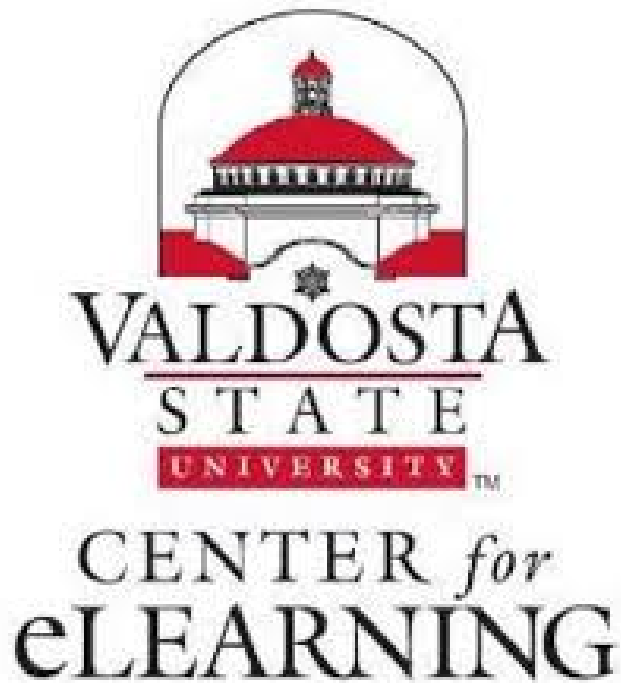


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Points Gradebook in BlazeVIEW



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The BlazeVIEW Gradebook

BlazeVIEW offers a gradebook system for keeping track of student performance. Taking a few minutes to set up your gradebook at the front end of your course can save you a lot of time when grades come due!

Points vs. Weighted

To begin, first consider what kind of gradebook will work best for your course. There are two kind of gradebooks, point and weighted. View the Points example below.

A note: Plan your gradebook prior to beginning the setup wizard. Consider your personal preferences and course goals/objectives. However, if you decide that you want to change your gradebook setup, you can run through the setup wizard again or adjust your gradebook settings at a later date.

Points Gradebook Example

Points Gradebook: Use the points system when you want the maximum points assigned to a grade item to be equal to its contribution to the final grade.

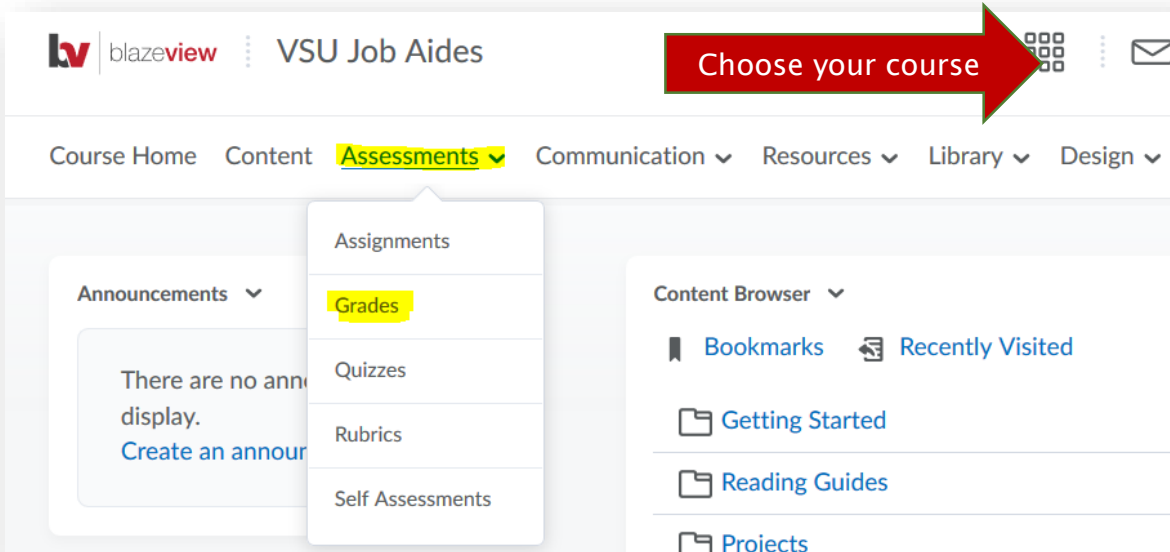
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| Quiz 2 ▾ | Numeric | Quizzes ? | 50 | |
| Quiz 4 ▾ | Numeric | Quizzes ? | 50 | |
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| Activities ▾ | | | | |
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| Activity 2 ▾ | Numeric | Assignments ? | 50 | |
| Syllabus Acknowledgement ▾ | Numeric | Quizzes ? | 20 | |
| Final Calculated Grade ▾ | | | | |
| Final Adjusted Grade ▾ | | | | |

Accessing your Gradebook

Choose the course in which you will be working. You can select your course from your waffle icon or your pinned courses on your BlazeVIEW homepage.

From the top of your course, choose “Assessments.”

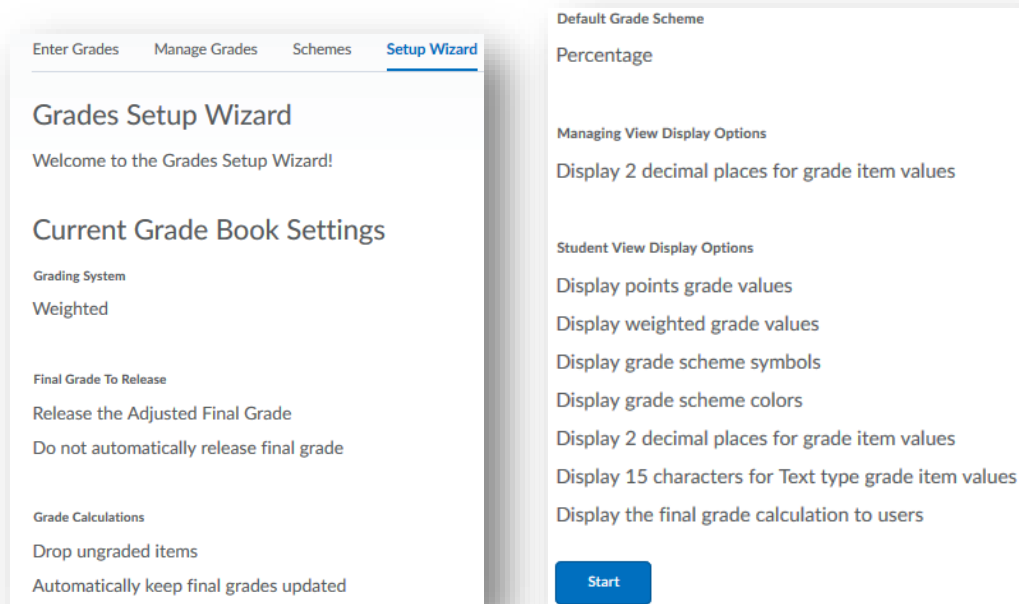
Select “Grades.”



Gradebook Setup Wizard

If this is the first time you are accessing your gradebook, you will be required to navigate the gradebook setup wizard. This allows you to create the foundation of your gradebook and make certain choices concerning student views and instructor views.

The initial Setup Wizard page is a summary of current gradebook settings. Scroll down and select the blue **Start** button to customize your gradebook to your preferences.



Step 1: Grading System

Choose Grading System
– Select **Weighted** or **Points**.

Weighted: Use the weighted system if you want grade items calculated as a percentage of the final grade worth 100%.

Example:

If Assignments Category = 20% of Final Grade and Item 1 = 50% of Assignments Category, Item 2 = 50% of Assignments Category, and Exam = 80% of Final Grade, then Final Grade = __% out of 100%

Points: Calculate the final grade by totaling the points users received on grade items.

Example:

Assignments Category (40 points)
- Item 1 (20 points)
- Item 2 (20 points)
Exam (200 points)
Final Grade = __/240

In this guide, we are creating a Points Gradebook.

Select the blue **Continue** button to move on to the next task.

Step 1 of 7

Step 1: Choose Grading System

Grading System

Weighted 

Example:

Assignments Category (20% of final grade)
- Assignment 1 Item (50% of Assignments)
- Assignment 2 Item (50% of Assignments)
Final Exam Item (80% of final grade)


Final Grade: /100%

Points 

Example:

Assignments Category (40 points)
- Assignment 1 Item (20 points)
- Assignment 2 Item (20 points)
Final Exam Item (200 points)

Final Grade: /240 points

Formula 

Final grade is determined by a custom defined formula
Grade items and categories use the Points system

Continue

Cancel

Step 2: Final Grade Released

Decide if you will release the “Calculated Final Grade” or the “Adjusted Final Grade.”

- The **Calculated Final Grade** cannot be adjusted manually.
- The **Adjusted Final Grade** can be modified prior to release.

Next, decide if you will **Automatically release final grade**. This means that students’ grades will be released upon being posted. This is optional based on your preferences, but recommended by eLearning.

Select the blue **Continue** button to move on to the next task.

Step 2 of 7

Step 2: Final Grade Released

Release

- Calculated Final Grade
The grade that is achieved by users based on the grading formula set up in the grade book. It cannot be adjusted without editing grade item scores.
- Adjusted Final Grade
Allows you to modify or adjust users' grades before releasing them.
- Automatically release final grade
When enabled, the system automatically marks users' final grades as released once created. You may still alter the release status after being automatically released.

Continue

Go Back

Cancel

Step 3: Grade Calculations

Determine how you will treat ungraded items - items in the gradebook that have not been assessed yet - and how the final grade will update.

Drop ungraded items means that grades that have not been entered will not be calculated in a student's final grade. This means if a student does not complete a quiz or assignment, you will manually input the 0. However, it is a more accurate representation of a student's current progress.

Treat ungraded items as 0 means that anything without a grade will be automatically awarded a 0. This saves you from having to manually input 0s but means that all students start with a failing grade and work their way up.

Automatically keep final grade updated means that a student's final grade continually and automatically updates as grades are modified or imported.

Select the blue **Continue** button to move on to the next task.

Step 3 of 7
Step 3: Grade Calculations

Ungraded Items

Drop ungraded items ?

Treat ungraded items as 0 ?

Auto Update

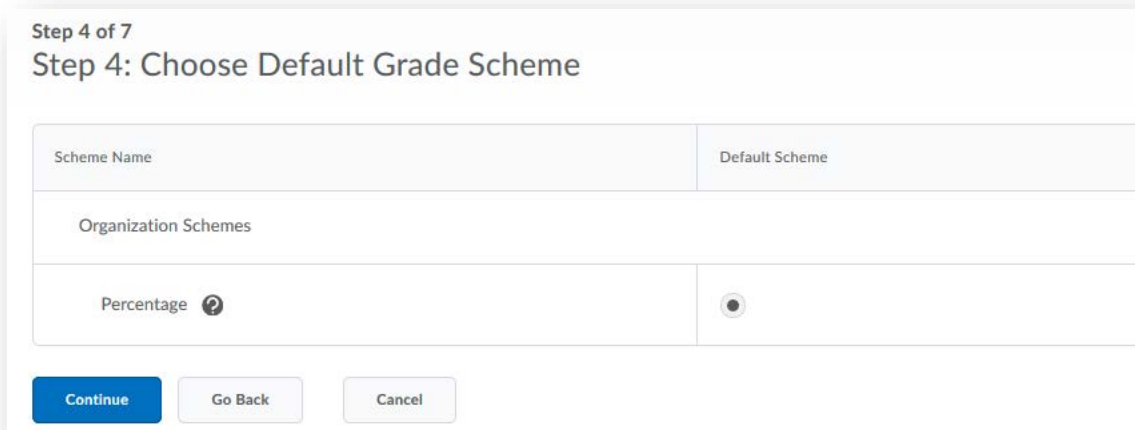
Automatically keep final grade updated ?

