Assessment in Higher Education:Professional Development for Teachers

Instructions for assignments - Checklist



Criteria at item level

Instruction for assignments
The instruction is clear and concise, language is not ambiguous, and it explains to students what needs to be done to complete the assignment
Tasks are formulated as specific as possible
The instruction has a clear introduction, which shows the background and relevance of the
assignment
The instruction relates to the learning objectives of the assignment and states clearly what
students are able to do after completing the assignment
It is stated which tools (resources or facilities) can be used for performing the assignment
It is clearly stated which products one need to hand in and how much they weigh for the
grade
Assessment criteria are clearly stated, so students know what they are being assessed on
It is clear for students when and how to hand in their work, and when and how they are
provided with feedback
All components are consistent with each other
Instructions are relevant and create a clear overview of the assignment
The instruction is not solely a step-by-step instruction, but aims at the bigger picture
The instruction only contains the description of the assignment and does not contain general
information about the subject (which belongs in a course manual for example)
Instruction matches learning objectives
The instruction gives students enough space to find out for themselves how to complete the
assignment