

Assignments assessment

Rationale

Four assignments are scheduled throughout the course. The assignments are designed to motivate students to go beneath the surface of some of the topics brought up in lectures and tutorials. The assignments will allow and encourage the student to search for material, synthesize material and specialize in topics of particular interest.

Assessment details

Each assignment requests the student to provide answers to 3-4 problems or short essay topics relevant to the course. Problems are typically open-ended and require answers 50-300 words long. Each assignment submission is worth 10 marks, divided between the problems as specified on the assignment specification. To be awarded maximum marks, each answer needs to clearly demonstrate an exceptional ability of the student to synthesize knowledge from various identified sources and an in-depth understanding of the topic, imagination, originality or flair, work is interesting or surprising or exciting or challenging or erudite.

Delivery

All assignment submissions are individual. Collaboration or cooperation is not acceptable. Submitted work will be thoroughly checked for plagiarism and collusion. Assignments are made available at least one week before the deadline.