Continue Go Back Cancel

Step 4: Choose Default Grade Scheme

VSU uses a default grade scheme. You can make a copy if you wish to change the color coding options.

Select the blue **Continue** button to move on to the next task.

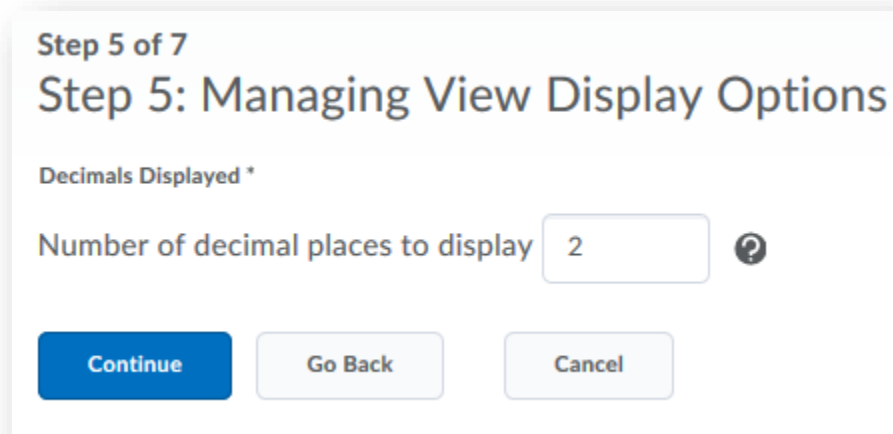


The screenshot shows a web interface for Step 4 of 7, titled "Step 4: Choose Default Grade Scheme". It features a table with two columns: "Scheme Name" and "Default Scheme". Under "Scheme Name", there is a section for "Organization Schemes" and a row for "Percentage" with a help icon. The "Default Scheme" column has a radio button selected next to the "Percentage" row. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Continue" (highlighted in blue), "Go Back", and "Cancel".

Step 5: Managing View Display Options

Decide how many decimal places you want to display. This is the view available to instructors, so it's entirely up to you and your preferences. The default number is 2, but you can adjust up to 5.

Select the blue **Continue** button to move on to the next task.



The screenshot shows a web interface for Step 5 of 7, titled "Step 5: Managing View Display Options". It features a section for "Decimals Displayed *" with a text input field labeled "Number of decimal places to display" containing the value "2" and a help icon. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Continue" (highlighted in blue), "Go Back", and "Cancel".

Step 6: Student View Display Options

This step deals with what students see when they access their gradebook in your course. First, determine the **Grade Details**.

Points Grade – if this option is selected, students will be able to see the points value associated with items. Example: 8/10 on a writing assignment.

Weighted Grade – if this option is selected, students will be able to see the weighted grade associated with items. Example: 80% on a writing assignment.

Grade Scheme Symbol – if this option is selected, students will be able to see what grade their score correlates to. Example: 80% or 8/10 will equal a B.

Grade Scheme Color – If this option is selected, students will see colors associated with different grade schemes. Example: B = green.

***Grade scheme color can only be displayed if the grade scheme symbol is also displayed.

Now, decide the **Decimals Displayed** for students in their gradebook. This defaults to 2.

Next, choose the number of **Characters Displayed** in students' gradebooks.

Finally, decide if you want to display the **Final Grade Calculation**. This allows students to see how their grade was calculated (which assignments were included, if the instructor adjusted points, etc.).

Select the blue **Continue** button to move on to the next task.

Step 6 of 7
Step 6: Student View Display Options

Grade Details

- Points grade ?
- Weighted grade ?
- Grade scheme symbol ?
- Grade scheme color ?

Decimals Displayed *

Number of decimal places to display ?

Characters Displayed *

Number of characters to display for Text items ?

Final Grade Calculation

- Display final grade calculation to users ?

[Continue](#) [Go Back](#) [Cancel](#)

Step 7: Grades Setup Summary

Review the choices you have made in setting up your gradebook. Select the blue **Finish** button to save your gradebook settings.

Step 7 of 7
Step 7: Grades Setup Summary

Grading System
Weighted

Final Grade To Release
Release the Adjusted Final Grade
Do not automatically release final grade

Grade Calculations
Drop ungraded items
Automatically keep final grades updated

Default Grade Scheme
Percentage

Managing View Display Options
Display 2 decimal places for grade item values

Student View Display Options
Display points grade values
Display weighted grade values
Display grade scheme symbols
Display grade scheme colors
Display 2 decimal places for grade item values
Display 15 characters for Text type grade item values
Display the final grade calculation to users

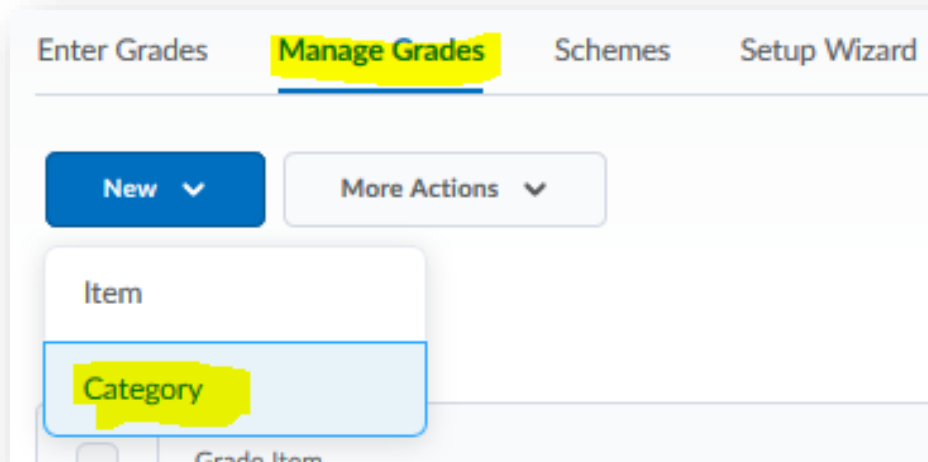
Finish **Go Back** **Cancel**

Creating Gradebook Categories

Creating categories in your gradebook allows you to sort your grade items according to type, module, etc. Categories also allow you to set weights on items so that BlazeVIEW will automatically configure them into your final grade. Categories differ a bit based on your gradebook type (weighted vs. points).

From your gradebook, select **Manage Grades**.

Use the blue drop down menu **New** to select **Category**.

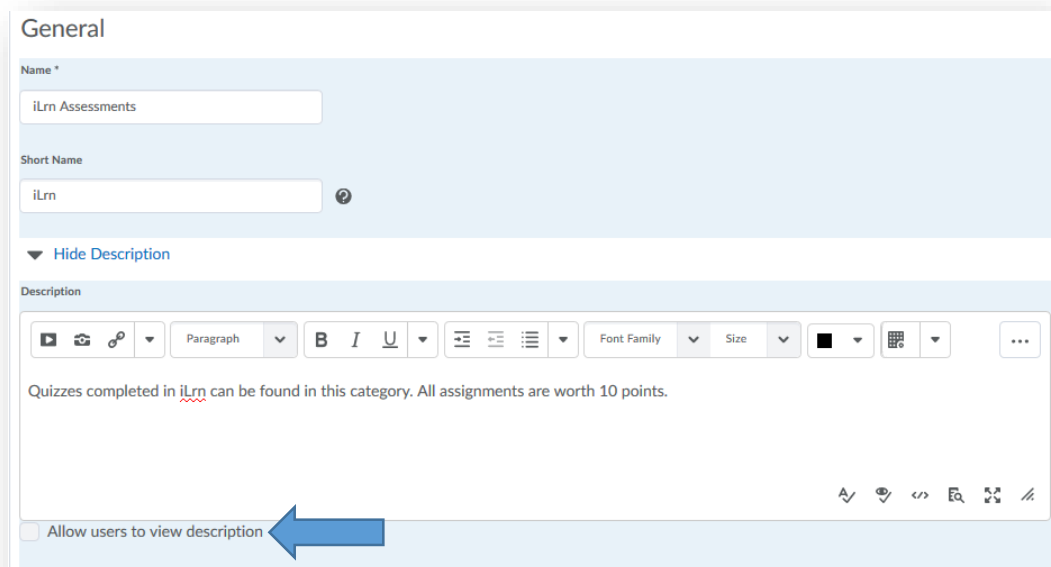


General Properties

Name your category. Consider the different types of learning activities you offer and how they can be organized. Example: quizzes, homework, exams, final, discussion posts, etc.

Optional: Provide a short name for your category. This will save space in your gradebook.

Give your category a description. This is an optional step that allows you to describe the purpose of the category and explain the different types of grade items that would be found in this category.

A screenshot of the 'General' properties form for a category. The form has a light blue background. It contains the following fields and controls:

- Name ***: A text input field containing 'iLrn Assessments'.
- Short Name**: A text input field containing 'iLrn'.
- Hide Description**: A dropdown menu with a downward arrow.
- Description**: A rich text editor with a toolbar containing icons for video, image, link, paragraph, bold, italic, underline, list, font family, size, background color, and a more options menu. The description text reads: 'Quizzes completed in iLrn can be found in this category. All assignments are worth 10 points.'
- Allow users to view description**: A checkbox with a blue arrow pointing to it.

If you choose to give your category a description, you must select the button next to **“Allow users to view description.”**

Grading Properties

Decide if the category can exceed its total value. If you plan to include bonus items in this category or provide bonus points on individual items in this category, select this option.

Will this category be included in your final calculations? If you want this category to carry weight in the final grade calculations, leave this unchecked. However, if this category will house items that do not impact a student's overall grade, select this option. BlazeVIEW will ignore this category when configuring final grades.

Determine how points should be distributed across the category.

If you want all of the items in the category to have the same number of points, select **Distribute points across all items**. From there, you can decide how many points each item will have.

If you want to have the ability to attach different point amounts to items in a category, leave this option unchecked.

The screenshot shows a 'Grading' configuration panel. It has three main sections: 'Can Exceed', 'Exclude from Final Grade Calculation', and 'Distribution'. Each section has a checkbox and a help icon. The 'Distribution' section is highlighted in light blue and contains three sub-items: 'Distribute points across all items' (checked), 'Points per item' (input field with '10'), 'Number of highest non-bonus items to drop for each user' (input field with '0'), and 'Number of lowest non-bonus items to drop for each user' (input field with '0').

Grading

Can Exceed ?

Exclude from Final Grade Calculation ?

Distribution

Distribute points across all items ?

Points per item ?

Number of highest non-bonus items to drop for each user ?

Number of lowest non-bonus items to drop for each user ?

Display Options

Select the **Display class average to users** if you want students to see the average of the category.

Select the **Display grade distribution to users** to allow students to see a chart that depicts that different grade percentiles based on class performance.

Both of these categories are helpful in allowing students to reflect on their progress as compared to their peers.

Display options were already created when you completed your Gradebook Setup Wizard, however you can choose to override those options for any categories you create. To do so, select **Override display options for this item** and then select/deselect as needed.


When your category has been created, choose **Save and Close**.


Repeat this process for any categories you need to create in your gradebook.


Display Options

▼ [Hide Display Options](#)

Student View

Display class average to users 

Display grade distribution to users 

Override display options for this item 

Show

Points grade

Grade scheme symbol

Grade scheme color

Restrictions

Under the restrictions tab of your gradebook category, you can determine items like start and end dates.

Your category will automatically default to **Category is always visible**.

