Announcing a game-changing solution specifically designed to enhance the grading experience for instructors. Flexible Grading from Blackboard Learn empowers instructors with unprecedented flexibility and efficiency. This groundbreaking update enables grading by question or student and even mix-and-match approaches. The enhanced experience extends to assignment submissions, ensuring a comprehensive and cohesive grading journey.

Flexible Grading features:

- Grade by question or student
- Easily move between student attempts
- Keep track of your grading process
- View both the attempt and the final grade for each assessment
- Provide meaningful feedback with or without a rubric
- Grade inline using Blackboard Annotate
- Collapse side panels to obtain more screen real estate
- Post all grades when ready

Redefines how instructors grade

The rigid grading choices imposed by most Learning Management Systems (LMS) create unnecessary barriers leading to fatigue and frustration. Blackboard Learn’s Flexible Grading eliminates the labor-intensive and button-heavy interfaces that can be draining to deliver an enhanced experience that redefines how instructors grade.

Help us spread the word. This is one of the most common instructor workflows in Learn Ultra, and we want to make sure your faculty members are aware of this new experience before it’s in production.
Prioritizes efficiency

A grading experience that prioritizes intuition and efficiency. Blackboard Learn’s new interface offers intuitive and streamlined navigation, eliminating artificial barriers and saving instructors time and effort as they move easily and seamlessly from student to student.

A grading journey tailored to instructors

Each instructor has a unique approach to grading. Blackboard Learn’s Flexible Grading experience is designed to align with natural workflows, empowering instructors to grade more effectively than ever before. Task-oriented navigation focuses squarely on the submissions and questions waiting for instructors to grade.

Before the Flexible Grading experience:

1. Carousel management to move back and forth through the list
2. Grading by student supported
After the Flexible Grading experience:

1. Easier grading flow from student to student
2. Smaller header gives more real estate to the grading area that includes an attempt switcher
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3. Easier to post grades
4. Collapsible and expandable panels
5. Visible attempt grade
6.Visible assessment grade
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5. Option of grading by question—easily toggleable to grading by student

Note: The new interface will be released behind an admin-facing feature flag and defaulted to ON. This means that Flexible Grading will be the default grading experience for individual student submissions BUT institutions will have the ability to turn if OFF if they prefer.

The Flexible Grading interface will evolve in the subsequent monthly releases to cover group submissions, anonymous grading, two grades per student, and peer review. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Bookmark the release notes page for all the latest updates and information.