*Please share with your faculty:*

**The importance of implementing multiple and varied assessment methodologies**

As you begin to think about your Fall 2018 assessment activities, it is important to plan on using multiple and varied assessment methods to inform your understanding about the extent of student learning. Assessment is the process of evidence gathering. Multiple assessments are important because, the more evidence that you collect the more valid and reliable inferences you can draw about the extent of student learning. Therefore, students should be assessed periodically throughout the semester. In addition, a variety of assessment methods are important (e.g., different types of test problems, papers, projects, and presentations) in order to accommodate various learning styles and individual learning differences. Multiple assessment methods are also important to distinguish the different types of skill sets students are acquiring for particular subject matter. Bloom’s taxonomy, which distinguishes among different types of cognitive skills, can be useful in guiding what type of assessment method to use. For example, if the objective is for students to be able to be able to remember information a multiple choice or true/false test may be appropriate. However, if the objective is for students to evaluate information than an essay or paper assignment would be more effective. Here is a link to a blog “[Setting Formative Assessment Questions in Bloom’s Taxonomy](https://tophat.com/blog/formative-assessment-questions-blooms-taxonomy/)” which can help you think about what type of assessment method to use depending upon the student learning objective.

**Check Out**: Weimer, M. (2015). Advantages and disadvantages of different types of test questions. *Faculty Focus.* Retrieved June 23, 2018 from <https://www.facultyfocus.com/articles/educational-assessment/advantages-and-disadvantages-of-different-types-of-test-questions/>

**Please share examples of how your program uses multiple and varied assessment methods and I will feature your examples on** [YU’s Learning Assessment Website](https://owa.yu.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=qfPSe4wRYkKrpT3C8vPq8A7wjn94UtMIlXPnm4uIb63uPB_8kYqY2U_p2t2TYINMonFFOW1vbo0.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fyu.edu%2fprovost%2fassessment%2f).

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Thank you to all of you who have submitted your Spring 2018 assessment reports. If you still have not yet submitted your report, please do so ASAP. Also, please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of your Fall 2018 assessment plans.