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1. EFFECTIVE EXAM REVIEW

Faculty often wonder if it's worth the extra time to conduct exam review sessions.

Sometimes it seems like a lot of extra work for few perceived benefits. As instructors, we also don't want to feel as if we—instead of the students—are doing all the work. It should be up to the students to do the heavy lifting of figuring out what and how much to study—right? Yet, before exam time we often hear the words, "What's going to be on the test?"

This video provides techniques for creating an exam review that engages students but requires minimal instructor preparation.

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2. GRADING IN CANVAS



With midterms upon us, students are all the more concerned with their standings in their courses. The best way to make grades available to your students is through Canvas. Below is a series of short videos intended to help you get the most out of Canvas's Grades feature.

Creating a Grade Item

[Watch Here](#)

The Canvas gradebook is created dynamically as various graded items (quizzes, assignments, discussions, etc.) are created elsewhere in a course.

Using Weighted Grades

[Watch Here](#)

Weighted grades in Canvas can be used to assign grades based on how many percentage points a grade category is worth.

Entering Grades

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Grading an assignment in Canvas can be as simple as navigating through cells in an Excel spreadsheet. Detailed information can also be added to a given grade, including Status (Late, Missing, Excused) and grade comments. Frequent low-stakes quizzes and assignments are one way to check that students are keeping current with online course materials.



3. COMBINE COURSE SECTIONS IN CANVAS

Course sections within Canvas for Spring 2022 can be combined upon request. To request a combination of two or more course sections, email canvas@okstate.edu with the names of the courses as they currently appear in Canvas including the five-digit CRN code.

Example:

Please combine the courses below.

ABCD-1234-12345

ABCD-1234-12346

Please be aware that only the materials, submissions, etc. from one section can be preserved during the combining process. Because of this, it is not recommended to combine sections once a semester has begun.

More Canvas Tips

4. ONLINE AND HYBRID TEACHING RESOURCES

Teaching online or HyFlex, when thoughtfully planned, can be very engaging and effective across subjects and disciplines. Whether the content is taught synchronously (live) or asynchronously (on your own time), faculty members can present information to students, demonstrate processes, facilitate large or small group discussions, assess student learning and provide feedback on assignments and assessments. [ITLE has resources](#) to assist you in your planning for a short-term shift or a semester-long course.

Self-Paced Online Teaching Workshop

This self-paced online teaching workshop covers a variety of topics such as outcome-oriented course design, engaging online learners, creating an online activity and assessment plan and more. Whether you are new to online teaching or need a refresher, this course is designed to meet your needs in a flexible format. While working through modules in the workshop, participants will create an Online Learning Assessment Portfolio, which will be submitted to the instructor upon completion of the final module. After receiving your portfolio, the instructor will set up a time to discuss your experience in the workshop with a one-on-one video conference.

[Self-Paced Online Teaching Workshop Syllabus PDF](#)

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Need Help with Your Course Design?

As you begin creating your upcoming courses, remember that ITLE teaching support specialists are happy to assist. Although we are not in our offices every day, we are still available to help with all aspects of online teaching. Contact us at kdickey@okstate.edu or gina.morris@okstate.edu.

Have Questions About Teaching Online?

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