

Student Perceptions of Peer and Computer-Assisted Assessment

During Semester 1, BIOL 10401 was assessed by short-answer questions based on principles encountered in the laboratory. Practicals 1-4 were marked by peers, whereas practicals 5-10 were submitted via computer and were marked by an academic member of staff.

This questionnaire is designed to determine your perceptions concerning these different methods of assessment and a chance for you to air any comments or concerns you may have.

Please circle the most appropriate response to each question

Q1. Are you

Female

Male

Q2. Are you aged.....?

20 or under

21-23

24 or over

Q3. Please circle your highest qualifications obtained to date

A levels

Scottish Highers

Irish Leaving Certificate

European Baccalaureate

French Baccalaureate

International Baccalaureate

Degree

Other (please specify)

Q4. Are you.....?

Home student

EU student

International student

Q5. If you had the choice, would you prefer to have some of your work marked by peers or would you prefer it to be solely by academic staff?

Some by peers

All by academic staff

No preference

Please feel free to add any comments:

Q6. If you had the choice, would you prefer to submit your work on paper or via computer?

Submit via computer

Submit on paper

No preference

Please feel free to add any comments:

Address the statements below by circling one of the boxes marked 1-5 which most closely reflects your opinion, where:**1 = Strongly disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Neutral or no opinion; 4 = Agree; 5 = Strongly agree**

Q7	I think Peer Assessment is a fair method of assessment	1	2	3	4	5
Q8	I feel confident with Peer Assessment as a method of assessment	1	2	3	4	5
Q9	I found I could mark one of my peers' work adequately	1	2	3	4	5
Q10	I felt that I learnt by marking one of my peers' work	1	2	3	4	5
Q11	Peer Assessment provided me with adequate feedback about my own performance	1	2	3	4	5
Q12	I feel that I would have learned more if academic staff had marked my work for practicals 1-4	1	2	3	4	5
Q13	I feel that marking by academic staff would be fairer	1	2	3	4	5
Q14	Computer-assisted assessment provided me with adequate feedback about my own performance	1	2	3	4	5
Q15	Marking one of my peers' work gave me confidence in answering further assessment questions	1	2	3	4	5
Q16	I think Computer-assisted assessment is a fair method of assessment	1	2	3	4	5
Q17	I feel confident with Computer-assisted assessment as a method of assessment	1	2	3	4	5
Q18	Computer-assisted assessment has given me confidence in answering further assessment questions	1	2	3	4	5

Q19. If you had the choice, would you have preferred BIOL 10401 to be assessed?

As coursework (as it is now)

As a formal examination in January

No preference

As an examination in Week 12 of Semester 1

A mixture of coursework & examination

Other (please give details):

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire.
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