

What to know about

SIGNATURE ASSIGNMENTS

What are they?

Signature Assignments are authentic assignments that engage students in real-world applications of knowledge. Authentic assignments can take many forms, depending on disciplinary context

How many are required?

Each Core Course must include at least one Signature Assignment. Instructors can choose to engage with all the core competencies in a single Signature Assignment, or to spread these out across multiple Signature Assignments

What do they require?

Signature Assignments must engage with one or more core competencies and include a reflection element. All other details are left open to instructors

Why a “reflection”?

The reflection component makes thinking visible by prompting students to draw connections between the Signature Assignment and the Core Competencies

How should it be graded?

The Signature Assignment should count toward the overall course grade, but does not need to be worth the “most points” or be the “most weighted” assignment in the course. All grading decisions are left open to instructors

What is being assessed?

Instructors must submit their Signature Assignments to the Core Curriculum Director. They will be used to assess the Core Competencies within the Core Curriculum (not to assess instructors or courses)