

# Grade Center—Overview

## About the Grade Center

The Grade Center in Blackboard Learn is more than just a way to record students' grades. It is a dynamic and interactive tool, allowing you to record data, calculate grades, and monitor student progress. You can determine which assigned grades to show to your students on their My Grades pages, including columns displaying performance results.

In the Grade Center, you can provide and manage your students' grades for assignments, tests, discussion posts, journals, blogs, and wikis, and for ungraded items, such as surveys or self tests. You can also create grade columns for any activities or requirements you want to grade, such as special projects, participation, or attendance.

## The Grade Center Interface

The Grade Center resembles a spreadsheet. Each row is populated by a user in your course and each column includes information for an item, such as an assignment, test, graded blog entry, or survey. You can also use columns to calculate grades. You can provide grades and comments directly on the Grade Center page, on the Grade Details page, and from a tool, such as the Discussion Board.

You are able to customize your view of the Grade Center and create grading schemas, Grading Periods, categories, and columns to present and gather the information you need.



**Grade Center : Full Grade Center**

Buttons: Create Column, Create Calculated Column, Manage, Reports, Filter, Work Offline

Move To Top, Email, Sort Columns By: Layout Position, Order: ▲Ascending

Grade Information Bar: Last Saved: January 31, 2011 12:45 PM

<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name	First Name	Username	Total	Worksheet 1	Terminology Te
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown	Tony	tbrown	72.00	--	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casper	Chris	ccasper	48.00	!	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Farrell	Andy	afarrell	67.00	!	!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gonzales	Monica	mgonzales	64.00	24.00	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hernandez	Juan	jhern	43.00	25.00	!

## The Needs Grading Page

If you have a heavy grading load, the Needs Grading page can help you determine what needs attention first and allows you to access it quickly. You can view all items ready for grading or review on the Needs Grading page, where you can begin grading and reviewing or sort and filter columns to narrow the list. Attempts are placed in a queue for easy navigation among items.