Group Work: Assessment and GradingBy Claire Howell Major, PhD

Grading small group work can be a challenge. Most instructors use a combination of individual product and group product, often developing a percentage split based upon the assignment (e.g. 70% individual work and 30% group work).

Many instructors also assess the processes of group work. They often do so by asking students to complete group and self assessment. Following are sample forms for process assessment.

Sample Peer Evaluation Form for Small Group Work				
	Needs	Adequate	Outstanding	
	Improvement			
	= 1	= 2	= 3	
The team member				
Prepares				
Listens				
Contributes				
Respects others				
Demonstrates the following skills:				
Critical thinking				
Problem solving				
Communication				
Decision making				
Subtotals				
Total				

Sample Self-Evaluation Form for Small Group Work			
Name			
Group Number or ID			
Project Title			
Rate yourself on your performance on the project using the following scale:			
5 = Always 4 = Frequently 3 = Sometimes 2 = Rarely 1 = Never			
Performance Criteria	Rating		
I was prepared to contribute to the group			
I stayed on task			
I listened to others			
I participated in discussion			
I encouraged others to participate			
Overall I felt my performance in the group should be rated:			