

Create Assignments

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Students submit their work to an assignment folder. Instructions you provide in the assignment folder appear to students in the **Folder Information** area on the **Submit Files** page.

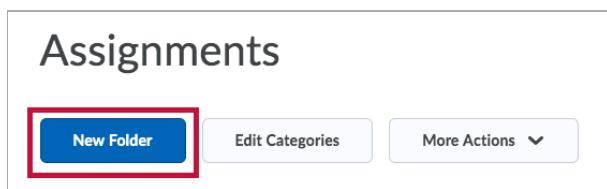
Instructions may include:

- Information about evaluation methodology
- Details about rubric assessments
- Associations with learning objectives
- Clarifications on work expectations

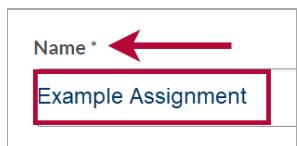
Create an Assignment

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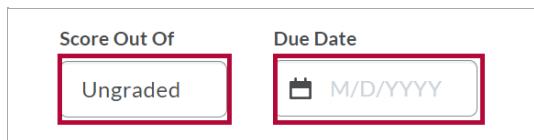
1. Click the **[Course Activities]** menu in the navbar, then choose **[Assignments]**.
2. On the Assignments page, click the **[New Folder]** button.



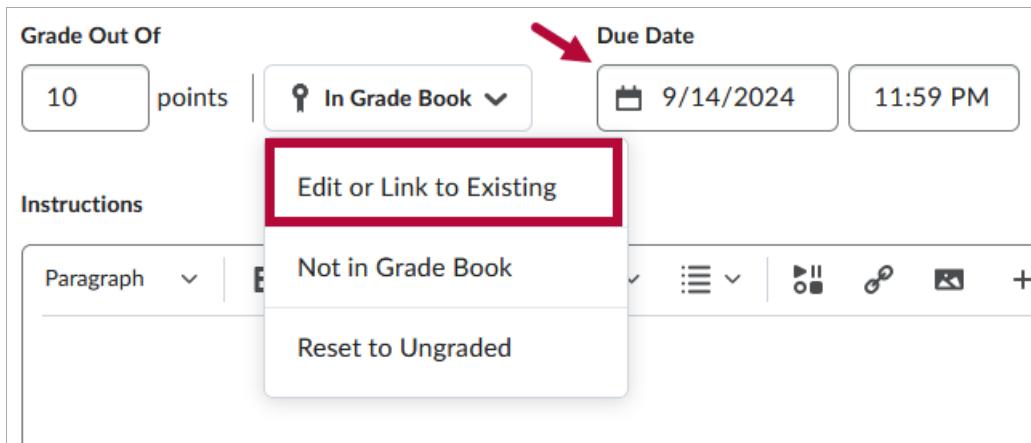
3. Enter a **Name**.



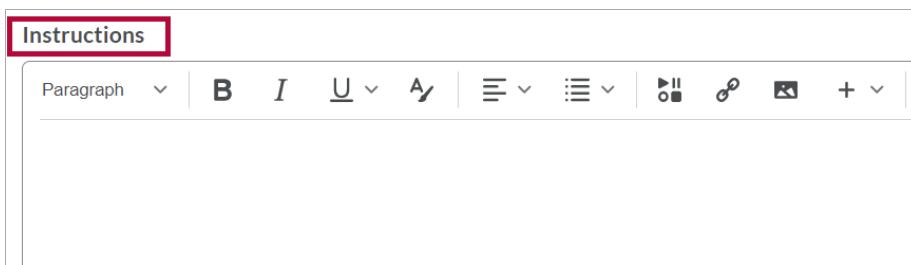
4. Enter the **Score Out Of** you want to grant to your project (for example, 100pts) and the **Due Date** for the assignment.



- Once you enter a **Score Out Of** and a date, the ability to choose a grade option and the ability to choose a Due Date will appear.



5. Add **Instructions** for students.



6. To include attachments such as a file, link, or existing activity, choose the appropriate icon below the instructions HTML box. For more details on adding **Attachments**, see [Add an Attachment to an Assignment](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/add-attachment-to-assignment) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/add-attachment-to-assignment>).



7. Toggle the **[Visibility]** of the Assignment off and on, depending on what works for your class. To do that, click the **[Eyeball Icon]** along the save bar. (The assignment is not visible by default.)



Availability Dates & Conditions

1. To set restrictions, click on the **[Availability Dates & Conditions]** in the right-hand column. Enter a **Start Date** and/or an **End Date** according to your preferences.