Visibility options:

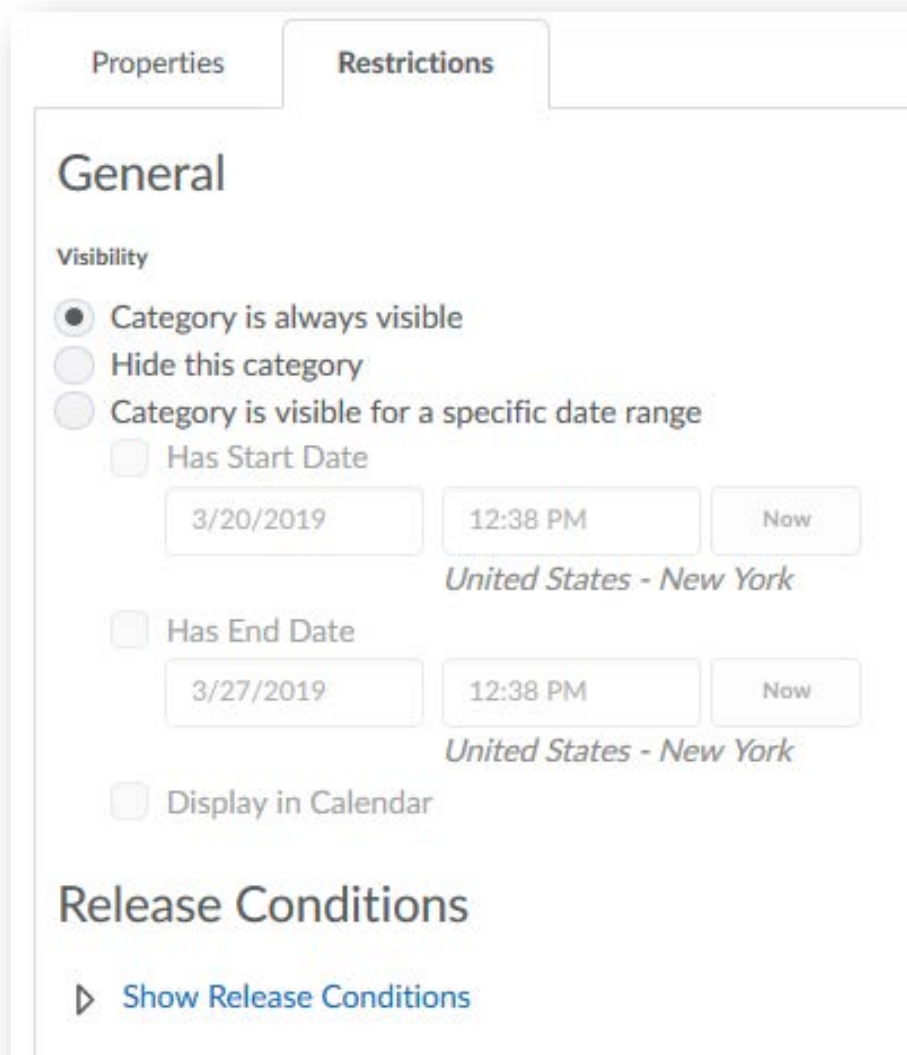
Category is always visible: this category and its items are always visible to students

Hide this category: students are unable to see the category, but the instructor can

Category is visible for a specific date range: category will appear and disappear for students based on the dates you've set

Release Conditions: if you only want certain groups of students to have access to this category, you can determine that here

Save and close if you make any changes to the **Restrictions** tab.



The screenshot shows the 'Restrictions' tab of a gradebook category settings interface. It is divided into two main sections: 'General' and 'Release Conditions'.

General

Visibility

- Category is always visible
- Hide this category
- Category is visible for a specific date range
 - Has Start Date
 - 3/20/2019
 - 12:38 PM
 - Now
 - United States - New York*
 - Has End Date
 - 3/27/2019
 - 12:38 PM
 - Now
 - United States - New York*
 - Display in Calendar

Release Conditions

[▶ Show Release Conditions](#)

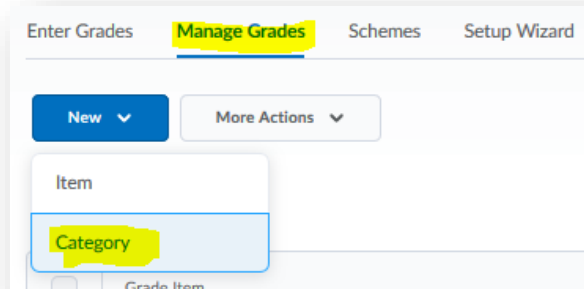
Creating Grade Items

Gradebook items serve many functions in the gradebook. They can directly relate to learning activities and are a way to document points earned. They can be used to track participation, progress in a course, or hold instructor notes.

If this is the first time you are accessing your gradebook, you will be required to navigate the gradebook setup wizard. This allows you to create the foundation of your gradebook and make certain choices concerning student views and instructor views. If you have not run through your Setup Wizard, please do so now.

From your gradebook, select **Manage Grades**.

Use the blue drop down menu **New** to select **Item**.



Item Types

Choose a grade item type.

There are five different types of grade items you can create.

Numeric is the most commonly used item. Numeric items are assigned a specific number of points.

Pass/Fail is an all or nothing grade item.

Formula uses performance of other items in an instructor created formula to determine a grade.

Calculated Grade allows you to determine the current cumulative score of a student based on selected grade items.

Text items are places for notes and note calculated into a final grade.

Choose a Grade Item Type

Numeric

Grade users by assigning a value out of a specified total number of points.
E.g. 8/10

Selectbox

Note: Selectbox type grade items cannot be created until at least one org unit grade scheme has been created.

Grade users by selecting the grade scheme level that best matches their achievement.
E.g. "Very Good" or "B+"

Pass/Fail

Grade users using a simple pass/fail grade scheme.
E.g. "Pass" or "Fail"

Formula

Automatically grade users using a custom formula based on achievement on other grade items.
E.g. Give users who received at least 50% on all participation grade items a perfect attendance bonus.
IF{ MIN[[P1.Percent], [P2.Percent]] < 50, 0, 1

Calculated

Calculate users' cumulative achievement across multiple grade items.
E.g. Midterm Grade
 $A1+A2+Q1+Q2 / \text{Total Max. Points} * 100 = 73\%$

Text

Provide comments in the grade book that are not calculated in the final grade.
E.g. "Course Evaluation Completed"

Numeric and Pass/Fail Items

Give your item a **Name**. If you will be tying this item to something else in BlazeVIEW, it helps to give it the same name.

Optional: Provide a short name for your item. This will save space in your gradebook.

Use the dropdown menu under **Category** to select a category for the item to fall under. Not every item will fall under a category – for instance, a text item might be without a specific category.

Maximum Points will be determined based on category set up. If the category has been set up so that each item has the same number of points, you won't be able to change this here. If the category allows for manual adjusting of points on individual items, type your desired point value for that item into the **Maximum Points** box.

Determine if the item **Can Exceed** the total number of points it is worth.

If it's a bonus item, check the **Bonus** box.

If you do not want it to be factored into their grade, select **Exclude from Final Grade Calculation**.

General

Type
Numeric

Name *

Short Name
 ?

Category
 ▾ [\[New Category\]](#)

▶ [Show Description](#)

Grading

Maximum Points *
 ?

Can Exceed
 ?

Bonus
 ?

Exclude from Final Grade Calculation
 ?

The **Grade Scheme** will default to the VSU Percentage scheme.

Attach **Rubrics** if you will be using them to grade this item. If you have not created the rubric yet, you can also create it here or you can choose to create your rubric and attach a later time.

Display Options allows you to set the student and instructor views.

Select the **Display class average to users** if you want students to see the average of the item.

Select the **Display grade distribution to users** to allow students to see a chart that depicts that different grade percentiles based on class performance.

Both of these categories are helpful in allowing students to reflect on their progress as compared to their peers.

Display options were already created when you completed your Gradebook Setup Wizard, however you can choose to override those options for any items you create. To do so, select **Override display options for this item** and then select/deselect as needed for both student views and teacher views.

When your item has been created, choose **Save and Close**.

Repeat this process for any numeric or pass/fail items you need to create in your gradebook.

The screenshot shows the 'Grade Scheme' configuration window. At the top, there is a dropdown menu set to '-- Default Scheme -- (Percentage)' with a help icon. Below this is the 'Rubrics' section, which includes an 'Add Rubric' button and the text 'No rubrics selected.' with a link to '[Create Rubric in New Window]'. The 'Display Options' section is expanded, showing two views: 'Student View' and 'Managing View'. The 'Student View' section has three options: 'Display class average to users' (unchecked), 'Display grade distribution to users' (unchecked), and 'Override display options for this item' (checked). The 'Managing View' section has one option: 'Override display options for this item' (unchecked). Both views have a 'Show' section with three options: 'Points grade' (checked), 'Grade scheme symbol' (checked), and 'Grade scheme color' (checked).

Grade Scheme

-- Default Scheme -- (Percentage) ?

Rubrics

Add Rubric

No rubrics selected.

[Create Rubric in New Window]

Display Options

▼ Hide Display Options

Student View

Display class average to users ?

Display grade distribution to users ?

Override display options for this item ?

Show

Points grade

Grade scheme symbol

Grade scheme color

Managing View

Override display options for this item ?

Show

Points grade

Grade scheme symbol

Grade scheme color

Formula Items

Give your item a name. If you will be tying this item to something else in BlazeVIEW, it helps to give it the same name.

Optional: provide a short name for your item. This will save space in your gradebook.

Type your desired point value for that item into the Maximum Points box.

Select the edit using the formula editor option. This allows you to create the formula that will determine a student's score on this specific grade item. Formulas are created based on assignments that students have completed. Example: There are ten total ticket-out-the-doors. Students must do at least five to receive full credit for their ticket-out-the-doors. Create a formula that tracks the number of TODs a student completes and gives them a 100 if they have done at least five.

The screenshot shows the 'General' and 'Grading' sections of a form. Under 'General', there is a 'Name *' field and a 'Short Name' field. A 'Show Description' link is visible. Under 'Grading', there is a 'Maximum Points *' field containing the value '100'.

The screenshot shows the formula editor interface. At the top are 'Validate' and 'Preview' buttons. The main area is a large text box containing the formula '= I'. Below the text box are navigation arrows. At the bottom, there are dropdown menus for 'Grade Item' (set to 'Points Received') and 'Function' (set to 'Start'). There are also 'Insert', 'Start', 'Next Term', and 'End' buttons. On the right side, there is a numeric keypad with buttons for digits 0-9, operators like '+', '-', '*', '/', and logical operators like 'AND' and 'OR'. There are also 'Backspace' and 'Clear' buttons.

Validate your formula and then select the blue **Insert** at the bottom of this window.

Determine if the item **Can Exceed** the total number of points it is worth.

The **Grade Scheme** will default to the VSU Percentage scheme.

Attach **Rubrics** if you will be using them to grade this item. If you have not created the rubric yet, you can also create it here or you can choose to create your rubric and attach a later time.

Can Exceed

?

Grade Scheme

-- Default Scheme -- (Clawson) v ?

Rubrics

Add Rubric

No rubrics selected.

[\[Create Rubric in New Window\]](#)

Display options were already created when you completed your Gradebook Setup Wizard, however you can choose to override those options for any items you create. To do so, select **Override display options for this item** and then select/deselect as needed for both student views and teacher views.

When your item has been created, choose **Save and Close**.

Repeat this process for any formula items you need to create in your gradebook.

Display Options

▼ Hide Display Options

Student View

Display class average to users ?

Display grade distribution to users ?

Override display options for this item ?

Show

Points grade

Grade scheme symbol

Grade scheme color

Managing View

Override display options for this item ?

Show

Points grade

Grade scheme symbol

Grade scheme color

Calculated

Give your item a name. If you will be tying this item to something else in BlazeVIEW, it helps to give it the same name.

Optional: Provide a short name for your item. This will save space in your gradebook.

Determine if the can exceed the total number of points it is worth.

The grade scheme will default to the VSU percentage scheme.

General

Type

Calculated

Name *

Short Name

[▶ Show Description](#)

Grading

Can Exceed

Grade Scheme

-- Default Scheme -- (Clawson) ▼

Decide which items will go into this **Calculation** and select the box next to those items. Determine the calculation method, Milestone or Final Grade.

