

Standard 1 ~ Design is driven by principles of learner-centred pedagogy

Learning at UWS refers to a strategic and systematic approach to combining times and modes of learning, integrating effective online, on campus and in community interactions for each discipline, using appropriate ICTs. The design of the unit and choice of communication and information technologies and tasks should reflect how students in the relevant discipline learn, rather than reflecting teaching preferences.

Criteria	Rationale
<p>1.1 The unit has been carefully planned and is aligned with the learning outcomes</p>	<p>Each unit has unique learning outcomes, according to its purpose and type. Learning activities, resources and ICTs are explicitly aligned with the learning outcomes for the unit. Design considerations include the characteristics of your students, determining what knowledge, skills and attitudes you want students to have, and the use of appropriate ICTs to facilitate learning.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>What types of learning activities will you design?</p> <p>If your cohort is studying fully online, how will they be supported in their learning and assessment?</p> <p>During the design process which frameworks have you used to develop the unit? e.g SAMR, SUNSET</p> <p>What ICT tools will you use?</p> <p>What existing, or open education resources, can you use in the unit? What else is needed, and is it available as an open resource or does it need to be developed?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion</p> <p>Comments:</p>	

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<p>1.2 The vUWS site forms an integrated component of the learning environment, rather than a separate or additional aspect of the unit</p>	<p>The unit will have been explicitly designed to achieve pedagogical objectives in which the vUWS site plays an integral part in the learning process. Assessment of learning activities will be integrated in the design of the unit and there are clear instructions provided to students about expectations and participation requirements.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Describe the role of the vUWS site in your overall unit design. How is the vUWS site an integrated component of the unit?</p> <p>Tick any of the following features that are incorporated in the vUWS site or Learning Guide for this unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Site orientation / 'About this site' <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed instructions on what students need to do for the learning activities <input type="checkbox"/> Description of level of internet skills required for unit (i.e., Basic / Advanced) <input type="checkbox"/> Expectations about communications, as distinct from netiquette (eg, method, frequency) <input type="checkbox"/> Clear explanations provided for dynamic aspects of the site (eg selective release is explained) <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of how vUWS tools, online learning activities or other features support students in achieving learning outcomes <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of role of the vUWS site <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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<p>1.3 The design of learning activities provides a choice of learning modes and supports a range of learning styles</p>	<p>Students learn in a range of different ways – they may be reflective, active, sequential or global learners and benefit from access to different types of resources and materials. As far as possible and within resource parameters, equivalence between online and offline options should be maintained in order to give students real choices in pursuing the learning mode they find most effective.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Describe the online learning activities that are available for students?</p> <p>How does your unit design support a range of learner styles? For instance, aural, kinaesthetic, visual, oral etc.</p> <p>Tick any of the following choices or flexibility options your unit offers to students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiated assignment tasks (i.e. topic, format, presentation) <input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent online lectures (recorded) <input type="checkbox"/> Equivalent online tutorials (recorded webinars) <input type="checkbox"/> Live presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Students undertake self-directed learning activities <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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1.4 Learning activities encourage students to develop an independent, as well as collaborative approach, to their learning	Independent learning involves students taking the initiative in terms of planning, monitoring their progress and evaluating their own learning. Knowing when, and how, to seek help is also an important element.
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>How does your overall unit design provide for independent learning?</p> <p>How does your overall unit design provide for collaborative learning?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

Standard 2 ~ Assessment activities and feedback processes are integrated

At advanced level, a unit should offer students quality assessment tasks that clearly align with learning outcomes, as well as ways to learn and receive feedback through the use of appropriate ICTs.

