

Difference between a Weighted and Points Gradebooks

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In D2L you can use either a Points grading system or a Weighted system. Either is a valid choice. But whichever you use, it must be the one you describe in your syllabus.

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Weighted by Category

- The grades are organized by category.
- Each category is assigned a weight.
- All category weights add up to 100%
- The number of points any grade item is worth is irrelevant because the percent score is multiplied by the category weight.

Points by Activity

- Grades may be organized by category, chronologically, or in any order desired.
- Each grade item is worth a certain number of points toward the total points possible.
- The more points an item is worth, the more weight it will have in the final grade.
- The final grade is calculated by dividing the number of points attained by the total points possible.

RECOMMENDED: It is helpful to students for you to organize your gradebook the way it is in your syllabus.

For example, if your syllabus contains the grading structure below:

Weighted System

Exams - 25%

Essays - 20%

Lab - 20%

Quizzes - 20%

Discussions - 15%

Then your Manage Grades tab should look like this:

Grade Item	Type	Association	Max. Points	Weight
Exams				25
Exam 1	Numeric	Quizzes	100	50
Exam 2	Numeric	Quizzes	100	50
Essays				20
Essay 1	Numeric	Assignments	100	50
Essay 2	Numeric	Assignments	100	50
Lab				20

Grade Item	Type	Association	Max. Points	Weight
Lab 2	Numeric	Assignments	100	50
Etc.				

Points System

Exams - 250

Essays - 200

Lab - 200

Quizzes - 200

Discussions - 150

Then your Manage Grades tab should look like this:

Grade Item	Type	Association	Max. Points
Exams			
Exam 1	Numeric	Quizzes	125
Exam 2	Numeric	Quizzes	125
Essays			
Essay 1	Numeric	Assignments	100
Essay 2	Numeric	Assignments	100
Lab			
Lab 1	Numeric	Assignments	100
Lab 2	Numeric	Assignments	100
Etc.			