Gradescope

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As of July 2026, Penn has upgraded 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.

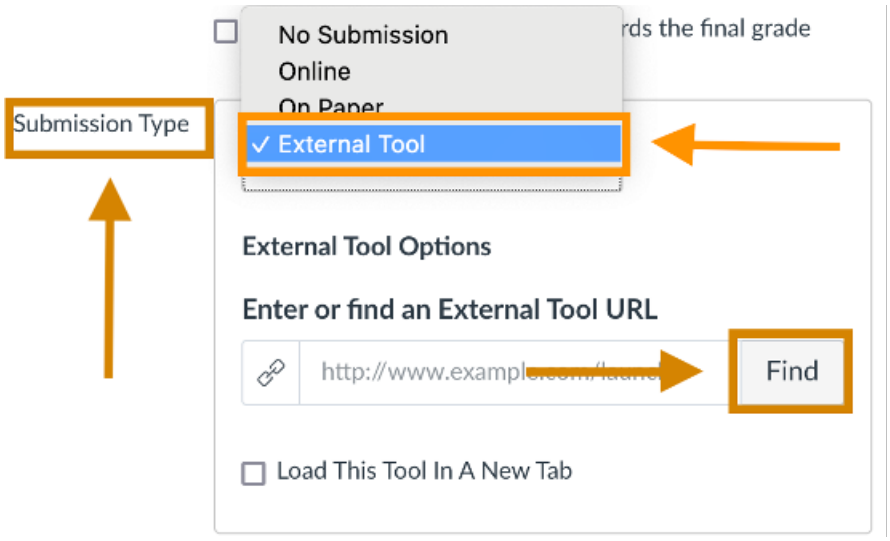
Gradescope is a tool that instructors can use to assist in grading coursework quickly and efficiently. Instructors or students upload PDFs of the completed assignment directly into Gradescope, and the instructor can apply a custom rubric that allows for uniform grading and feedback. Instructors also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

Getting Access to Gradescope

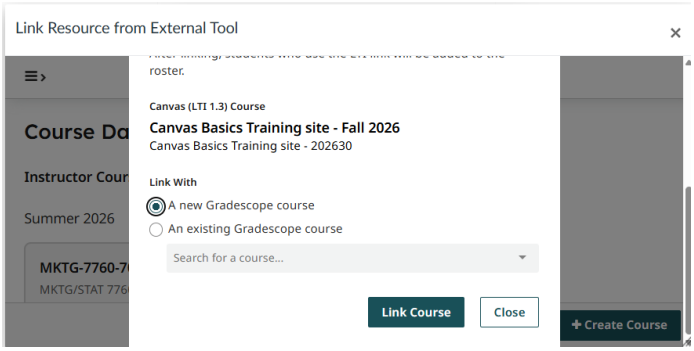
Gradescope is available for all courses at Penn. As of Fall 2026, it is no longer necessary to enable Gradescope in the course navigation menu in Canvas. You can create Gradescope assignments directly through the **Assignments** tab in Canvas, and the Gradescope scores will sync directly with the Canvas Gradebook.

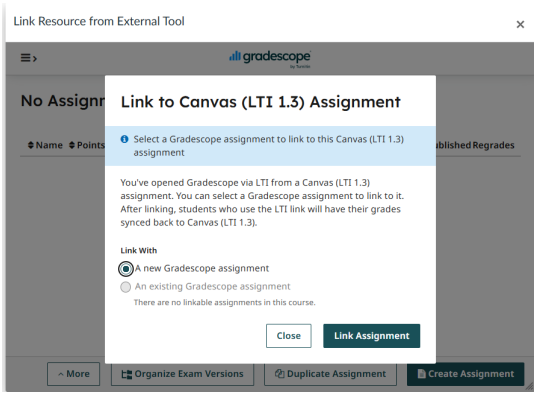
Using Gradescope with Canvas

1. To set up a Gradescope assignment, navigate to the **Assignments** tab, then click the **+Assignment** button to create a new assignment.
2. Change the **Submission Type** to **External Tool**. Use the **Find** button to select Gradescope 1.3 from the **Configure External Tool** list, and click **Select**.



3. **Note:** The first time you create a Gradescope assignment in a Canvas site, you will be prompted to create a Gradescope course.
4. Select to link with **"A new Gradescope course"** then click the **Link Course** button.



5. Next, you'll be prompted to create new Gradescope assignment. Select link with **"A new Gradescope assignment,"** then click the **Link Assignment** button.
6. 

7. Enter the following details for the assignment (additional details can be added later):
    1. Name
    2. Assignment/Exam questions PDF
    3. "Available from" and due date
8. You can set up the assignment outline and rubric at this point, or come back to that later.
9. Click **Save Assignment** to save your progress.

Types of Gradescope Assignments/Exams

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

Setting Up an Outline

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.

Syncing the Roster

Syncing the Canvas roster ensures that students enrolled in the Canvas site have access to the Gradescope assignments/exams. It is a good idea to sync the Canvas roster before exams and after the Add/Drop period. To

sync the roster:

1. Expand the left sidebar in Gradescope and click **Roster**.
2. Click the **Sync Canvas Roster** button at the bottom of the page. Uncheck "Let new users know that they were added to the course" in the pop-up dialog box to avoid automated emails sent to students.

Managing Submissions

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.

Grading with Gradescope

- 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).

Additional Help & Support

For additional help and support, visit the Gradescope help site or email courseware@wharton.upenn.edu.