Attach rubrics if you will be using them to grade this item. If you have not created the rubric yet, you can also create it here or you can choose to create your rubric and attach at a later time.

Calculation Method

- Milestone Grade Calculation
 Final Grade Calculation

Rubrics

Add Rubric

No rubrics selected.

[\[Create Rubric in New Window\]](#)

Display options were already created when you completed your Gradebook Setup Wizard, however you can choose to override those options for any items you create. To do so, select **Override display options for this item** and then select/deselect as needed for both student views and teacher views.

When your item has been created, choose save and close.

Repeat this process for any Calculated Items you need to create in your gradebook.

Display Options

▼ Hide Display Options

Student View

Display class average to users ?

Display grade distribution to users ?

Override display options for this item ?

Show

Weighted grade

Grade scheme symbol

Grade scheme color

Managing View

Override display options for this item ?

Show

Weighted grade

Grade scheme symbol

Grade scheme color

Text Items

Give your item a name. If you will be tying this item to something else in BlazeVIEW, it helps to give it the same name.

Optional, provide a short name for your item. This will save space in your gradebook.

Attach rubrics if you will be using them to grade this item. If you have not created the rubric yet, you can also create it here or you can choose to create your rubric and attach at a later time.

Display options were already created when you completed your Gradebook Setup Wizard, however you can choose to override those options for any items you create. To do so, select **Override display options for this item** and then change the character count as needed.

When your item has been created, choose save and close.


Repeat this process for any text items you need to create in your gradebook.

General

Type
Text

Name *

Short Name

[▶ Show Description](#)

Grading

Rubrics

[Add Rubric](#)


No rubrics selected.

[\[Create Rubric in New Window\]](#)

Display Options

[▼ Hide Display Options](#)

Managing View

[Override display options for this item](#) 

Show

Number of characters to show for this grade item

Associating Gradebook Items

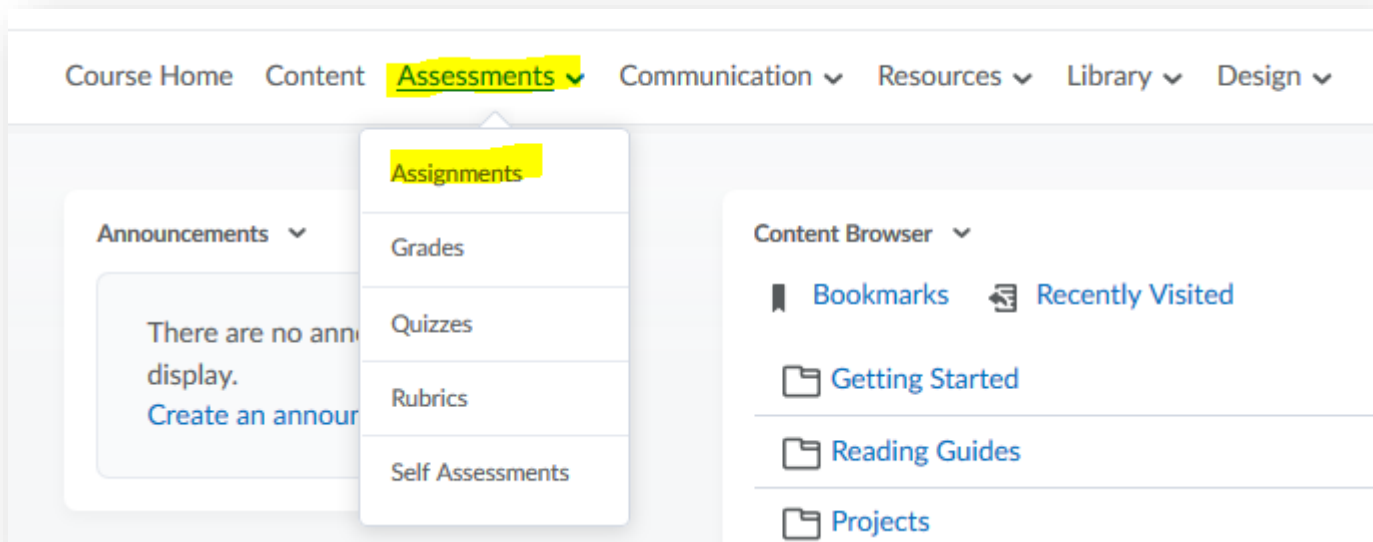
The gradebook allows for ease of grading, but learning activities in BlazeVIEW must be tied to specific gradebook items in order for the grades to populate into the gradebook.

Assignments

Choose the course in which you will be working. You can select your course from your waffle icon or your pinned courses on your BlazeVIEW homepage.

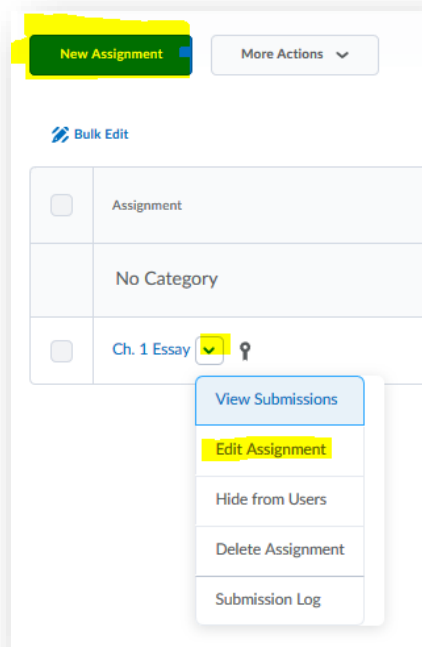
From the top of your course, choose “Assessments.”

Select “Assignments.”



If you are creating a new assignment, select the blue “New Assignment” option.

If you are editing a pre-existing assignment, choose the arrow next to the assignment title and select “Edit Assignment.”



On the properties page, scroll down until you see the subtitle Evaluation and feedback.

Locate the "Grade Item" drop down. To select a pre-existing gradebook item, choose the drop down and then select the specific item you wish to associate with this assignment. You can also create a new gradebook item to associate this learning task with.

Evaluation and Feedback

Score Out Of
25

Grade Item
Essay [New Grade Item]

Student View Preview
25 / 25 - 100 %

Choose save and close.

You can check this association by returning to your gradebook and entering the "Manage Grades" tab. Locate the item to ensure that there is something in the association column.

| Grade Item | Type | Association | Max. Points | Weight |
|------------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Essay | Numeric | Assignments | 25 | 10 |

You can also view the details of a specific item and view the assignment it is associated with.

Essay

- Edit Grade Item
- Enter Grades
- View Statistics
- Event Log

General

Type
Numeric

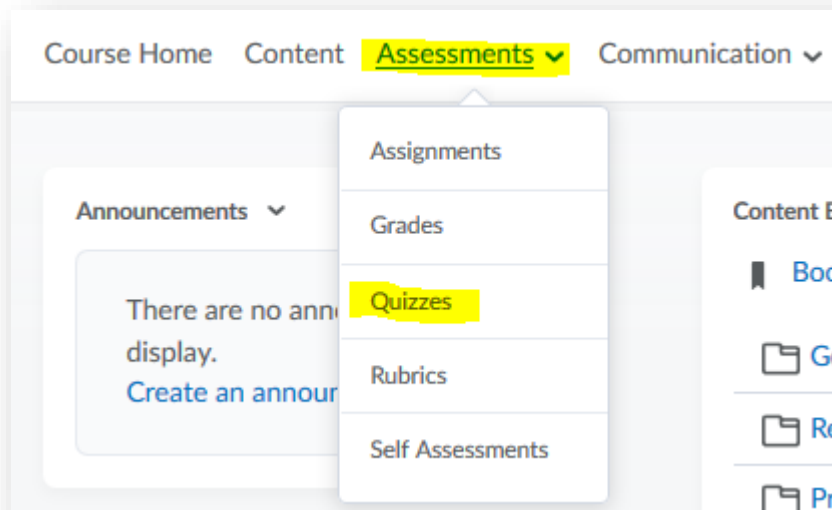
Association
This grade item is associated with the assignment "Ch. 1 Essay"

Quizzes

Choose the course in which you will be working. You can select your course from your waffle icon or your pinned courses on your BlazeVIEW homepage.

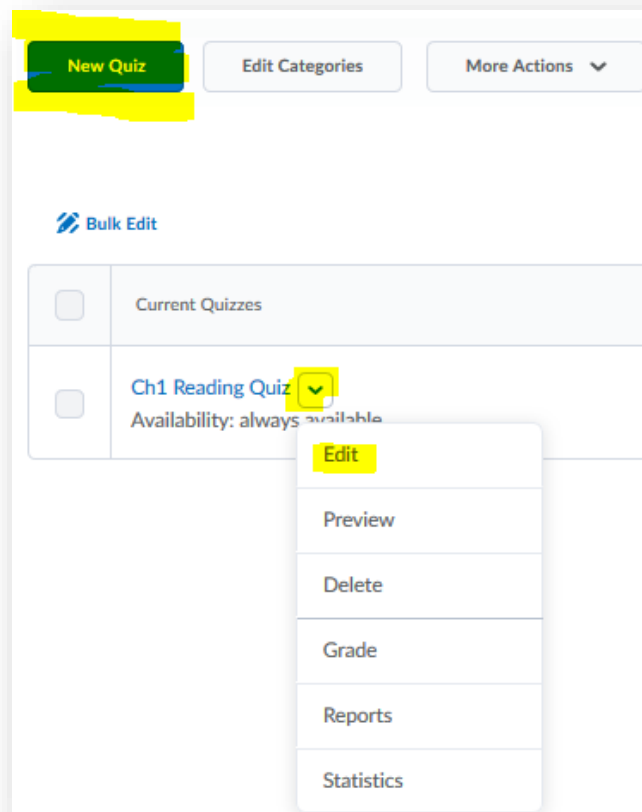
From the top of your course, choose “Assessments.”

Select “Quizzes.”

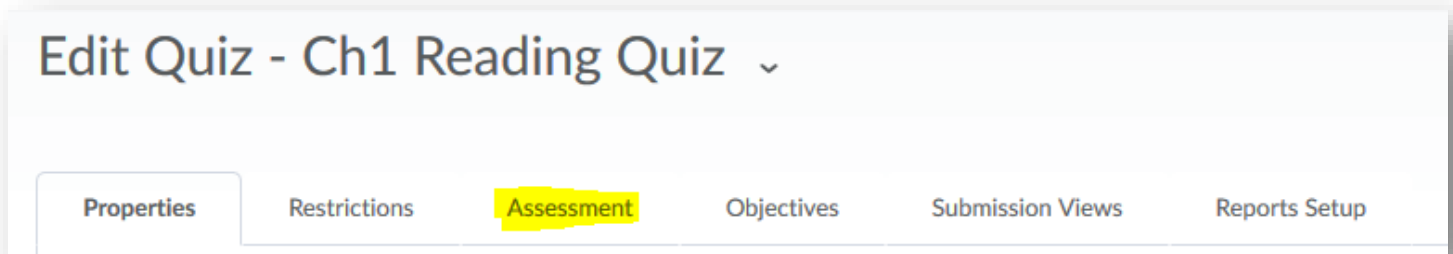


If you are creating a new quiz, select the blue “New Quiz” option.

