

What is the aim of Assurance of Learning?

Assurance of Learning (AoL) is a quality management tool which evaluates study programs as a whole. It allows to monitor whether students acquire the competences and skills which the program is designed to offer. AoL monitors student performance with regard to pre-defined Learning Competencies - a framework of educational expectation based on the faculty's mission. In the current AoL-loop from 2019 to 2023, we monitor whether our students acquire comprehensive skills and competences such as disciplinary excellence, interdisciplinary thinking, or responsible management.

What is not the aim of Assurance of Learning?

The assessment of the Learning Competencies is not directly related to a student's grades. Grading criteria may or may not contain elements close to the Learning Competencies, but grading criteria most likely contain more aspects that specifically relate to the given module or thesis. Still, the process of grading is, from a practical point of view, a good moment to do the AoL-evaluation.

AoL cannot evaluate any module or individual teacher/lecturer. The AoL outcomes cannot be connected to individuals nor to the grades given.

Comprehensive Guide for the evaluation in specific modules:

1. If you are teaching a module that is suitable for the AoL and if the evaluation is to take place in the current semester, colleagues of the team of the Dean's office will get in touch with you.
2. You carry out the teaching in your seminar as planned. The AoL evaluation does not influence the design of your seminar, assignments, nor the grades.
3. You evaluate your students with regard to the Learning Competencies. For this, you receive an evaluation sheet that you fill in alongside the regular grading. The evaluation will be based on the final assignments or examinations in your course, e.g. essays, presentations, or tests. We from the team of the Dean's office are available to answer any question you may have concerning the evaluation.
4. After evaluation, you send the results back to aol@leuphana.de.

Comprehensive Guide for the evaluation of final theses:

1. If you are the first supervisor of a bachelor's or master's thesis or of a dissertation, you evaluate your student's performance on the respective AoL evaluation sheet with regard to the Learning Competencies.
2. Together with the regular documents, you receive a link to an online survey from Leuphana's Examination Service. This link is also available via www.leuphana.de/aol.
3. You carry out the grading as usual. Additionally, you assess your graduate's performance along the items of the survey. We are available to answer any question you may have concerning the assessment.
4. If you prefer to work on paper, you can also print the evaluation sheet that you receive with the regular documents. After evaluation, please send the results back to the Dean's office.