

# QUICK GRADEBOOK CHECKLIST

## ITEMS TO CHECK BEFORE SEMESTER STARTS

### 1. CHECK YOUR SYLLABUS

#### Grading System: Weighted or Points?

- Weighted: How will the allocated points per assignment be distributed in the weighted category?
- Points: How many points do you have assigned to each assignment? The total should add up to the specified amount of points you declared in the syllabus.
  - [Click Here](#) for a more in depth look at the Grading System options in Brightspace.
  - [Click Here](#) to view Grading Scenario examples.
- Graded Items: Check that the graded items in the syllabus are present in your gradebook and that the points and/or category match the syllabus.
- Ungraded Items: Drop or 0%?
  - Drop: This works best if items are of equal value or weighted evenly among a category.
  - 0%: This works best if items are unequal number of points or weighted in a category based on their points.
  - [Click Here](#) for more information on Grade Exemptions and how it affects student grades

### 2. CREATE GRADED ITEMS

#### Create Items or Categories

- Create items if you want all graded items to be individual titles in the gradebook. **All graded items must be numeric** to show up in the gradebook.
- Make categories if you want graded items to be in a weighted category or if you have multiple items for a unit, module, chapter, etc.
- Check each of your assignments/quizzes for association links to the gradebook. Without the links, the grades will not show up in the gradebook.
  - [Click Here](#) for a more in depth look at Creating Graded Items and Associations.
  - [Click Here](#) for a short video on Grade Association
  - [Click Here](#) for a more in depth look at Entering Grades and Releasing Grades.
  - [Click Here](#) to learn how to delete grade items and categories.

### 3. GRADE VIEW SETTINGS

#### Display Options

- Decimal Display: Set the decimal display to at least 1 decimal place. This ensures that none of the grades will be rounded up or down, which would be the case if the decimal display is set at 0.

#### Grade View Settings

- Professor View: choose the grade details you want to see from points grade, grading scheme, and grade scheme color.
- Student View: choose the grade details you want students to see from points grade, grading scheme, and grade scheme color. Too many grade details may become overwhelming for students. Less is more.
  - [Click here](#) for more information on Grade Schemes

### 4. GRADEBOOK SET-UP

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[Click Here](#) Gradebook Set-Up Word Document

[Click Here](#) Inaccurate Final Grade Issues

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