University of Sussex Business School Generic Assessment Criteria

Descriptor	Expected at Level 4 (UG 1st Yr)	Expected at Level 5 (UG 2nd Yr)	Expected at Level 6 (UG 3rd Yr)	Expected at Level 7 (PG)
Knowledge & Understanding You remember what you have been taught and know when to use it	Understanding of principles, concepts, theories, and terminology	L4 plus knowledge of discourse within the context of individual modules	about validity of principles, concepts and	L6 plus ability to combine with approaches from other disciplines in a variety of theoretical and practical contexts
Application You can make practical use of what you have been taught	Appropriate use relevant theories, concepts and/or techniques from module content to solve/explain familiar scenarios	L4 plus application of relevant theories, concepts and/or techniques outside of the context in which they were first studied	L5 plus ability to develop viable solutions	L6 plus ability to judge between multiple viable solutions
Critical Thinking You develop your own reasoned view of the relevance and usefulness of what you have been taught	Identification of principles and concepts underlying theoretical frameworks or approaches, identifying their strengths and weaknesses	L4 plus recognition of competing perspectives and ability to make justified choices about which approach to take	L5 plus ability to identify the possibility of new concepts within existing knowledge frameworks and approaches	L6 plus ability to develop new approaches to problems based on theory, methodology or practice
Reading & Research You can gather reliable and relevant information	Correct referencing and use of reliable sources of information	L4 plus undertaking own research / reading, Use of appropriate theoretical models to judge the significance of data collected	L5 plus ability to identify patterns and relationships in research and between modules	L6 plus ability to design and undertake complex investigations involving conflicting data to address significant areas of theory and/or practice
Presentation & Style You are able to make your ideas clear in a way that's appropriate to the intended audience	Accurate and effective communication with structured and coherent arguments	L4 plus ability to explain competing points of view and ambiguities	L5 plus ability to communicate viable solutions	L6 plus ability to communicate complex and contradictory information coherently
You are able to work with others	Ability to work effectively within a team and recognize when factors are interfering with team performance	L4 plus ability to effectively manage group conflicts		L6 plus sufficient self-awareness to be able to adapt to different team contexts