

Assignments

The features of the Blackboard Learn Assignment tool allow groups of students to work on and submit assignments together, as well as individually. This provides instructors with the ability to assign a single grade to all of the students in the group without losing the ability to override an individual's grade if necessary. This tool facilitates an interactive learning process by providing faculty with the ability to permit multiple attempts of the same assignment. This allows students to edit, add to, and improve their original effort and allows instructors to provide a grade and feedback for each submission.

What's New in this Release?

1. Instructors can deploy Assignments to all Students individually or to groups of Students. If an Instructor selects to deploy Assignments to groups of Students, the Instructor will be able to choose which groups receive the Assignment. One group member will submit the assignment for the whole group. The Instructor provides one grade to the submission and all members of the group receive the same grade automatically. Instructors can provide individual members with a separate grade if necessary.
2. Instructors can allow Students to submit multiple attempts for the same assignment. Each of these attempts can be graded and commented on individually. Both students and instructors can track progress throughout the assignment. Instructors can specify how many attempts are allowed or allow an unlimited number of attempts. If the specific number of attempts were completed by a student, the instructor can allow an additional attempt if required.
3. Students can attach a file and include additional information and hyperlinks in their assignment attempt using a Submission field instead of simply attaching a file.

Frequently Asked Questions about Assignments

Where does this feature appear?

Assignments can be added to any content page within courses and organizations.

Are there any changes to existing workflows?

Yes. Previously, Academic Suite users would simply submit their assignment and then wait for their feedback and grade from their instructor. Now students can submit their assignments multiple times or receive an additional attempt to submit before receiving their final grade. Likewise, instructors can provide a grade and feedback for each attempt of a single assignment, rather than simply grading the individual submission for an assignment.

Group Assignments also provide a new workflow. Only one student within the group has to submit the assignment for the whole group and similarly the instructor has to submit only one grade for the group, which is given automatically to all of the members in the group. The instructor does have the option to override individual grades.

Where is the Digital Dropbox?

The Digital Dropbox does not appear in Release 9. The Assignments tool now provides a significantly improved submission workflow.