

Seminars

What is a seminar?	What <i>isn't</i> a seminar?
A group of students discussing – can also be analysing – more active	A lecture
A forum for discussion-based learning A discussion	A lecture
Reinforces what was covered in lecture	Non-interactiveA lecture
Space practice skills	A lectureA one sided conversation
Encourages reflection and analysisA smaller group	Not a discussion with only some of the students
More active form of learning	
Closer reading discussion of sources	A one person show
A space to discuss ideas and develop understandings	lecture
A seminar is a group discussion, led by a tutor/ other leader (keep time and keeps people on track/ on discussion) – collaborative – communicative – helpful for feedback on work	A place to talk at students
Brainstorm ideas	specialised postgraduate/academic workshop or symposium (assumed knowledge!)
Like a symposium, without the drinks. A group discussion.	A single-sided perspective.
Can interact with students on an individual basis & students can interact with one another.	Cannot interact with student ideas on individual basis; students cannot interact with the ideas of other students; students can't provide a response. (I.e., also not a tutorial necessarily.)
Engaging in discussion and conversation.	A lecture, a passive experience
Ability to ask questions and pose ideas and thoughts related to lecture, sources, reading	Not a place for the lecturer to shut down discussion or other ideas
Group of students discussing shared/themed material.	A workshop
Place to try new ideas	Boring
Exchange of ideas and thoughts	A place to push your own views
Lecturer is a facilitator of ideas of the group	

A place to engage with others	A place of dis-engagement
Where students discuss the material together	A lecture; a place for the lead to dominate the discussion
A place for group discussion and the exchange of ideas in a smaller group setting	A lecture or a solo monologue
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Cement and engage in deeper thought about learning	Passive, sit back and do nothing, one person talks at everybody else
An opportunity to engage students in a debate	A place where students can 'get away with' repeating ideas from articles/lectures
Student led	
Get to know peers for students	Lecture led
Interactive	
Space for students to ask questions	A test.
Active, engaging	Competitive
	passive
Collaborative learning	Not passive learning