Presentation Clear intention in communication. Audience needs are predicted and met. Presentation format is used skilfully. Work is well structured.	Communication is entirely clear, persuasive and compelling with very skilful use of the presentation format. Presentation addresses fully the needs of the audience.	Communication is clear, persuasive and compelling with very skilful use of the presentation format. Presentation addresses fully the needs of the audience.	Communication is clear, mostly persuasive and compelling with skilful use of the presentation format. Presentation addresses the needs of the audience.	Communication is clear, with skilful use of the presentation format. Presentation takes into account the needs of the audience.	Communication is mostly clear and presentation format is adequate. Presentation may sometimes not take into account the needs of the audience.	Communication is unclear because presentation format is not used adequately and/or the needs of the audience are not taken into account.	Communication is very unclear because presentation format is not used adequately, and the needs of the audience are not taken into account.
8. Academic Integrity¹ Acknowledges and gives credit to the work of others follows the conventions and practices of the discipline including appropriate use of referencing standards for discipline.	Consistent, error free application of relevant referencing conventions with great attention to detail.	Consistent, error free application of relevant referencing conventions.	Consistent application of relevant referencing conventions with few errors.	Application of relevant referencing conventions, with some errors and / or inconsistencies.	Generally correct application of relevant referencing conventions, with some errors and / or inconsistencies.	Limited application of referencing conventions and / or errors.	Very limited or no application of referencing conventions, and/or multiple errors.
9. Collaborative and/or Independent Working Demonstration of behaviour appropriate to discipline, including individual contribution to team or working with others in teams	Integrates a highly developed sense of own identity productively into real or simulated disciplinary situations. Meets the standards required for relevant discipline. Can work very effectively in a team or alone.	Integrates a sense of own identity productively into real or simulated disciplinary situations. Meets the standards required for relevant discipline. Can work very effectively in a team or alone.	Aware of and able to meet most standards required for relevant discipline in simulated or real disciplinary situations. Can work effectively in a team or alone.	Aware of and able to meet the main standards required of relevant discipline in simulated or real disciplinary situations. Able to work in a team or alone	Aware of main standards required of relevant discipline. Able to work in a team or alone	Some evidence of knowledge of relevant disciplinary standards; collaborates reluctantly or struggles to work alone.	Little or no evidence of knowledge of relevant disciplinary standards. No evidence of collaboration with others; unproductive working alone
10. Personal and Professional Development Management of learning through self-direction, planning and reflection	Takes full responsibility for own learning and development through continuous cycles of well-articulated purposeful analysis and planning, supported by extensive evidence	Takes full responsibility for own learning and development through continuous cycles of well-articulated purposeful analysis and planning, supported by evidence.	Reflection and planning are self-directed, continuous, habitual and evidenced clearly. Strengths have been built on; weaknesses have been mitigated.	Evidence that a cycle of reflection and planning has been continuous and productive. Actively works to develop strengths and mitigate weaknesses.	Evidence that reflection and planning have led to increased disciplinary engagement and commitment. Developing an awareness of strengths and weaknesses.	Weak evidence of reflection and planning for learning but not followed through consistently. Incomplete awareness of personal strengths and weaknesses.	Insufficient evidence of reflection or planning for learning and no evidence of awareness of personal strengths and weaknesses.
11. Performance Quality Demonstration of embodied practice including affecting and being affected.	An exceptional level of embodied awareness revealed in a highly sensitive and detailed performance.	Highly developed embodied awareness; consistent detailed and accurate responsiveness; clear and dynamic intentionality / connectivity	Well-developed embodied awareness; for the most part, a detailed and accurate responsiveness; a dynamic intentionality / connectivity	Some moments of embodied awareness; responsiveness is more generalised; intentions / connections are evident, but not dynamic	Little evidence of embodied awareness; responsiveness is slow and inorganic; intentions are self-conscious or guarded and lack connection	Blocked embodied awareness: attempts are frustrated by lack of engagement or resistance to make connections.	Responsiveness is consciously withheld; there is no attempt to make connections or embody intentionality
12. Data literacy Competence in working ethically with data including data access, data extraction, interpretation and representation.	An exceptional level of competence in the ethical use and presentation of data.	Highly developed competence in the ethical use and presentation of data.	Well-developed competence in the ethical use and presentation of data.	Evidence of competence in the ethical use and presentation of data.	Limited evidence of competence in the ethical use and presentation of data, with some minor errors.	Evidence of limited competence in the ethical use and presentation of data, with some major errors.	Little or no evidence of competence in the ethical use and presentation of data.

¹ The application of this criterion is independent of the process outlined in the [Student Academic Misconduct Procedure](#)