Grade Group Work with Blackboard’s Group Assignment Feature
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Using the Groups feature in Blackboard course sites provides a convenient way to manage group work in class and provide private areas for students to work together. When any member of a student group submits their completed group assignment using the Assignments > Group Submission setting, the uploaded assignment is displayed for each student in the group. The instructor’s grade and feedback also appears for each student in that group. This “group grading” feature saves grading time and ensures that students see the same feedback on their work. Changes to individual student’s grades within that group can be easily adjusted when saving the feedback.

Steps

Create Multiple Groups of Students
Create an Assignment with GroupSubmissions
Grade Group Assignments and Change Individual Grades

Instructions on Setting up Groups, Group Assignments and Grading Group Assignments
(from Help.Blackboard.Com > Grade Group Assignments)

Using and Managing Groups in Blackboard
Create Groups
Create Group Assignments

How to Access a Group Assignment from the Grade Center

In the Grade Center, group assignments that have been submitted, but not graded, are indicated with an exclamation mark—the needs grading icon. All group members’ cells display the exclamation mark, regardless of who submitted the group assignment.

In the Grade Center, access the group assignment column’s contextual menu and click Grade Attempts.

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Locate any group member’s cell for the group assignment containing an exclamation mark. Point to the cell to access the contextual menu. Click the Group Attempt. The Grade Assignment page appears, and you can proceed with grading.
Change an Individual Member’s Group Grade

You can assign an individual group member a different grade than the group by editing the member's grade. If you change a group member’s grade and assign a new group grade, the new group grade will not affect the individual's new grade. Individual members only see one grade, not what each member earned.

In the grading sidebar, click the pencil icon to change the group grade for a member. Type a new grade and click the check mark icon to save it. This grade becomes an override grade.

The group grade and the individual group member's edited grade appear in the Grade Center.

Revert a Member’s Edited Grade

You can revert a member’s edited grade to the original group grade, which all group members received. In the grading sidebar, click the pencil icon for the user with the edited grade. Click the left-pointing arrow to change the grade to the original group grade. The override icon is removed and the updated grade appears.

Add and Delete Group Members

If you add a member to a group after you assign a grade for a group assignment, the new member does not receive a grade, as they were not part of the process. Even if you update the group grade, the new member does not receive a grade. You can assign a grade for the new member from the member’s Grade Details page, but there is no submission available to view when grading.

If you remove a member of a group and you have assigned a grade for a group assignment, any grading updates are applied to that group member’s cell. To remove a score for a member removed from a group, click Delete User Attempt on the member’s Grade Details page. You are asked if you are sure you want to delete the attempt. The group assignment grade is deleted from the member’s cell in the Grade Center.