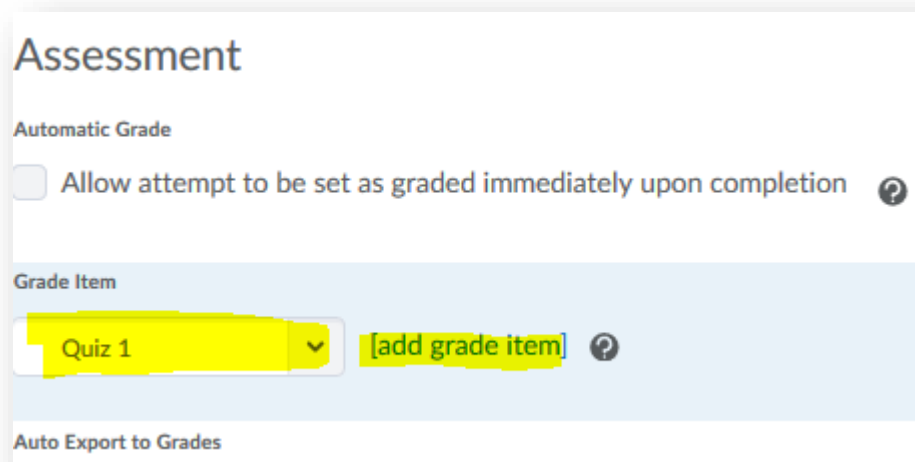
If you are editing a pre-existing quiz, choose the arrow next to the quiz title and select “Edit.”



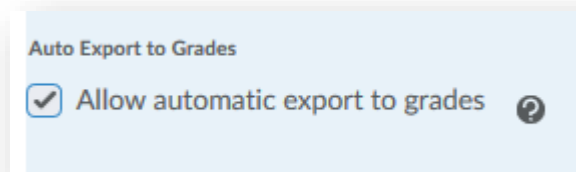
Choose the “Assessment” tab in this editing window.



Locate the “Grade Item” drop down. To select a pre-existing gradebook item, choose the drop down and then select the specific item you wish to associate with this quiz. You can also create a new gradebook item to associate this learning task with.



To automatically publish quiz grades to your gradebook, select “Allow automatic export to grades.”



Choose save and close.

You can check this association by returning to your gradebook and entering the “Manage Grades” tab. Locate the item to ensure that there is something in the association column.

| Grade Item | Type | Association | Max. Points | Weight |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| iLrn Assessments ▾ | | | | 10 |
| Quiz 1 ▾ | Numeric | Quizzes ? | 10 | 10 |

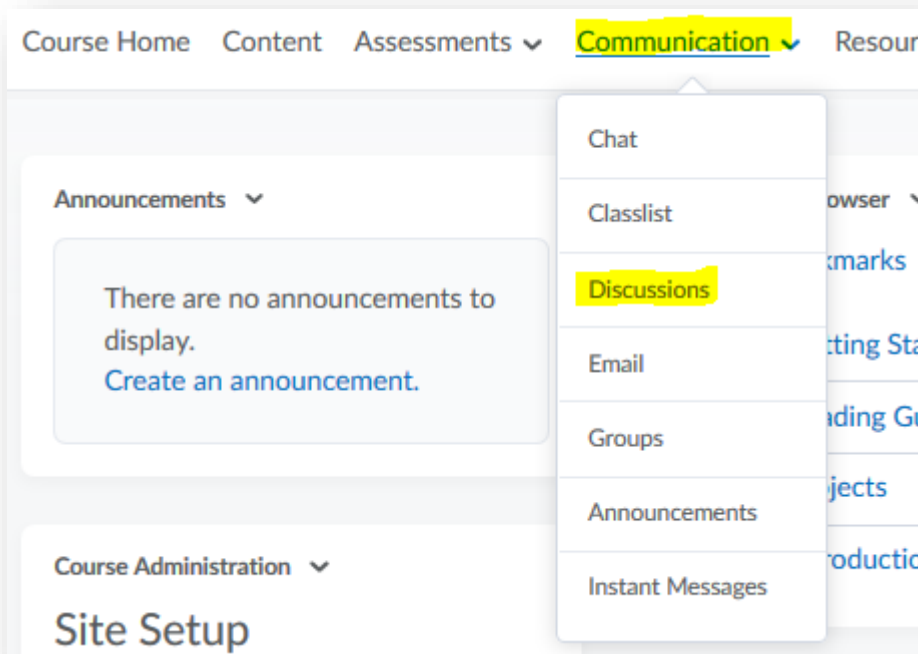
You can also view the details of a specific item and view the quiz it is associated with by edit the grade item.

Discussions

Choose the course in which you will be working. You can select your course from your waffle icon or your pinned courses on your BlazeVIEW homepage.

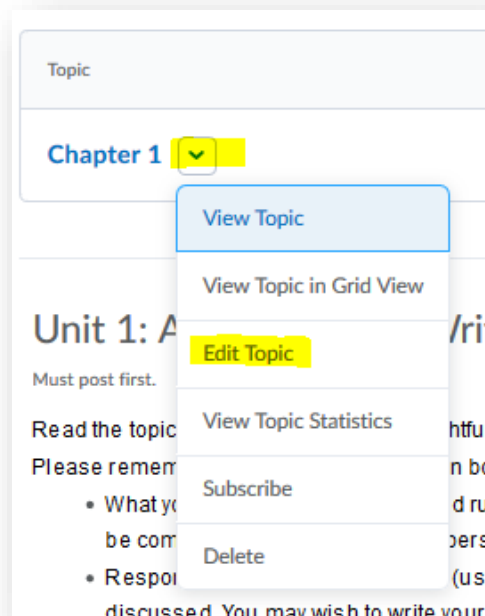
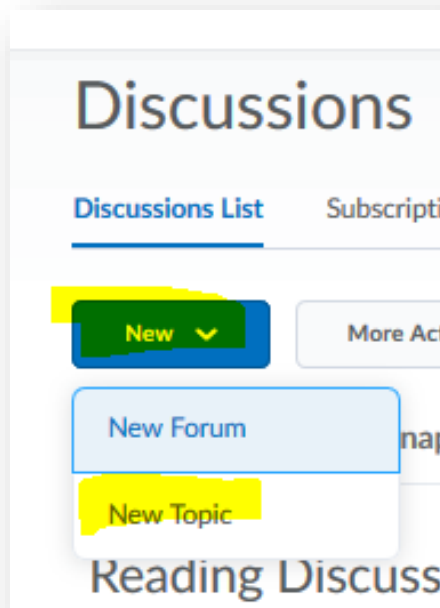
From the top of your course, choose “Communication.”

Select “Discussions.”

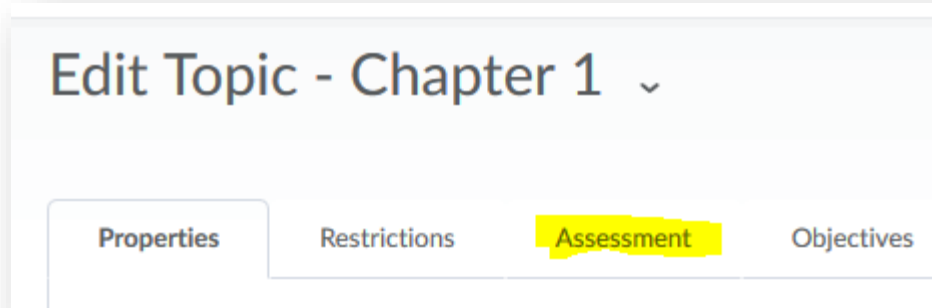


If you are creating a new discussion post, select the “New Topic” option.

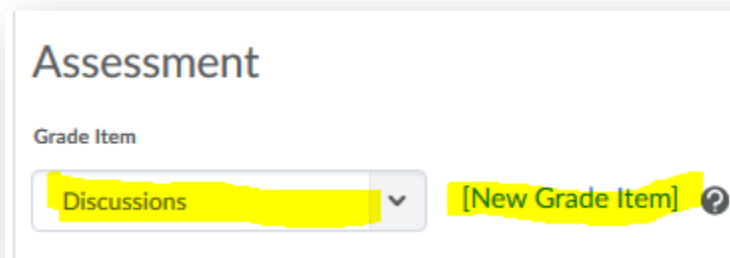
If you are editing a pre-existing discussion, choose the arrow next to the topic name and select “Edit topic.”



Choose the "Assessment" tab in this editing window.



Locate the "Grade Item" drop down. To select a pre-existing gradebook item, choose the drop down and then select the specific item you wish to associate with this assignment. You can also create a new gradebook item to associate this learning task with.

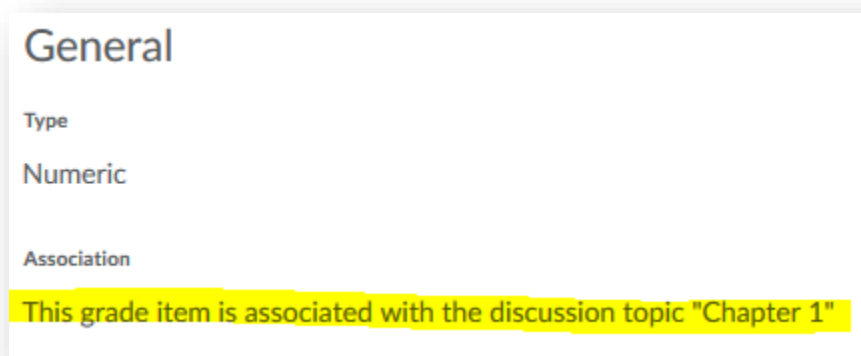


Choose save and close.

You can check this association by returning to your gradebook and entering the "Manage Grades" tab. Locate the item to ensure that there is something in the association column.

| Grade Item | Type | Association | Max. Points | Weight |
|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| Discussions ▾ | Numeric | Discussions ? | 10 | 10 |

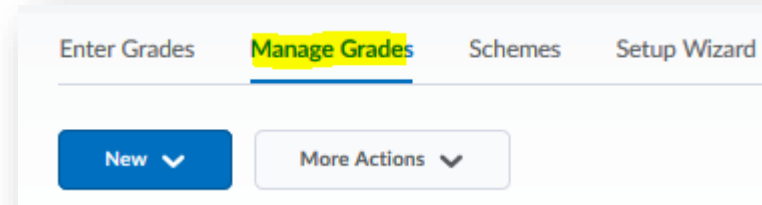
You can also view the details of a specific item and view the discussion it is associated with.



Delete a grade item

Oftentimes, there will be a need to delete items from your gradebook.

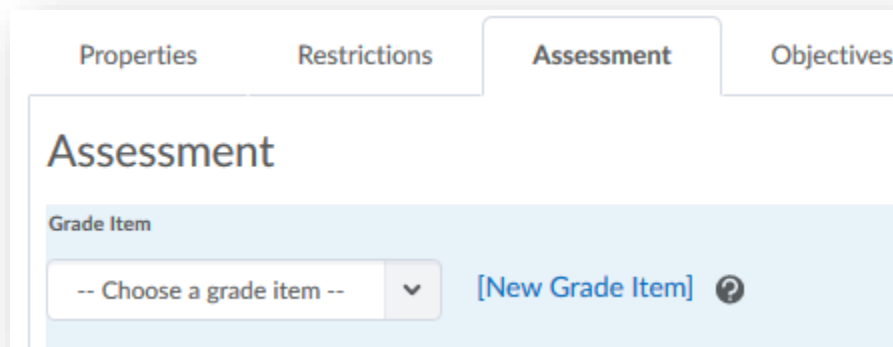
From your gradebook, select **Manage Grades**.



Find the item you wish to delete and make sure it is not associated with a learning activity. If it has an association, you will be unable to delete it. Example: The Discussion grade item below is associated with a discussion post, so I will be unable to delete this grade item from the gradebook.

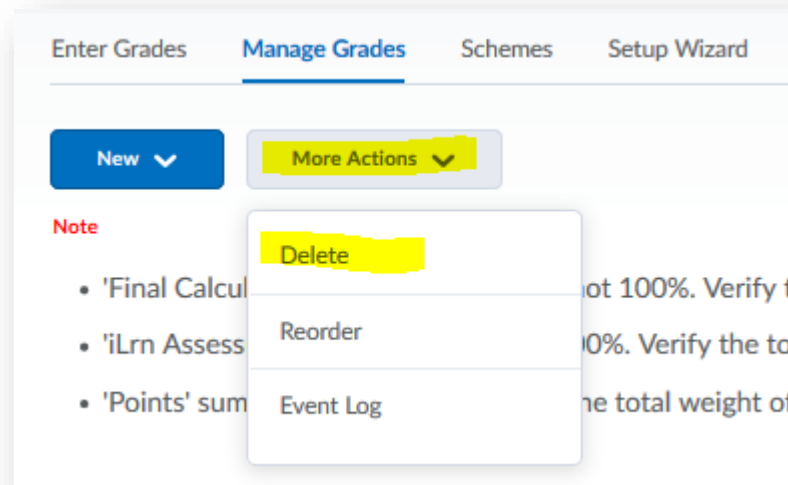
| Grade Item | Type | Association |
|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Discussions ▾ | Numeric | Discussions ? |

To delete the association, locate that learning activity and enter edit mode. Under the Grade Item drop down menu, select **none** or **Choose a grade item**.