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2.1 Students are provided with clear instructions on how to complete scaffolded assessment processes	Students should have all the relevant information (e.g. format, alignment to learning outcomes, due date, submission process, etc.) to complete their assessment tasks. Information provided to students should be at a degree of detail appropriate to the level of the unit. Submission of assessment tasks should be designed with efficient processes in place, both for the student and for grading.
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>What are the submission processes for assessment tasks in your unit?</p> <p>Are there opportunities for self and peer assessment during the unit?</p> <p>Describe how you inform students about the assessment process?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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2.2 Data and information collected from online assessment activities is used to improve future learning resources and assessment	Understanding how student learning is different when designing learning resources and assessment. There are reporting and monitoring mechanisms within vUWS that should be used to improve the student learning experience in your unit.
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Describe the reporting and monitoring tools you will use to understand how students are learning in your unit? What changes will you make to improve the student experience next time?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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<p>2.3 Provision of constructive feedback to students is enhanced by the use of relevant ICTs</p>	<p>There are a range of ways ICTs can be used to enhance the value of feedback to students on assessment tasks. Care should be taken to avoid overly 'automated' feedback as students benefit most from, and often expect, more personalised feedback. Consideration should be given to this issue when designing and using grading rubrics and a suitable balance should be sought between standardised responses or marking and individualised feedback. Ensure mechanisms and expectations for moderation and online feedback are outlined.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Describe how you provide marks, feedback and important information in a timely, clear and well structured fashion?</p> <p>Tick any of the following that are provided to students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sample answers and general feedback on a task is released <input type="checkbox"/> The vUWS rubric is used to provide feedback through the criteria and standards of the activity <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a file through the My Grades tool in vUWS with detailed feedback on the assigning of a grade <input type="checkbox"/> Linking students to resources they should revise in view of their performance on an assessment task <input type="checkbox"/> Online quizzes are structured to provide links to the relevant resources from incorrect answers <input type="checkbox"/> Annotated audio or video feedback on assessment tasks <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback in group assessment tasks <input type="checkbox"/> Formative feedback on drafts or at particular stages to assist students to refine their writing, ideas or thoughts <input type="checkbox"/> Via Turnitin <input type="checkbox"/> Blogging or eportfolio creation with feedback to show progression through the unit <input type="checkbox"/> Interactions on social media channels <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

Standard 3 ~ Student interaction and engagement are facilitated by online communication and networking channels

An appropriate amount of regular interaction is critical to successful learning and in the development of an online learning community. Interaction occurs between students, between student and teacher, between students and content. At advanced level student interaction and engagement occurs through online communication and networking technologies that support student learning.

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<p>3.1 Students have access to quality communication and interaction with staff</p>	<p>Students need to be able to contact teaching staff in the unit, particularly the unit Co-ordinator throughout semester and vice versa. vUWS incorporates a large range of features that support such interaction and may be used to ensure contact is maintained throughout semester.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Tick any of the following ICTs you are using to facilitate interaction between teaching staff and students in your unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborate web conferencing <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion board <input type="checkbox"/> Email through vUWS <input type="checkbox"/> vUWS messages <input type="checkbox"/> Announcements <input type="checkbox"/> Chat – moderated <input type="checkbox"/> Chat – unmoderated (social) <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective journal <input type="checkbox"/> Wiki <input type="checkbox"/> Blog <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) <p>What ‘ground rules’ have you established in relation to frequency of checking communication tools, both for yourself or other teaching staff and students?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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3.2 Interaction between students is facilitated in online communication spaces	Interaction between students provides an important social context and enhances student motivation towards their learning. At an advanced level of design, students have access to quality online communication spaces.
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Tick any of the following ICTs you are using to facilitate interaction between students in this unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Collaborate web conferencing<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion board<input type="checkbox"/> Email through vUWS<input type="checkbox"/> Chat – moderated<input type="checkbox"/> Chat – unmoderated (social)<input type="checkbox"/> Group learning journals<input type="checkbox"/> Group file exchange<input type="checkbox"/> Blogs<input type="checkbox"/> Group presentations<input type="checkbox"/> Online study groups<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Messenger<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) <p>Are you able to provide evidence that this interaction motivates student in their learning?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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<p>3.3 Students have opportunities to collaborate and build peer learning communities</p>	<p>The ability to collaborate facilitates the development of peer learning behaviours and builds learning communities. Collaboration need not always be assessable, as in a formal collaborative assessment task, to be of value to student learning. Collaboration involving informal peer learning methods is also beneficial to students achieving learning outcomes.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Tick any of the following instances of interaction and collaboration that is happening between students and that it is contributing to their learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborate web conferencing <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion board <input type="checkbox"/> Email through vUWS <input type="checkbox"/> Chat – moderated <input type="checkbox"/> Chat – unmoderated (social) <input type="checkbox"/> Group learning journals <input type="checkbox"/> Group file exchange <input type="checkbox"/> Blogs <input type="checkbox"/> Group presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Online study groups <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Messenger <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below) <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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<p>3.4 Students have opportunities to co-construct knowledge</p>	<p>Interaction between students and learning resources is not confined to traditional, linear approaches, such as reading through portions of text. Where appropriate for the discipline and level of unit, advanced learning design allows students to interact with each other and the learning environment to co-construct knowledge.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Tick any of the following ways students engage and interact with learning resources relevant to the unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Students co-create glossary or quiz questions <input type="checkbox"/> Wiki <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion forums <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars <input type="checkbox"/> Group tools, e.g file exchange, journals, blogs <input type="checkbox"/> Group presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Online study groups <input type="checkbox"/> Instant Messenger <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) <p>What explanations have you provided to help students discover, share and use learning resources in their learning?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion <input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

