

1. About this survey

Welcome! As part of Cascade, an ongoing research project that aims to improve our use of technology to support our course delivery, we are updating our current online assignment submission system. As part of this process we are investigating the possibility of using it more widely in the Department and as such would like to ask you a few questions about this.

The results of the survey will, therefore, help us to identify where this provision may (or may not) be appropriate and what training and support might be required.

The survey should take you about five minutes to complete.

When you have answered all the questions. Click the "Done" button. Note that once you have exited, you will not be able to go back into the survey and change your answers.

After analysis, the data will be recorded anonymously and you will not be identifiable in any published work.

Thank you very much for taking part.

1. We are investigating the widening the provision of online assignment handling for our courses. Do you think this is a good idea?

Yes

No

Not sure

2. We have a current online assignment handling system (CASS) which we are currently updating. Have you used CASS? (tick as many as apply)

No (but I have heard of it)

No (I did not realise the Department had this service)

Yes (as a marker)

Yes (as a course director)

3. Online assignment handling can involve moving several aspects of the assignment submission and marking process online. Can you indicate how comfortable you would be with each of the following aspects of the assignment handling process being moved online?

	Very happy	Happy	Neutral	Unhappy	Very unhappy
Being emailed when assignments are ready to be marked	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Downloading assignments for marking	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Reading assignments electronically	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Commenting on students text electronically	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Inputting further comments about assignments online	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Inputting students marks online	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Sending assignments back to the Department online	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

4. Which of the following apply to you? (Tick all that apply.)

- Many of my students hand write assignments
- I would be technically confident handling assignments online
- I am confident that online assignment handling is secure
- I do not want to spend more time at a screen
- I think that online assignment submission would speed up the marking process
- I would welcome being able to use plagiarism detection software
- I have used online assignment handling systems in the past (in the Department or elsewhere)
- I am worried about having to remember more passwords
- I think typing feedback will take longer than writing it by hand
- I am worried about students submitting assignments in file types I cannot read
- I do not want to have to print out assignments
- I am worried about having a good enough computer deal with marking assignments online
- In my subject it is difficult produce electronic assignments e.g. Maths notation or Cyrillic script
- I am worried that online submission will make it easier to plagiarise
- I think online assignment submission will be more stressful for students

5. We intend to provide support to academics who will use the system, in what areas would this be most valuable?

- Training to use the online assignment submission system
- Guidance on how best to read on screen
- Hints on managing marking with technology (saving generic comments etc)

Other (please specify)

6. Do you have any comments about online assignment handling?

7. We may contact a small number of respondents to see if they would be willing to participate in a follow-up interview. If you would be happy to be contacted, please give your name and a contact email address

Name

Email

This is the end of the survey.

Thank you very much for taking part - your help is greatly appreciated.