Learning journal

What is a learning journal?

Learning journals require students to reflect on what they have learnt in a course. Students need to describe how their thinking has changed and what this means for their future studies. The writing can be quite informal.

What does a learning journal entry look like?

Just like all academic writing, a learning reflection needs a key message that is used to structure the narrative.

The entry should consist of these three parts:

- 1. An introduction that includes your key reflection(s)
- 2. A body that retells the facts and relates it to your prior knowledge
- 3. A conclusion that gives the significance or implications of your key reflections

For a sample learning journal entry, <u>open this link</u> and scroll down (University of New South Wales).

What should I reflect on and how should I submit my learning journal entries in this course?

As part of the course work, you will be required to regularly produce entries in a learning journal. You will be given **specific questions or prompts for each entry**. The entries can be done in text, audio or video format. A suitable length is around 300 words for a written entry and about 3 minutes for an audio or video entry. Text entries can be written directly in Moodle. To submit audio/video entries, you must first upload your file to cloud storage (e.g. Googe Drive, One Drive) and share a link to the file in the journal task in Moodle. Remember to change the sharing settings so that anyone with the link can view. Alternatively, you may use a file transfer service such as https://wetransfer.com/.

How will my learning journal entries be assessed?

Your team mentor will review your learning journal entries and comment on your reflections in Moodle. Entries will be marked with a pass grade. Please note that the language of the journal entries will <u>not</u> be marked.