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3.5 Teachers act as facilitators, maintaining a peer-focussed rather than teacher-centred learning environment	At advanced level, students are the focus of interaction. Although the teacher has an important role as online facilitator or moderator, the overall environment should remain peer-focussed rather than teacher-centred. This concept is at the centre of the learner-centred approach to learning.
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>In what ways do you undertake, or organise, online facilitation or moderation?</p> <p>What are the rules around moderation and expectations?</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

Standard 4 ~ Students have access to a range of quality resources and supports

This Standard focuses on facilitating student access to a range of good quality learning resources and associated supports to enable students to effectively engage in learning activities. The learning resources should be available in a variety of media types and could include resources such as articles, web links, case studies, online lectures, webinars, videos and podcasts. Learner supports can be provided by teaching staff, peers or through access to information such as team activities, use of mentors, templates, models, instructions and guides.

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<p>4.1 Students are provided with access to a variety of good quality learning resources that are of current relevance to the discipline and are suitable for learning</p>	<p>At an advanced level, students have access to a rich selection of learning resources suitable to the discipline, the unit level and a variety of student learning styles. The range should allow opportunities for students to extend their learning where appropriate, but should not be overly detailed such that would confuse students or lead to 'information overload'. Learning resources should also be relevant to the discipline, the level of the unit, particularly in terms of currency and address multiple perspectives.</p>
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Have you researched and made use of open educational resources?</p> <p>How do you ensure that resources are relevant and suitable for the unit?</p> <p>Tick any of the following learning resources available in the unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Photos / images <input type="checkbox"/> Audio podcasts <input type="checkbox"/> Video (vodcasts) <input type="checkbox"/> Online lectures <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars <input type="checkbox"/> Simulations <input type="checkbox"/> Animations <input type="checkbox"/> Case studies <input type="checkbox"/> Articles <input type="checkbox"/> Weblinks <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorials <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Animated explanations <input type="checkbox"/> Publishers content <input type="checkbox"/> Open educational resources <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) 	

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- I am satisfied I meet this criterion
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4.2 Student learning is supported and enhanced by structured processes	Learning supports should be applicable to the discipline, appropriate to the learning activities, suitable for the unit level and the experience of the cohort and may include team activities, use of mentors, peer feedback, templates, models, instructions and guides.

Self-evaluation

How do you ensure that students are appropriately supported in their learning?

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4.3 Resources are sensitive to a diversity of social, cultural and gender perspectives	As outlined in UWS Policies, our University is committed to providing social justice, inclusivity, access and equity for students from a wide range of backgrounds. Resources should reflect the UWS Mission and Vision statements and should comply with policies amplifying those principles.
<p>Self-evaluation</p> <p>Progression status for this standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I am satisfied I meet this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I am working towards meeting this criterion<input type="checkbox"/> I require further assistance to achieve this criterion <p>Comments:</p>	

