**Your academic critical thinking skills**

In your experience as a student, have you done any of the things below?

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| *Type of Incident* | *Tick if Yes* |
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| 1. tried to convince students, your tutor or supervisor, or academics about claims you have made that they have challenged? |  |
| 1. questioned a strongly asserted claim in the academic literature because not enough evidence is given to make it convincing to you? |  |
| 1. read claims in an academic text which you have not been ready to accept because they conflict with other texts you have read? |  |
| 1. attempted to weigh up the different arguments expressed in an academic debate in working out your own position? |  |
| 1. changed your mind about a management issue after you reflected on the arguments by students, your tutor or your supervisor, or academics? |  |
| 1. discovered that the author of an academic text you read holds different assumptions from you about a management practice or issue? |  |
| 1. planned a small-scale research investigation either as a student, to be assessed by your tutor or supervisor, or as an academic, to be assessed by academic reviewers? |  |
| 1. weighed up different alternatives in working out how to collect and analyse data for a small-scale research investigation? |  |
| 1. created a diagram to display visually something that you have found out in your work as a student or an academic? |  |
| 1. written a project, dissertation, thesis or research funding proposal, justifying how your approach stands a good chance of achieving the outcomes you seek? |  |

Add up the number of ticks. The more ticks you have, the more your experience of academic work has given you practice in thinking critically and following the logic of enquiry in the way that expert academic researchers do.