## Create Grade Items \& Enter Grades in Brightspace (Basic)

This document provides step by step instructions for creating Grade Items and entering grades in Brightspace.

## Create a Grade Item

1. Inside your course, navigate to the Grades tool.

This is located under the Assessments dropdown or in Course Admin.
2. Then click on Manage Grades.


## On the Manage Grades screen:

3. Click New and select Item from the dropdown menu.

4. Choose grade type: Numeric

| Manage Grades $\quad$ New Item |
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| New Item |
| $\underbrace{\text { Numeric }}_{\substack{\text { Grade users by assigning a value out of a } \\ \text { E.g. } 8 / 10}}$ |

5. On the Properties tab:
a. Name: title of the grade item (assignment)
b. Category: if you use categories for grading such as Exams, Quizzes, Homework, etc, you can select that category here, or create a new category
c. Maximum Points: enter the point value for the assignment
d. Can Exceed: Check this if you want to be able to give students extra points above the maximum points
e. Bonus: Check this if you want this to be an extra credit assignment
f. Exclude from Final Grade Calculation:

Check this if you don't want this item to count in their total grade
g. Click Save and Close
6. Repeat steps 1 thru 5 for each grade item you want to create.


## Enter Grades

To manually enter grades into your gradebook:

1. Inside your course, navigate to the Grades tool.

This is located under the Assessments dropdown or in Course Admin.

2. Then click on Enter Grades.

On the Enter Grades screen:

## Option 1:

3. Click button "Switch to Spreadsheet" in order to convert the Enter Grades screen to a spreadsheet view that allows you to enter scores directly in the gradebook.

4. Enter scores directly on this page
 Cancel
5. Click Save often.

## Option 2:

3. Click on the dropdown menu of the column you want to enter scores for and select Grade All.

4. Here you can easily enter grades for 1 grade item at a time and can easily post individual or general feedback to student, as well as make a student exempt for a particular assignment.

The additional options (set grades, clear grades, add feedback, etc) allow you to manage the scores and feedback in bulk.
5. Click Save and Close when done.

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Show details and overall feedback
Users


Search For... Q Show Search Options

| P Set Grades | 9.-Clear Grades | \%** Add Feedback | Exempt | $\therefore$ Unexempt | $\Sigma$ |
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## Save and Close

Save
Cancel

