

Fairhaven College

Tips for Writing self-evaluations

- ★ Assume responsibility for your learning in the course. Be *specific* and detailed in all your comments.
- ★ What did you expect to learn? What were your goals?
- ★ What did you learn (subject matter, skills, ways of knowing and working)? What changes happened in your attitude, your confidence, your way of going about or looking at things?
- ★ What did you take on? Be specific about your approach to regular assignments and to larger projects. What did you actually do in the course? Did you complete all assignments? If not, why not? Did you do more than was assigned? If so, what? And what did you accomplish with this extra work? What were the individual projects you did?
- ★ Be specific about your attendance. Were you there? If not, how often, and why not? Did you support the community of learning in the classroom? Did you come to class prepared? If so, how consistent were you? How good did you find your preparation to be? Did you find ways to improve it during the term?
- ★ What was your role in class discussion and/or other class activities? What did you do/not do to facilitate good discussion or other fruitful participation in activities? Were you prepared? Did you make specific note of your problems and questions and bring them to class to share them?
- ★ If you had problems or difficulties with the way the class was working for you, did you bring those to the attention of the instructor so circumstances could improve? Did you do other things to face difficulty squarely? Did you avoid postponing finding a way through confusion, hang-up, procrastination, or disaffection with the work?
- ★ Did you seek out help when you needed it? How hard did you work at doing routine assignments and/or special projects well? How successful were you? *What did you do/not do to make your work as good as it could be?*
- ★ (The tough part) How well did you do? What were your strengths and weaknesses? What do you need to work on most? What new strengths or weaknesses did you discover?
- ★ What's next? Where do I (could I) I go from here?