

Standards from the QM Higher Education Rubric, Fifth Edition

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Standards	Points
Course Overview Introduction	
1.1 Instructions make clear how to get started and where to find various course components.	3
1.2 Learners are introduced to the purpose and structure of the course.	3
1.3 Etiquette expectations (sometimes called "netiquette") for online discussions, email, and other forms of communication are clearly stated.	2
1.4 Course and/or institutional policies with which the learner is expected to comply are clearly stated, or a link to current policies is provided.	2
1.5 Minimum technology requirements are clearly stated and instructions for use provided.	2
1.6 Prerequisite knowledge in the discipline and/or any required competencies are clearly stated.	1
1.7 Minimum technical skills expected of the learner are clearly stated.	1
1.8 The self-introduction by the instructor is appropriate and is available online.	1
1.9 Learners are asked to introduce themselves to the class.	1
Learning Objectives (Competencies)	
2.1 The course learning objectives, or course/program competencies, describe outcomes that are measurable.	3
2.2 The module/unit learning objectives or competencies describe outcomes that are measurable and consistent with the course-level objectives or competencies.	3
2.3 All learning objectives or competencies are stated clearly and written from the learner's perspective.	3
2.4 The relationship between learning objectives or competencies and course activities is clearly stated.	3
2.5 The learning objectives or competencies are suited to the level of the course.	3
Assessment and Measurement	
3.1 The assessments measure the stated learning objectives or competencies.	3
3.2 The course grading policy is stated clearly.	3
3.3 Specific and descriptive criteria are provided for the evaluation of learners' work and are tied to the course grading policy.	3
3.4 The assessment instruments selected are sequenced, varied, and suited to the learner work being assessed.	2
3.5 The course provides learners with multiple opportunities to track their learning progress.	2
Instructional Materials	
4.1 The instructional materials contribute to the achievement of the stated course and module/unit learning objectives or competencies.	3
4.2 Both the purpose of instructional materials and how the materials are to be used for learning activities are clearly explained.	3
4.3 All instructional materials used in the course are appropriately cited.	2
4.4 The instructional materials are current.	2
4.5 A variety of instructional materials is used in the course.	2
4.6 The distinction between required and optional materials is clearly explained.	1
Course Activities and Learner Interaction	
5.1 The learning activities promote the achievement of the stated learning objectives or competencies.	3
5.2 Learning activities provide opportunities for interaction that support active learning.	3
5.3 The instructor's plan for classroom response time and feedback on assignments is clearly stated.	3
5.4 The requirements for learner interaction are clearly stated.	2
Course Technology	
6.1 The tools used in the course support the learning objectives and competencies.	3
6.2 Course tools promote learner engagement and active learning.	3
6.3 Technologies required in the course are readily obtainable.	2
6.4 The course technologies are current.	1
6.5 Links are provided to privacy policies for all external tools required in the course.	1
Learner Support	
7.1 The course instructions articulate or link to a clear description of the technical support offered and how to obtain it.	3
7.2 Course instructions articulate or link to the institution's accessibility policies and services.	3
7.3 Course instructions articulate or link to an explanation of how the institution's academic support services and resources can help learners succeed in the course and how learners can obtain them.	2
7.4 Course instructions articulate or link to an explanation of how the institution's student services and resources can help learners succeed and how learners can obtain them.	1
Accessibility and Usability	
8.1 Course navigation facilitates ease of use.	3
8.2 Information is provided about the accessibility of all technologies required in the course.	3
8.3 The course provides alternative means of access to course materials in formats that meet the needs of diverse learners.	2
8.4 The course design facilitates readability.	2
8.5 Course multimedia facilitate ease of use.	2