

# Cool Tool for Back to School: The assignment calculator

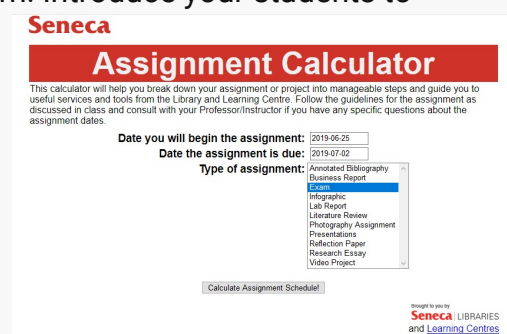
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Time management can be one of the toughest areas of a new college student's life to tackle. Newfound freedoms can mean the first four weeks of class disappear in a blur and then the next thing they know midterm assessments are upon them! Introduce your students to [Seneca's Assignment Calculator](#) when you introduce academic tasks.

The assignment calculator breaks large tasks into manageable steps complete with links to supportive resources. Consider adding a link to it on your My.Seneca course site.



The screenshot shows the 'Seneca Assignment Calculator' interface. It features a red header with the Seneca logo and the title 'Assignment Calculator'. Below the header, a small text block explains the calculator's purpose: 'This calculator will help you break down your assignment or project into manageable steps and guide you to useful services and tools from the Library and Learning Centre. Follow the guidelines for the assignment as discussed in class and consult with your Professor/instructor if you have any specific questions about the assignment dates.' The form includes three input fields: 'Date you will begin the assignment:' with a date picker set to 2019-06-25, 'Date the assignment is due:' with a date picker set to 2019-07-02, and 'Type of assignment:' with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of assignment types: Annotated Bibliography, Business Report, Essay, Infographic, Lab Report, Literature Review, Photography Assignment, Presentations, Reflection Paper, Research Essay, and Video Project. At the bottom of the form is a button labeled 'Calculate Assignment Schedule'. In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for 'Seneca LIBRARIES and Learning Centres'.

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