Keeping Grades in Blackboard Learn

# Topics

Automatically Added Grade Columns

Assessments, Collaboration Tools, and Manage > Categories

Edit Column Information

Possible Points, Short Names, Due Dates, and Include in Calculations Option

Manually Added Grade Columns

Displays: Score, Percentage, Complete/Incomplete, and Text

Columns for Notes

User Options

Hide Other Rows, Hide Row, Email User\*,

Browse Adaptive Release Status, View User Stats, Report

Manage > Row Visibility, Smart Views, Favorites, Filters

Manage > Column Organization

Using your alter ego for checking

Column Information

Grade Info Bar, Quick Column Info, View Grade history, Columns Stats, Attempt Stats, Show/Hide to Users, Hide Column, Set as External Grade

View Grade Details

Icon Legend, Attempts, Grade History, Column Details, Manual Override, “Next”

Exempt

Calculated Columns

Total Grade Columns

All or Selected Columns

Running Total

Subtotals and Include in Calculations Option

Weighted Grade Columns

Weighted Fractional Scores or Fraction of Weighted Possible Scores

Selecting Columns and Categories

Equally Weighted and Proportionally Weighted Categories

Working Offline (in Excel)

Downloading Grades

Smart Views

Okay that Excel finds the download is in a different format than extension

Don’t change the cell in Row 1 of any existing column.

Insert a new Row and put a column name in Row 1.

Enter values of formulae for the grades.

Save as Text (Tab Delimited).

Okay to keep in the Txt format and lose features (formulae are turned to values)

Uploading Grades

Upload to see the Upload Grade Confirmation page.

Notice the Columns, Data Previews, and Messages.

Downloading a list of your students

Reports

Weighted Grade Calculations with Columns

Maximum Possible Points = Sum( wt \* PtsPos ) = TotPtsPos

Weighted Sum of Given Points = Sum( wt \* PtsGvn)

Fraction of Weighted Possible Scores = Sum( wt \* PtsGvn ) / Sum( wt \* PtsPos )

= Sum( wt \* PtsGvn) / TotPtsPos

BbL Percentage (Weighted Fractional Scores) = Sum( wt \* PtsGvn/PtsPos )

BbL Score = Sum( wt \* PtsGvn/PtsPos ) \* TotPtsPos

Weighted Grade Calculations with Categories

Equal:

Score = [ Sum(Frac(PtsGvn)) / Count(PtsPos) ] \* Average(PtsPos)

Percent = Score / Average(PtsPos) = Sum(Frac(PtsGvn)) / Count(PtsPos)

Proportional:

Score = Sum(PtsGvn) / Count(PtsPos)

Percent = Score / Average(PtsPos) = [ Sum(PtsGvn) / Count(PtsPos) ] / Average(PtsPos)

Weighting:

The weight of the Percent of a Category is Percent \* Wt.

The Weight of the Score of a Category is not Score \* Wt.