

In-Out Discussion Seminar Model

Procedure

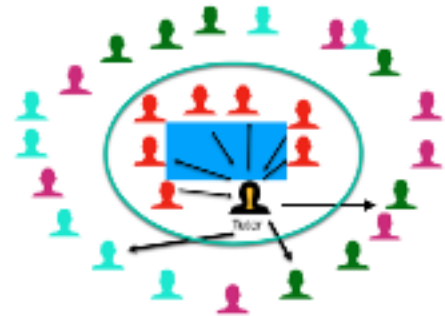
Each in/out seminar is about 90 minutes long and consists of approximately 28 students, divided into 4 sub-groups (group A,B,C,D). To begin with, group A is 'in'. This means that group A sits with the tutor in the inner ring. Meanwhile, the students in group B, C and D sit in the outer ring. The tutor uses the keywords /study questions to discuss the relevant chapters. After 20-25 minutes of discussion, the students of group A move to the outer ring, whilst the students in group B move into the inner ring. Once again, the keywords/ study questions are used to discuss the relevant chapters. This procedure is then repeated two more times for Groups C & D. During the seminar, the tutor occasionally asks for a comment or an answer to a question from a student sitting in the outer ring so be prepared to be called upon. You may have your notes with you. You can use them to support your memory (i.e. do not be afraid about forgetting). Please note, however, that you are expected to maintain eye-contact with the tutor and your seminar colleagues.

Rationale

The seminars are held in this format as it provides for

- (i) more time for revision for all students,
- (ii) more opportunity for discussion,
- (iii) greater possibilities for self-assessment, as students also get to compare their knowledge with the others in the group.

Furthermore, such a seminar ensures that most students are well read and prepared for the seminar. If a student does not perform adequately or if it seems obvious (to me) that a student is not well read/prepared then I notify the student that she/ he complete a compensatory task. This is also the case if you miss a seminar, as you have then denied yourself the opportunity to articulate, revise and to hear about the contents of the seminar discussion.



Diagrammatic Representation

Group A (red) is IN from 10.00-10.25, *OUT* groups are B,C,D
Group B (green) is IN from 10.30-10.55, *OUT* groups are A,C,D
Later Groups C and D have their turns to be IN too

The IN group is in focus for discussion, but comment or question can be asked to a person in the OUT groups. Similarly, a person from the OUT group can ask or comment to anything said by the IN-group

