

A (Very Short) List of Alternative Assessment Resources

General Resources

Inoue, Asao B. *Antiracist Writing Assessment Ecologies: Teaching and Assessing Writing for a Socially Just Future*. WAC Clearinghouse, 2015, <https://wac.colostate.edu/books/perspectives/inoue/>

Inoue, Asao B. *Labor-Based Grading Contracts: Building Equity and Inclusion in the Compassionate Writing Classroom, 2nd Edition*. WAC Clearinghouse, 2022, <https://wac.colostate.edu/books/perspectives/labor/>.

Tchudi, Stephen, ed. *Alternatives to Grading Student Writing*. National Council of Teachers of English, 1997, <https://wac.colostate.edu/books/ncte/tchudi/>

Blum, Susan D., ed. *Ungrading: Why Rating Students Undermines Learning (and What to Do Instead)*. West Virginia UP, 2020.

- Blum also speaks about her book on this episode of the podcast *Teaching in Higher Ed*: <https://teachinginhighered.com/podcast/ungrading/>

Gorichanaz, Tim. “‘It made me feel like it was okay to be wrong’: Student experiences with ungrading.” *Active Learning in Higher Education*, vol. 25, iss. 1, March 2024, pp. 67-80, <https://doi.org/10.1177/14697874221093640>.

Nilson, Linda B. *Specifications Grading: Restoring Rigor, Motivating Students, and Saving Faculty Time*. Routledge, 2014.

The work of Alfie Kohn (<https://www.alfiekohn.org/>), especially on moving away from coercive punishment/rewards systems and grades as extrinsic motivators

Statement on “Students’ Right to Their Own Language” from the Conference on College Composition and Communication, including a bibliography of sources on language and writing diversity in the classroom: <https://prod-ncte-cdn.azureedge.net/nctefiles/groups/cccc/newsrtol.pdf>

“Ungrading: A Bibliography,” compiled by Jesse Stommel, Mar. 2020, <https://www.jessestommel.com/ungrading-a-bibliography/>.

Examples & Community

Grow Beyond Grades (Facebook group): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/277181926058422/>

Contract grading for “Case Studies in Fairy Tales” by Prof. Amy Bennett-Zendzian at Boston University: <https://bu.digication.com/casestudies152/grading-contract>

Examples of contract grading from Prof. Ryan Cordell at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: <https://ryancordell.org/teaching/contract-grading/>

Examples of “additive grading” (like specs grading) from Prof. Ian Schnee at the University of Washington: <https://dailynous.com/2020/08/18/good-time-try-additive-grading-guest-post-ian-schnee/>

Examples of specs grading in math classes from Prof. Robert Talbert at Grand Valley State University: <https://rtalbert.org/specs-grading-iteration-winner/>