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Gradescope

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Penn is upgrading to from the LTI 1.1 version of Gradescope to the 1.3 version of this tool.

- **Spring 2026** courses should continue using the LTI 1.1 integration for the duration of the Spring term. When syncing rosters, use the “Sync Canvas Roster” option.
- **Summer 2026 and Fall 2026** courses should use **the LTI 1.3 integration**. If you wish to reuse Gradescope assignments from a previous course, please use **these instructions**. When syncing rosters, use the “Sync Canvas (LTI 1.3) Roster” option.

For more information about the new version of Gradescope, please read our [blog post](#).

Gradescope is a tool that instructors can use to assist in grading coursework quickly and efficiently. Instructors or students upload PDFs of the completed assignment directly into Gradescope, and the instructor can apply a custom rubric that allows for uniform grading and feedback. Instructors also receive analytics concerning their assignments to better understand areas where students may be struggling.

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Getting Access to Gradescope

Gradescope is available for all courses at Penn. To enable Gradescope for your course, click on **Course settings**, then the **Navigation** menu, click **Enable** next to Gradescope, and then click **Save**. This will add it to your Canvas navigation menu.

The first time you click on the Gradescope link, you'll be prompted to set up a new course. Here is where you will add the course name, number of students, and term date.

Adding an Assignment or Exam

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There are five different types of assignments you can add in Gradescope:

- **Exam/Quiz**: use this when students complete work; the instructor uploads the PDF to Gradescope.
- **Homework/Problem Set**: students upload their own completed work via PDF.
- **Bubble Sheets**: this is used if your assignment is completely multiple choice.

- **Programming Assignment:** this is used when students submit coding projects.
- **Online Assignment (Beta):** not recommended; use Canvas Quizzes instead.

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Using Gradescope with Canvas

Gradescope grades are not automatically transferred to the Canvas gradebook but must be linked from Gradescope. To set up grade pass back, you will need to set up a separate Canvas assignment and link it to the assignment in Gradescope.

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Setting Up an Outline

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Creating an outline is the first step in creating exams, quizzes, or homework/problem set assignments. You can do this by uploading a PDF of your exam and by following the steps listed on the Gradescope help page under **Creating an Assignment Outline**.

Managing Submissions

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For any type of submission, you can choose whether to upload an assignment as either the instructor or the student. If you administer an exam and need to upload a large number of submission, the **Gradescope Scanning Tips** or Labeled Print Outs option can reduce the workload.

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Grading with Gradescope

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- To grade student submissions, go to the **Grade Submissions** tab and click on the question you want to grade. The grading page is broken into three sections: the **student submission area**, the **rubric**, and the **action bar** (located at the bottom of the screen).

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For additional help and support, visit the [Gradescope help site](#) or email courseware@wharton.upenn.edu.