Availability Dates & Conditions

Start Date

 M/D/YYYY

End Date

 M/D/YYYY

Release Conditions

Users are not able to access or view the assignment unless they meet the release conditions.

[Add Release Condition ▾](#)

Special Access

Special Access allows activities to be available to only a select group of users or individualized due dates for certain users.

[Manage Special Access](#)

2. Upon choosing a **Start Date** you will see an option titled **Before Start** and upon choosing an **End Date** you will see an option titled **After End**, these allow you to choose how the assignment appears to students before and after the visibility dates.

Availability Dates & Conditions

Start Date

 6/13/2023 12:01 AM

Before start: **Visible with access restricted**

End Date

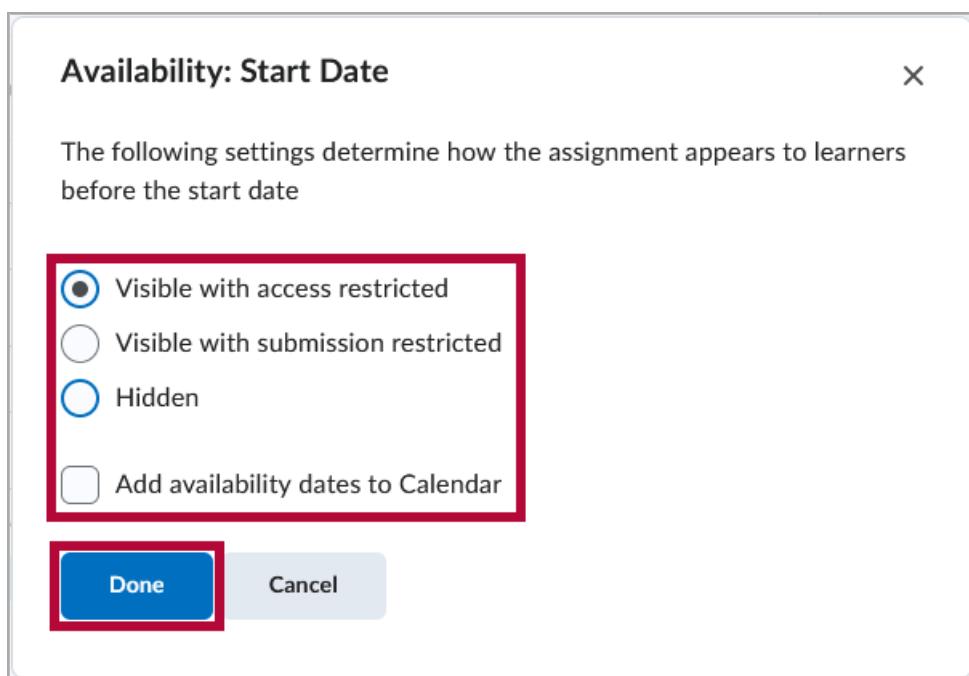
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After end: **Visible with access restricted**

3. There is also a **[Checkbox]** to set whether the **Start Date** and **End Date** appear in the **Course Calendar**. When done choosing the desired settings, click **[Done]** to return to **Availability Dates & Conditions**.

You can choose one of the following availability dates settings:

- A. **[Visible with access-restricted]**: The assignment will be visible to learners before the **Start Date** or after the **End Date**, but they cannot click or open it. Learners can see the name, dates, and restrictions but cannot see the assignment description or attachments.
- B. **[Visible with submission-restricted]**: The assignment will be visible to learners before the **Start Date** or after the **End Date**, and they can click or open it, but they cannot submit or mark it as complete. Learners can see all details about the assignment, including description, attachments, and rubrics, but they cannot upload files, enter comments, or mark the assignment as complete (for observed in person / on paper submission).
- C. **[Hidden]**: The assignment is hidden to learners until the start date is reached or after the end date passes. Learners can not see the assignment anywhere, including corresponding **Calendar** events and **Notifications**.



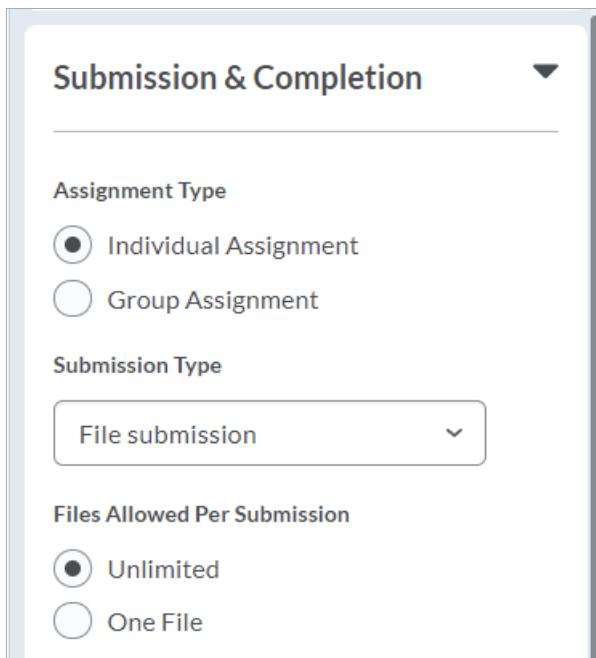
Submission & Completion

To input the submission settings, click on **[Submission & Completion]** in the right-hand column.