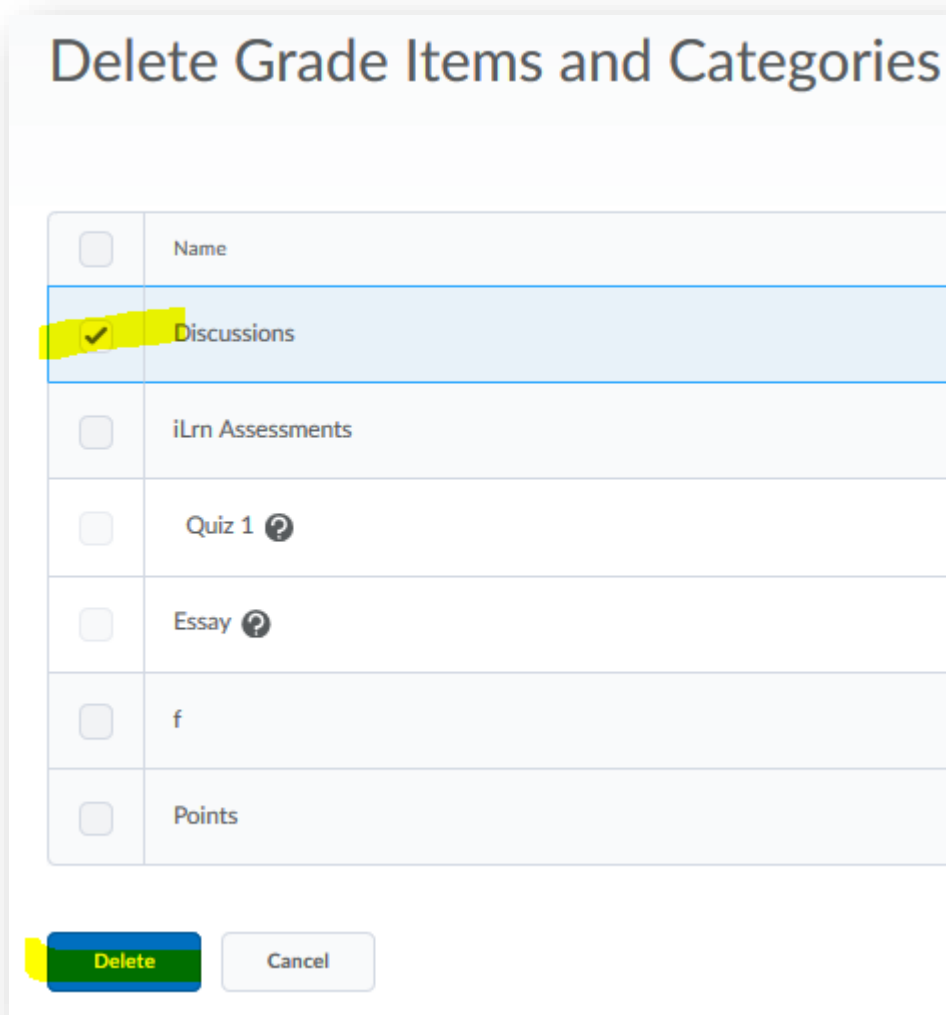


Choose save and close.

In the **Manage Grades** tab, select **More Actions** and **Delete**.



Select the box next to the item you wish to delete and choose **Delete**. *Remember, you will be unable to select grade items that have an association.

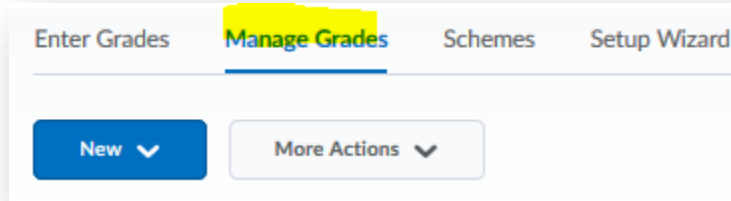


You will see one more prompt asking if you are sure you want to delete the item. Select **Delete**.

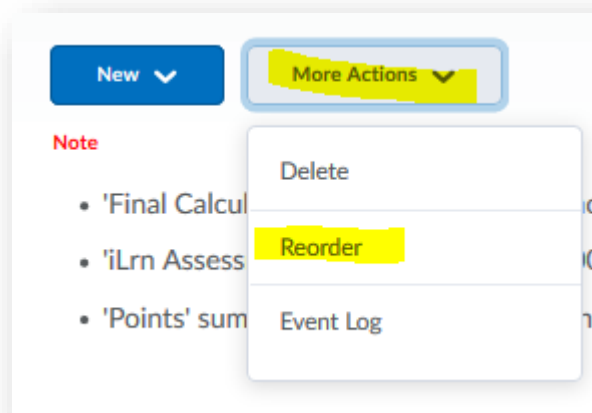
Reorder grade items in gradebook

As you progress through a course, you may find that you want to rearrange items and categories in your gradebook.

From your gradebook, select **Manage Grades**.



Under **More Actions**, choose **Reorder**.



To reorganize your categories and items, use the **Sort Order** column on the right.

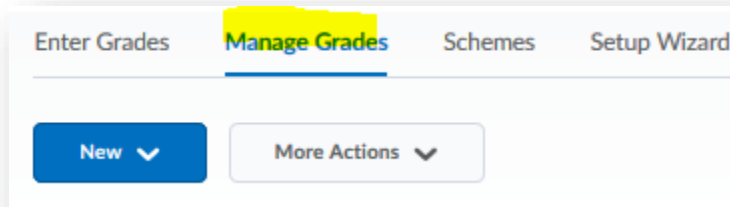
Once you've adjusted the order, select the blue **Save** button.



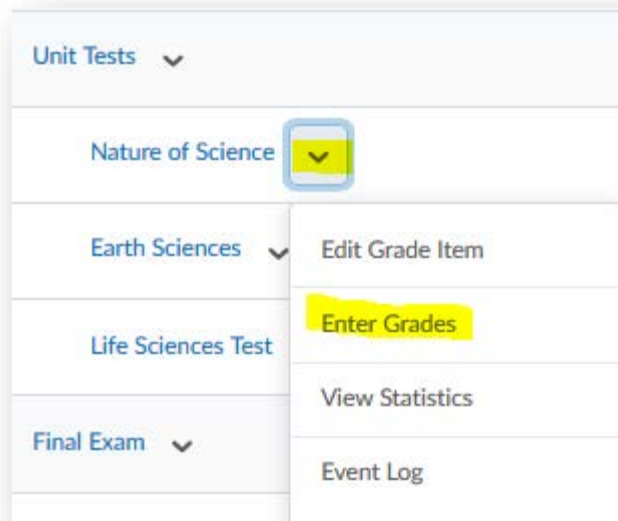
Grading in the Manage Grades Tab

Use the **Manage Grades** tab to grade by assignment.


From your gradebook, select **Manage Grades**.



Locate the item you wish to assess and select the arrow next to the name of the item. Then, choose **Enter Grades**.



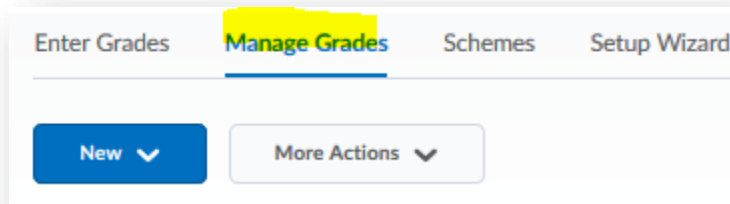
Type the grade in the space provided. If you wish to provide feedback, links, or additional information, select the **pencil** in the feedback column and post there.

| Grade | Weighted Grade | Scheme | Feedback |
|----------|----------------|--------|---|
| 80 / 100 | 24 / 30 | B | No feedback provided.  |

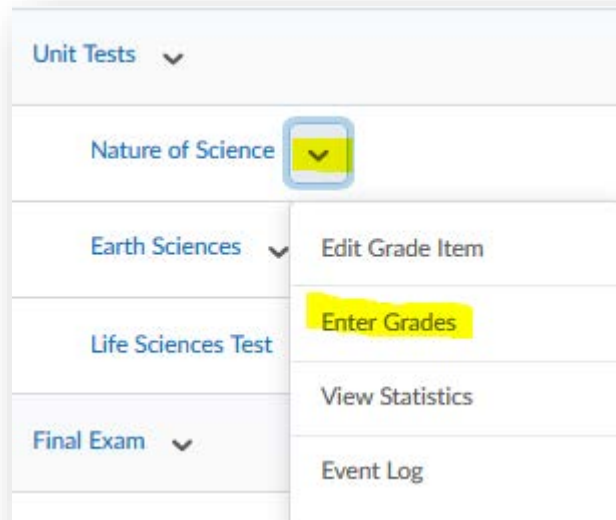
Provide Bulk Feedback

When grading, you may find that you wish to provide the same bulk feedback to many students. For example, you want to give feedback to everyone who did not do an assignment to let them know they have a two-day extension.

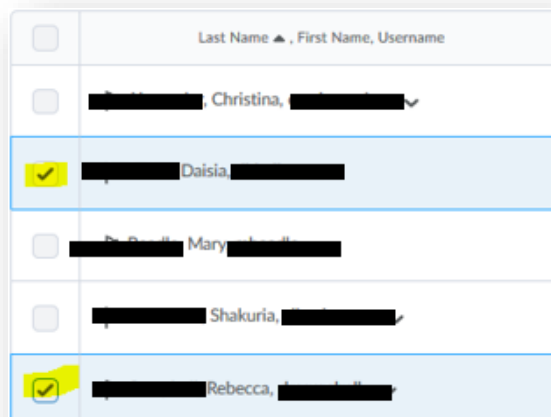
From your gradebook, select **Manage Grades**.



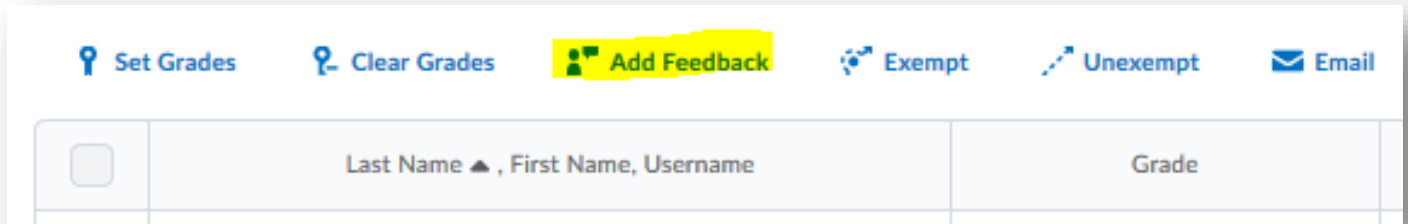
Locate the assignment you wish to insert the bulk feedback and select the arrow next to the name of the item. Then, choose **Enter Grades**.



