

Active Learning and End-of-Term Report

Professor Philip Seaton's Courses, 2018-2019

Active Learning

Active learning is two classes' worth of educational activity directly related to the course content. It is equivalent to 2 x 90-minute classes and homework (2 x 4.5 hours). *In other words, active learning should be 10-12 hours of self-study.*

Active learning comprises two parts:

- 1) **The activity:** this should be an activity of 3 hours' duration.
- 2) **The report:** There is no fixed length of the report, but it must clearly indicate how the 10-12 hours of active learning was used and the educational outcomes.

Examples of Active Learning:

- 1) **Fieldwork report:** Visit a site and write a fieldwork report. For classes relating to *war/history* these could be a war/peace museum, historical site, monument, etc. For classes relating to (*contents*) *tourism* these could be a tourist site, filming location, museum about an author/actor etc. A fieldwork report is best done as a photo essay, i.e. many pictures with descriptions of the fieldwork and associated learning.
- 2) **Book review:** Read a book and write a book review of about 800 words. The review should contain both a summary of the book's content and your critical evaluation.
- 3) **Film review:** Watch a film (cinematic film, television drama, documentaries totaling about 3 hours) and write a review of about 800 words. The review should contain both a summary of the film's content and your critical evaluation.
- 4) **Interview:** Conduct an interview relating to your studies with someone who is not connected to the university (i.e. not a student or member of faculty). The interview should be recorded and a transcript submitted as part of the active learning report.
- 5) **Other:** Discuss other options with the teacher before starting your project.

Note on sources and bibliographies:

The active learning report is "free format" and does not have to have a bibliography. However, any sources used must be identified according to academic ethical standards.

Grading:

The active learning report is assessed using the following grid.

	無評価	不可	可	良	優
課題の実行 Completion of the Task	F	6	9	12	15
レポート Report	F	4	6	8	10

End-of term Report

The end-of-term report is an original essay that addresses a topic covered in the course. The essay must follow academic conventions in both structure (title, introduction, main argument, conclusions) and citations (in-text citations, bibliography).

Content:

The end-of-term report should be an original investigation into an aspect of the course, or, the topic specified in class by the teacher.

Format:

- 1) **Word count:** The length of the end-of-term report is **1500 to 2000 words (or equivalent in Japanese)**. Essays shorter than 1000 words and longer than 2500 words incur a penalty. *The bibliography is not included in the word count.*
- 2) **References:** For an essay of this length it is expected that there will be at least 6-8 sources listed in the bibliography. While non-academic sources (e.g. newspaper articles, websites) may be used, there must be evidence of engagement with academic sources in the bibliography.
- 3) **Citation Style:** The in-text citations and bibliography must be formatted according to one of the recognized citation styles in the humanities and social sciences, e.g. Harvard, Chicago, APA etc.
- 4) **Language:** The essay is submitted in the language of instruction for the overall course.

Grading:

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	無評価	不可	可	良	優
内容 Content	F	4	6	8	10
文献調査 Reading/Literature Review	F	4	6	8	10
フォーマット・引用 Format and Citations	F	2	3	4	5

Submission

For both the Active Learning Report and the End-of-Term Report, the submission date is given on the class website. Late submissions which are deemed to give the student an unfair advantage over other students incur a penalty.

The report may be submitted either in a hard copy in class or electronically as an email attachment (email address is given on the teacher's website). *Please submit as a PDF file.*