1. Choose the assignment type:
 - **Individual** or **Group** Assignment.
2. Select a Submission Type:
 - **File submission**: Select this type if you want students to submit a file to the assignment folder.
 - **Text submission**: Select this type if you want students to type their submission into the Assignment text box and not submit a file.
 - **On paper submission**: Select this type for papers that will be submitted in person. (You must indicate whether it will be manually marked complete by students, upon evaluation, or by due date.)
 - **Observed in Person**: Select this type if you are observing an assignment in person. (You must indicate whether it will be manually marked complete by students, upon evaluation, or by due date.)

4. Select Submission options:

- Choose how many files you will allow per submission and whether those files are kept or discarded.



Submission & Completion

Assignment Type

Individual Assignment

Group Assignment

Submission Type

File submission

Files Allowed Per Submission

Unlimited

One File

5. You may restrict the file type that can be submitted.

Choices include:

- PDF Only**
- Annotatable files**, which include all file types that are supported by the Annotation tool in Assignments.

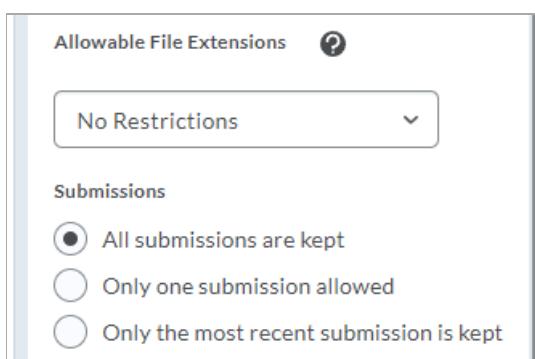
[File types supported by Annotations
\(https://community.d2l.com/brightspace/kb/articles/3632-file-types-supported-by-annotations\)](https://community.d2l.com/brightspace/kb/articles/3632-file-types-supported-by-annotations)

- Files that can be previewed without conversion**

- Images and Videos**

- Custom File Types**

If an instructor chooses **Custom File Extensions**, they can then enter file extensions that are allowed for file submissions. When this restriction is set, students are presented with a list of acceptable file extensions for their assignments. When a student attempts to upload a file submission other than that which the instructor has restricted, an error message appears.



Allowable File Extensions

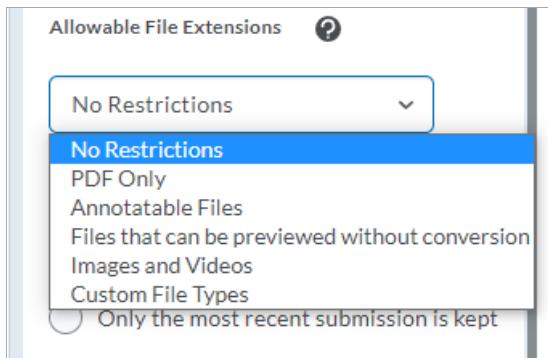
No Restrictions

Submissions

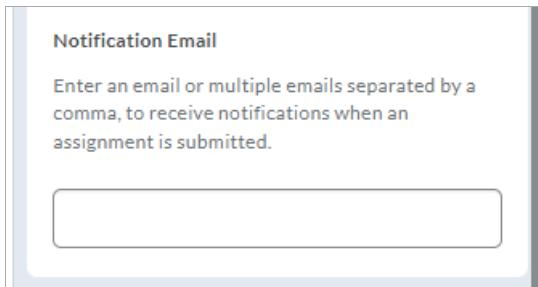
All submissions are kept

Only one submission allowed

Only the most recent submission is kept



6. You may also enter an email address to be notified whenever a new submission is uploaded to this folder.



Evaluation & Feedback

To input feedback settings, click on **[Evaluation & Feedback]** in the right-hand column.

1. For instructions on the **Restrictions** tab, see [Setting Availability and Due Dates for an Assignment](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/a046) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/a046>).
2. For instructions on the **Turnitin** tab, see [Using Turnitin with Assignments](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-turnitin-with-assignments) (<https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/use-turnitin-with-assignments>).

