

Personal Skills Award

Mark Descriptions for the Marking of Assessed Work: Level 1

General

Work for Level 1 Modules is assessed by the standards appropriate to the first year of an undergraduate degree course. The mark descriptions listed below are intended to provide general guidelines, not rigid prescriptions. They are given to clarify the level of work that is required, not to insist that every criterion has to be reached for a particular mark to be attained. Percentage bands indicate the mark range for the work.

Planning and Organisation of Material

Above 70%	Shows evidence of a clear plan, stated at the beginning and carried out throughout, in which all key issues are addressed.
60% - 70%	Shows evidence of a clear plan, stated at the beginning and carried out for the most part, in which most key issues are addressed.
50% - 60%	Shows evidence of planning, although possibly not clearly stated, in which an attempt has been made to identify and address key issues.
40% - 50%	Shows some evidence of planning, although not necessarily stated in which some attempt has been made to identify and address key issues.
Fail Below 40%	Shows little or no evidence of planning nor any attempt to address key issues.

Use of Sources/Evidence

Above 70%	Uses a substantial range of evidence/sources critically and with appropriate referencing.
60% - 70%	Uses a sufficient range of sources with some evidence of critical analysis and correct referencing.
50% - 60%	Uses an adequate range of sources with limited critical analysis and limited referencing
40% - 50%	Uses a limited range of evidence/sources with limited referencing.
Fail	Uses an inadequate range of sources with no critical reading and little or no

Below 40% referencing.

Analysis

Above 70%	Shows clear evidence of coherent, cogent and well supported critical argument.
60% - 70%	Shows evidence of knowledge and understanding and a degree of well founded critical interpretation
50% - 60%	Shows evidence of knowledge and understanding and some critical interpretation.
40% - 50%	Shows limited evidence of knowledge and understanding with limited critical interpretation.
Fail Below 40%	Shows little or no evidence of knowledge, understanding or critical interpretation.

Presentation

Above 70%	Displays an organised and clear standard of presentation and writing, with very few or no spelling and grammatical errors.
60% - 70%	Displays careful and appropriate standard of presentation, with only occasional spelling or grammatical errors.
50% - 60%	Displays an appropriate standard of presentation, which may contain some errors, but which does not interfere with the communication of ideas.
40% - 50%	Displays a reasonable standard of presentation which contains some errors which affect the presentation.
Fail Below 40%	Displays poor presentation and linguistic or formatting errors that make the work incomprehensible.

(Adapted from Mark Descriptions for Assessed Work level I of Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Birmingham)