



# How Do I Assess Students Virtually?

## Adapt In-Person Assessments for Virtual Delivery

Many assessments can be done virtually using the various tools and technologies available to you and your students. Here are some guidelines to consider when adapting your assessments.

## Align Assessments with the Learning Objectives

When preparing assessments, first consider the following questions:

- Are there learning objectives that cannot be demonstrated by one of the existing assessments?
- Should an assessment be developed?
- Is the assessment formative (an indicator of how a student is performing to prompt self-reflection and receive corrective feedback) or summative (a cumulative indicator of what the student has learned)?
  - If it is formative, how will students receive constructive feedback?
  - If it is summative, how will students demonstrate that they have mastered the learning objectives?

## Identify Your Virtual Assessment Tools

Next, consider the tools and technologies available by assessment type. Students may:

- Submit written assignments and other files using the [CoursePlus Drop Box](#). Files can be uploaded individually or as a group.
- Ask and answer questions, discuss and debate relevant topics, and have both peer-to-peer and faculty-to-student interactions using the [CoursePlus Discussion Forum](#).
- Present to the class synchronously during a virtual class [Zoom](#) session. You may also allow students to present asynchronously by sharing a video, narrated PowerPoint, [VoiceThread](#), or audio clip with the class via the discussion forum.
- Collaborate in groups. You can manually or randomly assign students into groups using the [CoursePlus Course Groups](#) tool. Groups may have their own group discussion forum and group wiki to use for collaborative tasks and activities as well as peer assessment for constructive feedback.
- Complete quizzes and exams using various tools in CoursePlus:
  - The [CoursePlus Quiz Generator](#) tool supports a variety of question formats, including short- and long-answer essays; multiple-choice, true-false, and fill-in-the-blank questions; matching from two lists; and numeric value.
  - The [CoursePlus Drop Box](#) tool may be timed so that the students must complete and submit their quiz or exam document within a certain date and timeframe.
  - More information about these and other quiz and exam options can be found in [Using CoursePlus' Advanced Features for Guiding Academic Integrity](#).