AG3 the Journey

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The Task

Developing Skills for Personal Effectiveness - DF4E 34

Student Materials

Instruments of Assessment

Target at Agriculture students



The Facts

Actual

- Unit Specification
- 60 hours

Desired

- Existing ASP
- Existing Instruments of Assessment
- Experience of Teaching the Module
- Experience of the Module
- Peer Input
- 300 hours!



Starting Point

Clearly Identified

- Overall Aim of Unit
- Each Outcome Statement
- Underpinning Principles
- Candidate requirements
- Evidence Requirements
- Assessment Guidelines.

Asked for Experience in the network.

Spoke to a couple of experienced writers.



On Reflection

Prioritise!

Underpinning Principles

• Finding Experience if at all possible

• Get some regular support or write as pat of a team



Structure

- VLE allows for a variety of mediums and networked classes demand a slightly different approach.
- Consider learning styles (1, 2 & 3)

The Phoenix!

Identify tools of learning and link to Assessment Materials

Blackboard VLE

Blackboard Collaborate (4)

Self reflection/Action Plan - LO1

Group work - LO1 & LO2

Team Challenge - LO2

Peer Reflection - LO1 & LO2



Approach

- Move away from notes and slides
- Deliver general information for reading
- Build curriculum specific in class
- Mix of media You Tube, Ted, Internet, Library links.
- Flipped Learning (5)



Post Research Content

- Cross-Referenced Materials with Unit Specification Candidate Abilities.
- Then took an overview of Assessment Guidelines for each module.
- Aim was to minimise duplication and maximise learning whist developing portfolio of assessment material.
- Identify main tools of assessment –
 Action Plan

 Team Activity Game Development
 Diary bringing together Work Experience and Team Activity.
 Case Study



In Hindsight...

- I would have worked as part of a team.
- Dug deeper for experience in unit development.
- Identified and built closer relationship with SQA Advisor
- Listened to the voice of experience in their time estimations and then expanded it significantly.
- Hounded out pan Scotland people experienced in delivering the unit.
- Asked to deliver the unit first time around as part of the final review process to allow tweaks.



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