

Understanding Assessment

Differences Between Assessment &
Activity

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Assessment v. Activity in eLumen

Assessment defined

Assessment is a general term. When creating an assessment, we are answering the question: "What are we testing?".

Assessment Name ▾	Assessment Description ⇅	Type ⇅
MBIO180 CLO Assessment (Distributed) Active since 05/2015	MBIO180 CLO Assessment (Distributed)	Course review of overall student achievement

Assessments usually describe the outcomes or pedagogical approach. For example, "This assessment aims to measure Course Learning Outcome #2, which observes grammar, logic, and the main elements of an argument".

Activity Defined

An activity is the assignment used to collect data. Examples of activities include quizzes, term papers, projects, portfolios, performances, etc.

The question we ask ourselves when describing an activity is: "How am I testing my students?" or "What test am I using to measure the outcome I expect from my students?".

Activity Name ▲	Activity Description ⇅	Scorecards	Import Scores
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Essay Exam Evaluation	Evaluation of outcomes via essay questions requiring critical thought about key data sets	14/16	

How does "Assessment" appear in eLumen?

The main "Courses" page in eLumen displays the name and description of the **activity**, not the name and description of the assessment.

Courses MJC Fall 2022 ▾ SLOs & Assessments Curriculum Results Explorer

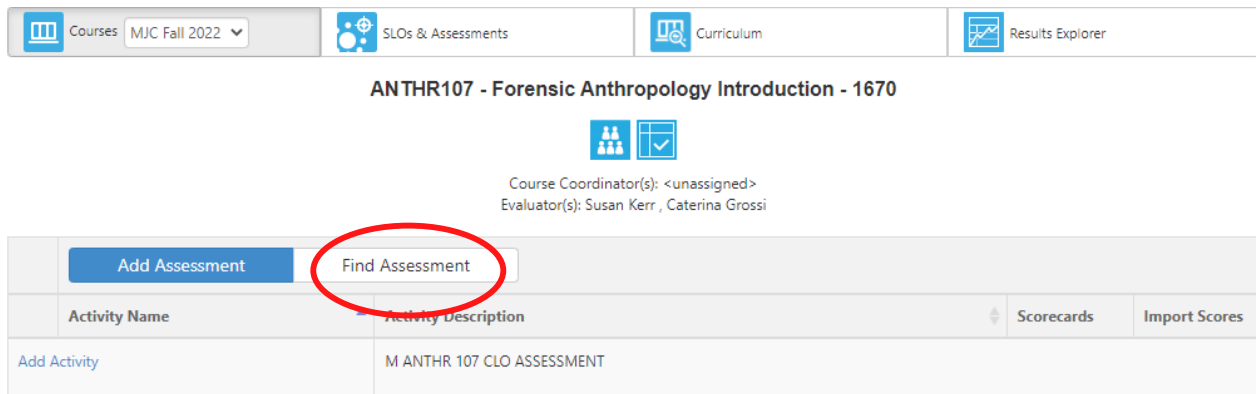
ANTHR107 - Forensic Anthropology Introduction - 1670

Course Coordinator(s): <unassigned>
Evaluator(s): Susan Kerr , Caterina Grossi

Add Assessment	Find Assessment	Scorecards	Import Scores
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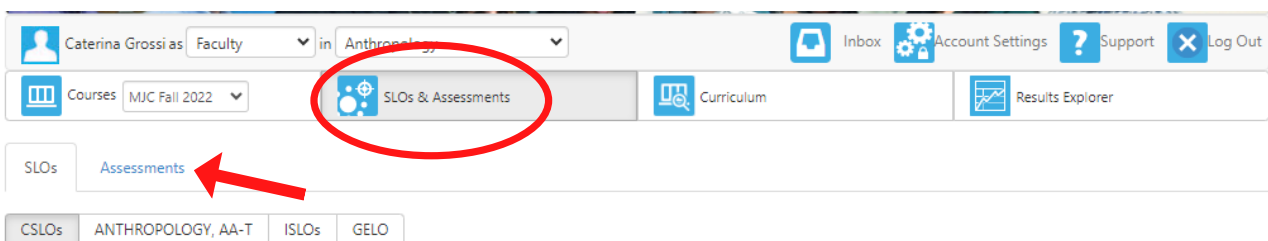
So, where can I find my assessment?

You can find your assessment by clicking on the "Find Assessment" button directly above the activities listed on your main "Courses" page. The most recent assessment can be found at the bottom of the page.



The screenshot shows the course page for ANTHR107 - Forensic Anthropology Introduction - 1670. The navigation bar includes "Courses" (MJC Fall 2022), "SLOs & Assessments", "Curriculum", and "Results Explorer". Below the course title, the course coordinator is listed as "<unassigned>" and evaluators as Susan Kerr and Caterina Grossi. A table at the bottom has two buttons: "Add Assessment" and "Find Assessment", with the latter circled in red. Below the buttons is a table with columns for "Activity Name", "Activity Description", "Scorecards", and "Import Scores". The first row shows "Add Activity" and "M ANTHR 107 CLO ASSESSMENT".

You can also get to your assessments by clicking on the "SLOs & Assessments" tab.



The screenshot shows the user interface for the "SLOs & Assessments" section. The user is logged in as Caterina Grossi, Faculty, in the Anthropology department. The "SLOs & Assessments" tab is circled in red. Below it, the "Assessments" sub-tab is highlighted with a red arrow. The navigation bar includes "Courses" (MJC Fall 2022), "SLOs & Assessments", "Curriculum", and "Results Explorer". The top right corner has links for "Inbox", "Account Settings", "Support", and "Log Out".

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