Importing Grades Into myBama from Blackboard

In order to import grades into myBama/Banner from Blackboard Learn, follow the steps given here. For assistance, contact 348-3532 or frc@ua.edu.

ENTERING MIDTERM OR FINAL GRADES IN BLACKBOARD LEARN GRADE CENTER

1. Enter the Blackboard Learn course for which grades will be submitted.
2. Open Grade Center
3. Select the Full Grade Center.
4. If the Grade Center does not have a column called Midterm or Final, create a Calculated or regular column using one of the options at the top of the grade center.

*Note: The midterm column MUST be called Midterm with an upper case M and no space or dash in order to be recognized by Banner/myBama. The name is case-sensitive. The final column MUST be called Final with an uppercase F in order to be recognized by Banner/myBama. The name is case-sensitive.*

5. The column must have primary display type of Letter or Text. Confirm this by clicking on the action link to the right of the column title. Click on Edit Column Information. Set the Primary Display to Letter or Text and choose Submit.

6. In order to use Blackboard’s automatic conversion to letter grade, the primary display must be Letter. The default letter grade scheme in Blackboard Learn is shown below and can be edited in the Grade Center from Manage select Grading Schemas.
Once the grades are in the Midterm or Final column in Blackboard Learn, they can be imported into myBama/Banner by following these steps:

1. Login to myBama.
2. On the Faculty Tab go to the Banner Self-Service Area, click on the Faculty and Advisors folder.
3. Click on Midterm Grades or Final Grades.
4. Choose the appropriate academic term.
5. From the drop-down menu, select a course for which grades will be submitted. The course roster will appear (25 students per page).
6. To import grades from Blackboard Learn, click on the button “Import Grades from Blackboard Learn”.

A message will appear: “Loading Blackboard Learn Grades” and, if appropriate midterm or final grade data can be found in Blackboard Learn, it will populate the grade selection dropdowns for each student in myBama.
If no Blackboard Learn course exists matching the CRN or if no Midterm or Final grade column is found in the Blackboard Learn course, an error message will appear.

Only letter grades can be imported into myBama. Plus/minus grades are allowed for undergraduate courses and A,B,C,D,F for graduate. I, and NC grades will need to be selected from the dropdown in myBama when needed. The UA Office of the Registrar gives the following guidance on permissible grade types: http://registrar.ua.edu/services/myfaculty/grade-reporting/grade-terminology/.

When a grade of F is assigned, instructors are now required to select a reason for the grade. See http://registrar.ua.edu/services/myfaculty/grade-reporting/non-attendance-grading/ for more information. See also the FRC tutorial “Non-Attendance Grading in myBama” at http://frc.ua.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/non_attendance_grading_in_mybama-final.pdf
Once midterm or final grades have been imported from Blackboard Learn and checked for accuracy, and any necessary adjustments have been made, click the **Submit** button below the list of student names to complete the grade submission process.

*Note: You cannot import Blackboard Learn grades again after you click the Submit button. Make sure the grades that appear in the Grade column are correct before clicking Submit.*

If an invalid grade is in the Midterm or Final column in Blackboard Learn, Banner will set that student’s grade to NONE. All other grades will be imported and submitted as normal. Please confirm that all grades are in the appropriate format and that they are submitted successfully in Banner by checking the grade submission channel in myBama under the Faculty tab.

For more information, contact the Faculty Resource Center at 205.348.3532 or frc@ua.edu. 
or visit our website at [http://frc.ua.edu](http://frc.ua.edu).

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