

# Case study: Personal reflective statement

This case study explores an example of a personal reflective statement to assess postgraduate engineering students. A personal reflective statement is often used to prompt learners to think about their progress, identify personal goals and develop as a learner.

## The assessment context

This type of assessment was designed to assess learners studying at master's level for an online MSc in Engineering Management. For each module in the MSc programme, learners complete a short reflection on their learning which represents 10% of the final awarded mark for each module.

## Assessment criteria and set-up

Throughout, learners were actively encouraged to reflect on their learning and evaluate their understanding by writing a short reflection at the end of each unit. These reflections were recorded in the Learning Journal tool in Minerva, and prepared learners for assessment at the end of the module. The reflective statement assessment encouraged learners to reflect on their achievements in the module and consider how they might apply their learning in professional practice.

The assessment used this rubric:

- Learners to produce a 500 word reflective statement.
- Where appropriate, work should be referenced using the Leeds Harvard System.
- Learners to submit their work via Turnitin on Minerva by a given submission date.
- Penalties for late submission were applied of -5% for each day beyond the deadline.

Learners were notified by email when feedback on their submission was available to download from Minerva.

## The assessment

The assessment was designed to capture learner reflections on their personal progress and development throughout the module. Learners were asked to write their reflection in the first person and use an informal tone as appropriate for this type of writing. The questions prompted learners to consider how their learning will shape their future practice, and identify areas for future development.

Learners were given feedback assessing their reflection on:

- intellectual development
- their participation and engagement in online learning activities
- the module's impact on their professional development.

## **Find out more**

To find out more about setting up reflective style assessments using Turnitin and providing feedback to learners explore the [Turnitin Getting Started Guide](#). To add a Learning Journal tool to your Minerva Module, explore this [Journals Guide](#).