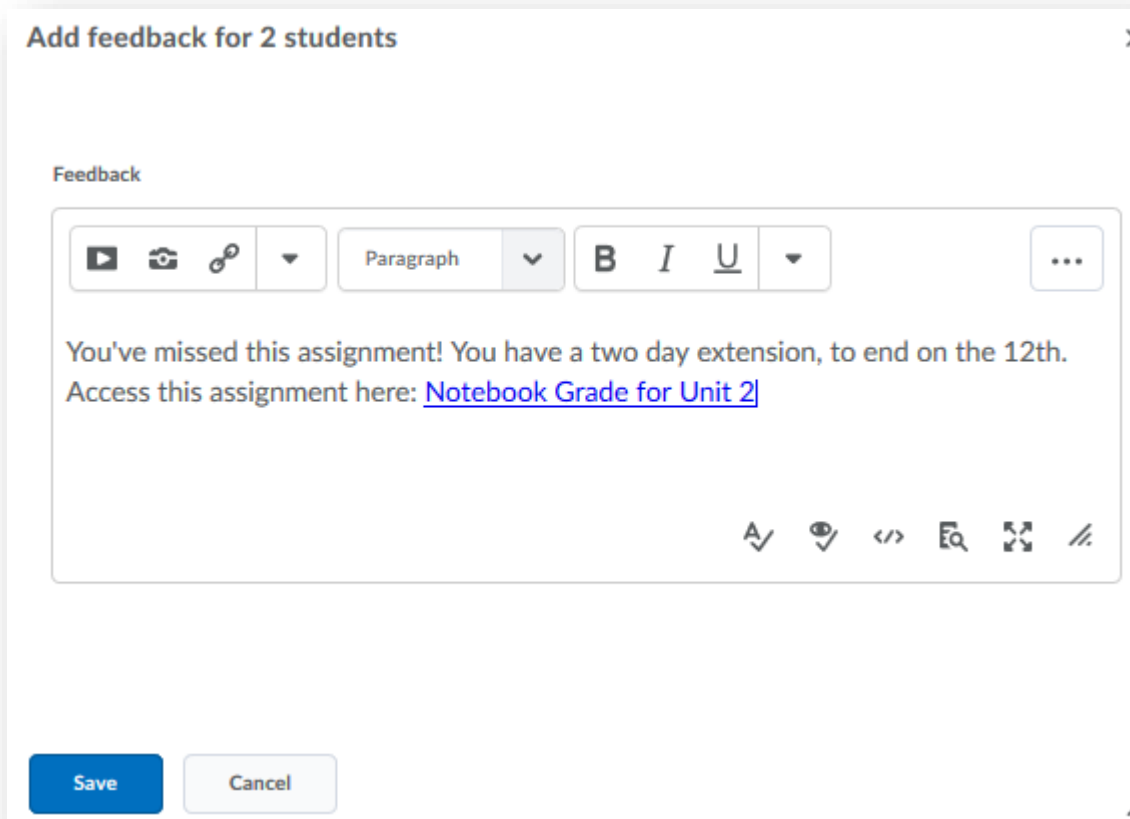
For each student you wish to post the feedback to, select the box next to their name.








Choose the **Add Feedback** option found at the top of this assignment.



Type your feedback. You can attach documents, link content and learning activities from other areas of your BlazeVIEW course, post external links, and embed videos. When you are done, select **Save**.



The feedback now appears in the selected students' **Feedback** column. Students will see this feedback in their gradebook.

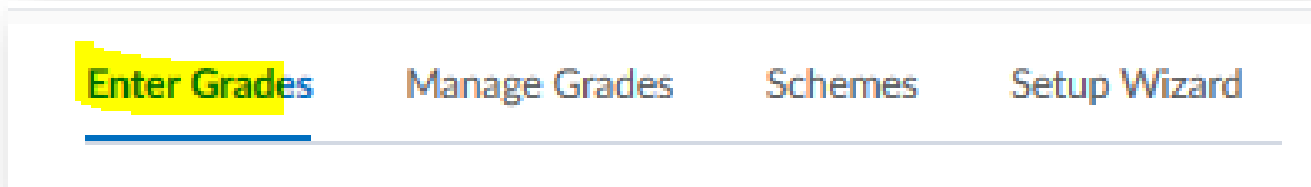
| Feedback | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| No feedback provided. |  |
| You've missed this assig... |  |
| No feedback provided. |  |
| No feedback provided. |  |
| You've missed this assig... |  |

When you are done, choose the blue **Save and Close** at the bottom of your screen.

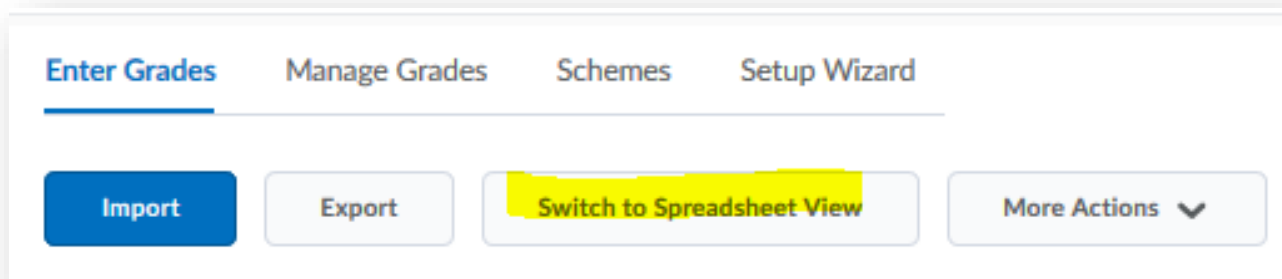
Grading in the Enter Grades Tab

Use the **Enter Grades** tab to grade by assignment and/or student.

From your gradebook, select **Enter Grades**.



Check the view your gradebook is in. The gradebook is automatically set to **Standard View**. To adjust grades, you must be in **Spreadsheet View**.



Once in **Spreadsheet View**, you can type grades into the available blanks.

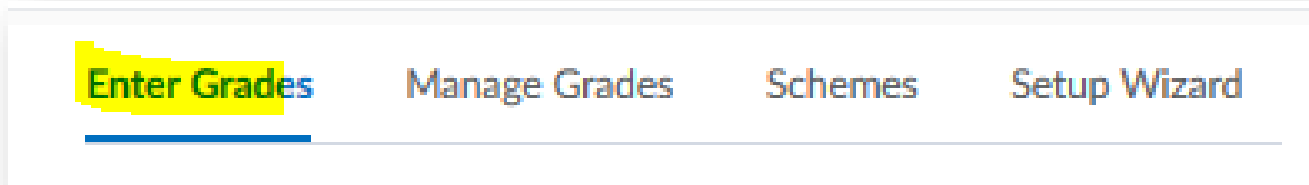
| Last Name ▲, First Name, Username | iLrn ▼ | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| | Quiz 1 ▼ | Subtotal |
| 🔍 📄 Clawson, Morgan, mclawson ▼ | 8 / 10 | - / 10, -% |

If you make any changes, select the blue **Save** option at the bottom of your screen.

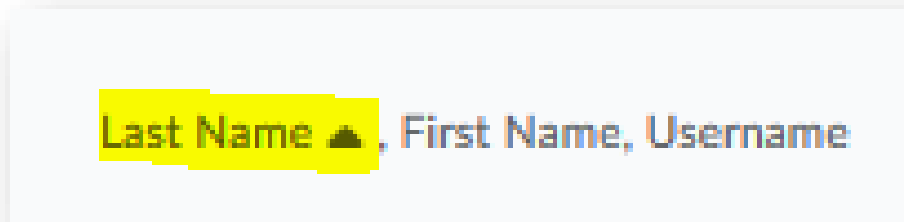
Sorting and Organizing your Gradebook

Use the **Enter Grades** tab to sort your gradebook by name, grade on an assignment, etc. You can also hide/show specific columns when focusing on specific items.

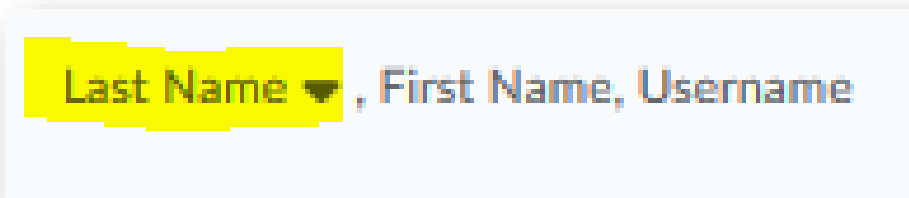
From your gradebook, select **Enter Grades**.



To sort by name by last name from A-Z, select **Last Name** and ensure the triangle points up.



To sort by last name from Z-A, select **Last Name** and ensure the triangle points down.



To sort by first name from A-Z, select **First Name** and ensure the triangle points up.



To sort by first name from Z-A, select **First Name** and ensure the triangle points down.

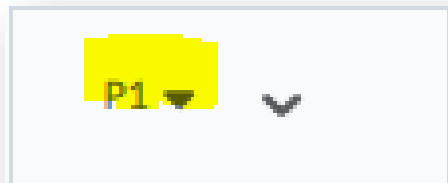


First Name ▾, Last Name, Username

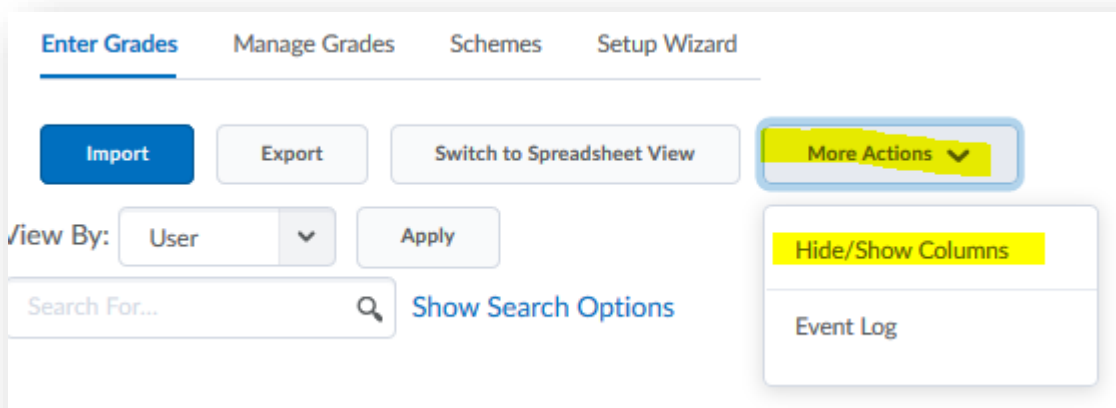
To sort from lowest grade to highest grade on a specific assignment, select the assignment name and ensure the triangle points up.



To sort from the highest grade to the lowest grade on a specific assignment, select the assignment name and ensure the triangle points down.



To view specific grade items, select **More Actions** and **Hide/Show Columns**.



From here, choose the items you want to work with by clicking the box next to item name. (This does not impact the student view.) When you are done, choose the blue **Save**.