Evaluation & Feedback ▾

Rubrics

[Add rubric](#) ▾

Learning Objectives

No learning objectives

[Manage Learning Objectives](#)

Annotation Tools

Make annotation tools available for assessment

Anonymous Marking

Hide student names during assessment

Turnitin Integration

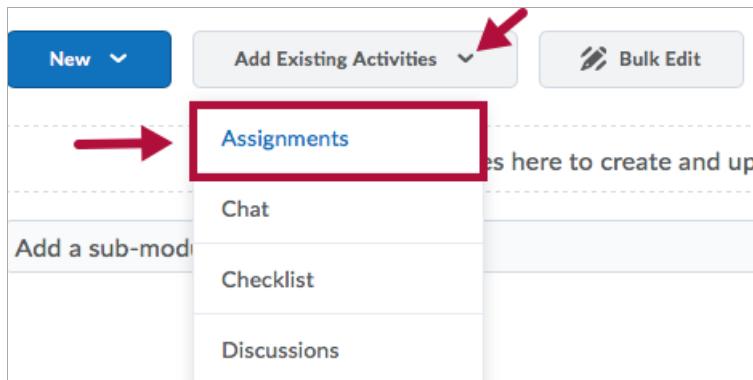
Turnitin® adds additional functionality to evaluation.

[Manage Turnitin](#)

NOTE: If you associate the folder with a grade item, maintain consistency and avoid confusion for your students by matching the value of the Out Of field to the grade item's Maximum Points value and naming the grade item the same as the activity.

Add the Assignment to Your Content

1. Go to a module on **[Content]**.
2. Click the **[Add Existing Activities]** button.
3. Choose **[Assignments]**.



New ▾

Add Existing Activities ▾

Bulk Edit

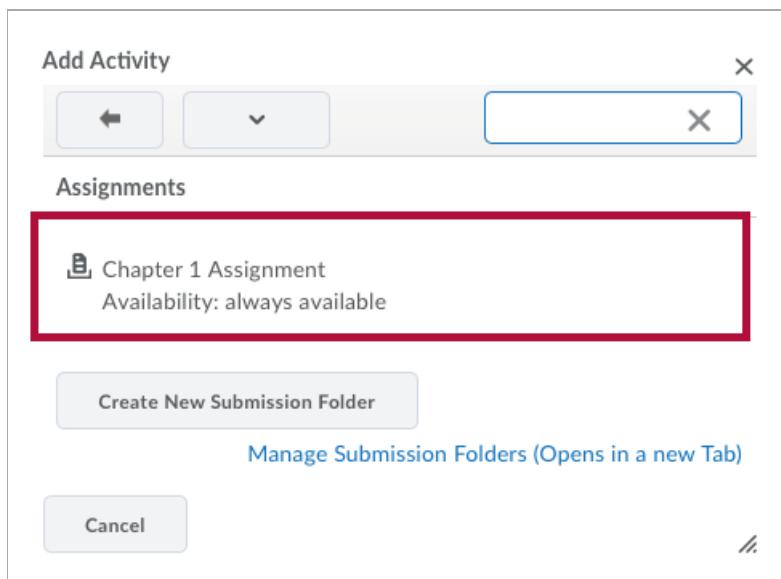
Assignments

Chat

Checklist

Discussions

4. Choose the specific assignment to add.



Add Activity

Assignments

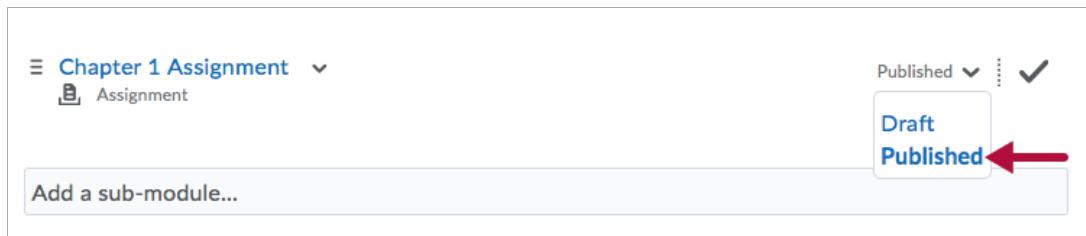
Chapter 1 Assignment
Availability: always available

Create New Submission Folder

Manage Submission Folders (Opens in a new Tab)

Cancel

5. The link to the assignment will be added to the module. Change the status of the link to **Published** to make it available to students.



Chapter 1 Assignment ▾

Assignment

Published ▾

Draft

Published

Add a sub-module...