Hide/Show Columns



| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grade Item | Type |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Online Participation | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | P1 | Numeric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | P2 | Numeric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | P3 | Numeric |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | P4 | Numeric |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | P5 | Numeric |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | P6 | Numeric |

Save

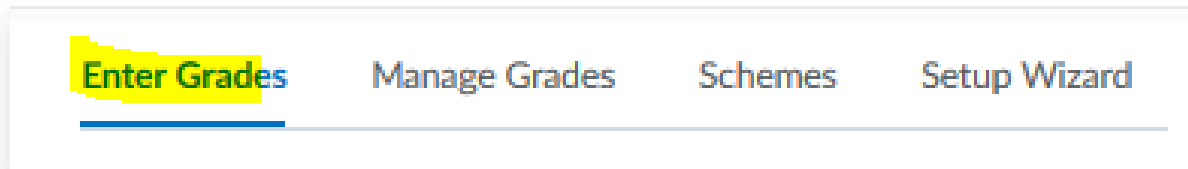
Cancel



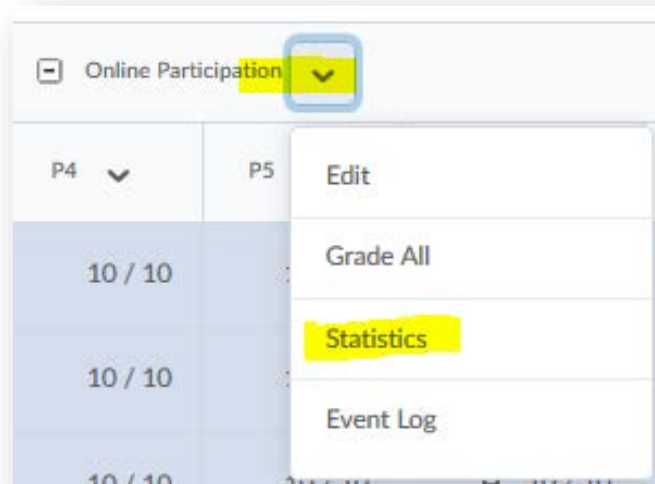
Viewing Item and Category Statistics

Reviewing statistics of your items and categories can help to pinpoint trends in your courses.

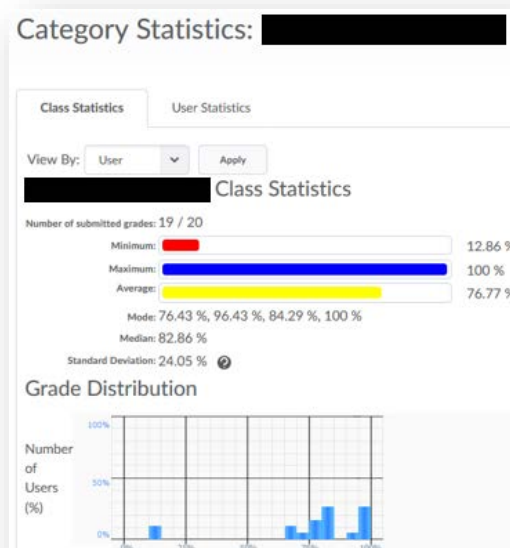
From your gradebook, select **Enter Grades**.



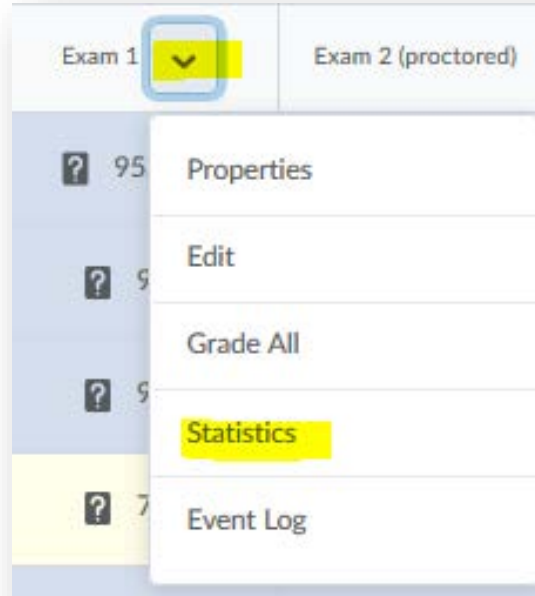
To view statistics of a category, locate the category you wish to work with. Select the arrow next to the category name and then **Statistics**.



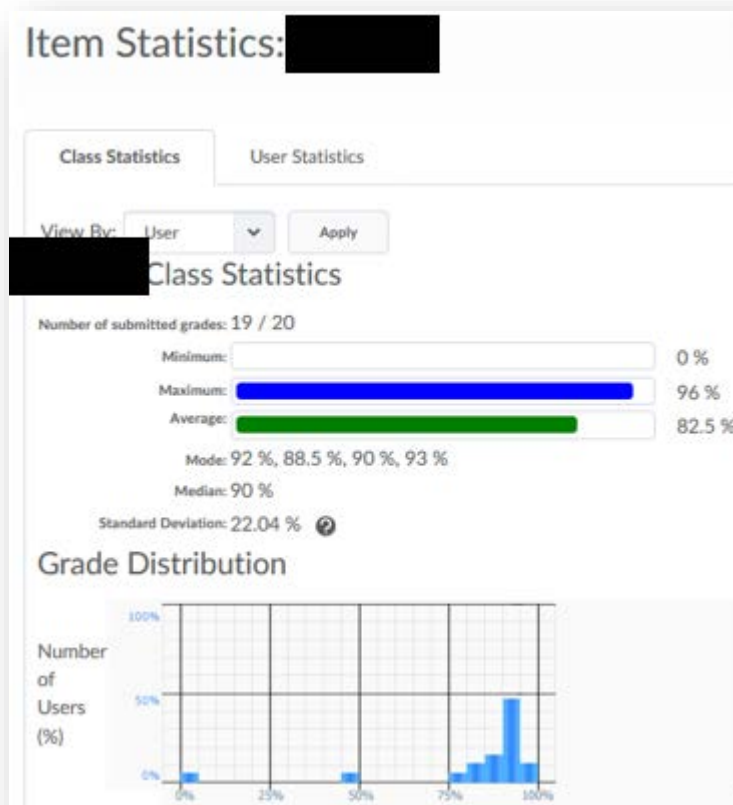
Here, you can view the class average for assignments in the category, grade distribution, and individual user statistics.



To view statistics of an item, locate the item you wish to work with. Select the arrow next to the item name and then **Statistics**.



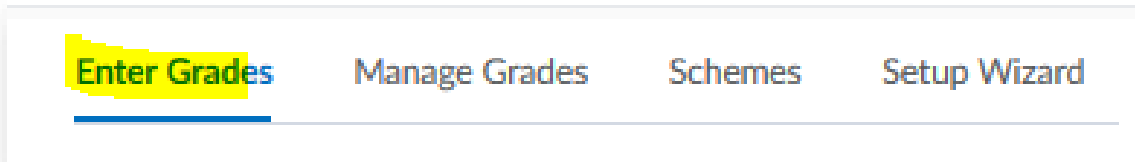
Here, you can view the class average for individual assignments, grade distribution, and individual user statistics.



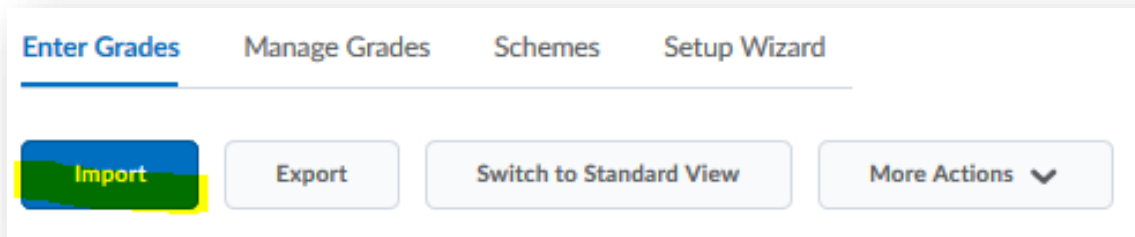
Importing into Gradebook

Instructors who prefer to keep track of grades in excel can upload a .csv file into BlazeVIEW and transfer their spreadsheet gradebook into the BlazeVIEW Gradebook.

From your gradebook, select **Enter Grades**.



Choose the blue **Import** option.



Your excel spreadsheet must be in a .csv file to be imported. Use the **Sample Import File** provided to ensure your file is in the correct format.

To upload your file, select **Browse** and choose the appropriate file from your computer.

Note: Only Numeric, Pass/Fail, Selectbox, and Text grade items, and the Final Adjusted Grade can be imported

Step 1: Select File to Import

Format
.CSV, .TXT

Sample
Grades_Sample_Import_File.csv (657 Bytes)

Import File *
Browse... No file selected.

Item Creation
 Create new grade item when an unrecognized item is referenced ?

Continue Cancel

Note: Only Numeric, Pass/Fail, Selectbox, and Text grade items, and the Final Adjusted Grade can be imported

Step 1: Select File to Import

Format

.CSV, .TXT


Sample

 [Grades_Sample_Import_File.csv](#) (657 Bytes)

Import File *

No file selected.

Item Creation

Create new grade item when an unrecognized item is referenced 

Continue

Cancel

If your excel file contains grade items that do not currently exist in your BlazeVIEW gradebook, select **Create new grade item when an unrecognized item is referenced**. You will be prompted to select the grade item type and properties.

Note: Only Numeric, Pass/Fail, Selectbox, and Text grade items, and the Final Adjusted Grade can be imported

Step 1: Select File to Import

Format

.CSV, .TXT


Sample

 [Grades_Sample_Import_File.csv](#) (657 Bytes)

Import File *

No file selected.

Item Creation

Create new grade item when an unrecognized item is referenced 

Continue

Cancel

Choose the blue **Continue**.

Note: Only Numeric, Pass/Fail, Selectbox, and Text grade items, and the Final Adjusted Grade can be imported

Step 1: Select File to Import

Format

.CSV, .TXT


Sample

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Item Creation

Create new grade item when an unrecognized item is referenced 

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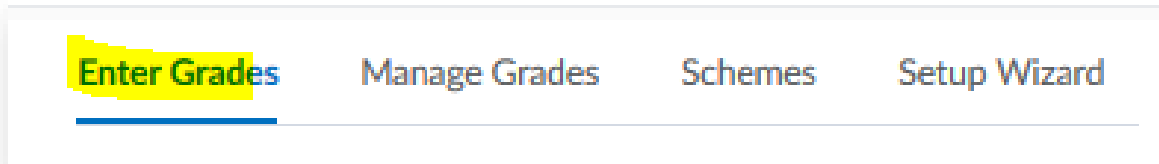
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Review any error messages you associated with your import, and choose **Continue**. You will have the opportunity to preview your import. If it is satisfactory, click **Import**.

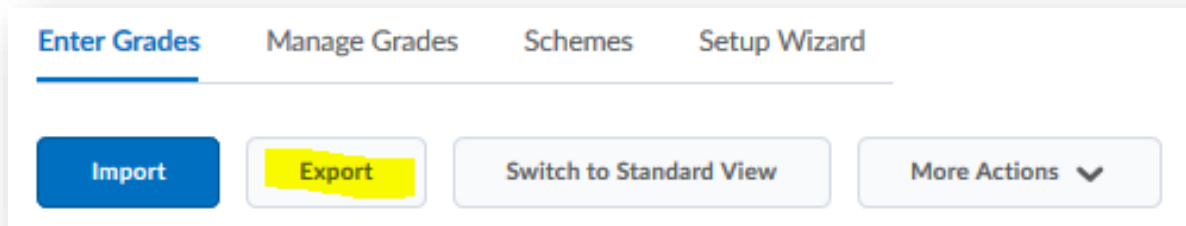
Exporting your Gradebook

Exporting your gradebook is helpful to keep records of grades, reorganize in excel, configure averages, etc.

From your gradebook, select **Enter Grades**.



Choose the **Export** option.



Determine your exporting options. You can export by org ID, username, or both. Determine the grade values you want exported (points, weighted, grade scheme). Decide if you would like to include user details, such as name or email.

Export Options

Key Field

- Org Defined ID
- Username
- Both



Grade Values

- Points grade
- Weighted grade ?
- Grade Scheme ?

User Details

- Last Name
- First Name
- Email

Choose the items and categories you wish to export by selectin and deselecting the boxes next to the category and item names.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grade Item |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | iLrn Assessments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Quiz 1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Subtotal  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | f No Items! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Points No Items! |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Final Calculated Grade  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Final Adjusted Grade |

Choose the file type you want: csv or excel. It is recommended you export in .csv if you will be importing this file after making changes.

| | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="button" value="Export to CSV"/> | <input type="button" value="Export To Excel"/> | <input type="button" value="Cancel"/> |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|

After making your decisions, a pop-up window will appear with your file ready to be downloaded.