

Blackboard Grading Schemas

Blackboard allows for the use of different grading schemas for different columns in its Grade Center. Blackboard courses include a default grading schema that can be modified by course instructors.

Modifying the Letter Grading Schema

1. In your Blackboard course, click on **Control Panel > Grade Center > Full Grade Center**. The Grade Center will open.
2. Underneath **Manage** on the Grade Center page, click on **Grading Schemas**

Grade Center : Full Grade Center ▾

*When screen reader mode is on, the Grade Center data appears in a simplified grid. You cannot freeze columns or edit individual grades, access a cell's contextual menu and click **View Grade Details**. When screen reader mode is off, you can type a grade: click the cell, type the grade value, and press the Enter key to submit. Use the arrow keys or the tab key to navigate.*

Create Column Create Calculated Column ▾ **Manage** ▾ Reports ▾

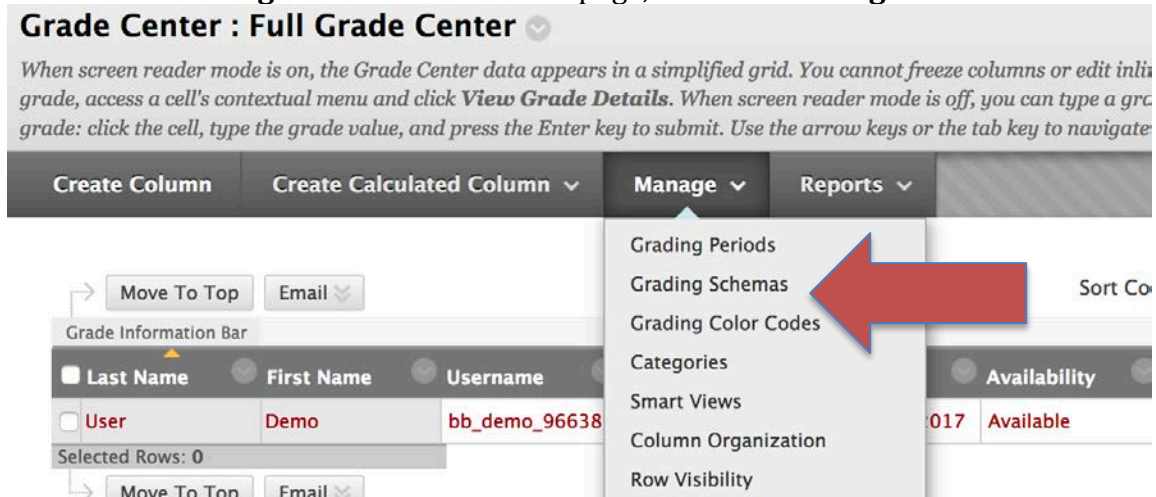
Grade Information Bar

Last Name	First Name	Username	Availability
User	Demo	bb_demo_96638	017 Available

Selected Rows: 0

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The Grading Schemas dialog will open.

3. Blackboard courses come with a default grading schema called Letter.

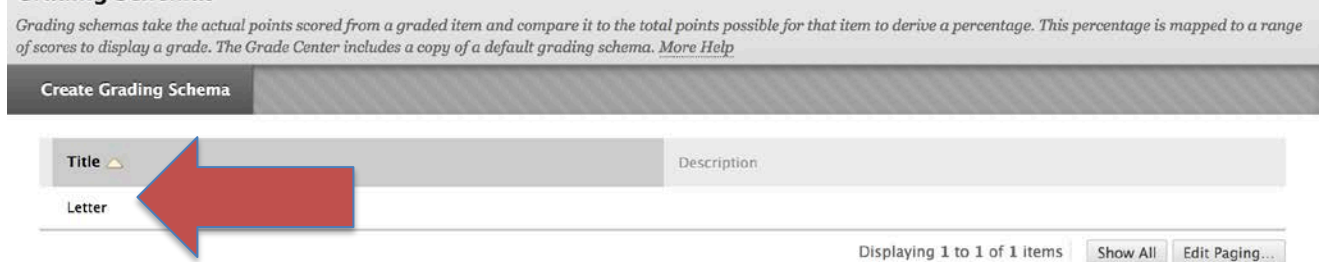
Grading Schemas

Grading schemas take the actual points scored from a graded item and compare it to the total points possible for that item to derive a percentage. This percentage is mapped to a range of scores to display a grade. The Grade Center includes a copy of a default grading schema. [More Help](#)

Create Grading Schema

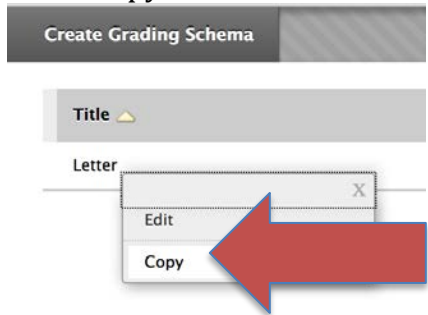
Title ▾	Description
Letter	

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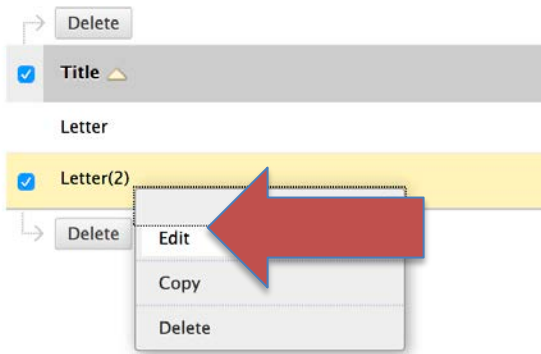


4. The Grading Schema dialog gives you the option of creating a new grading schema or editing/copying the default Letter schema. **For this tutorial, we will copy and modify the default Letter schema.**

- To duplicate the Letter grading schema, click on the chevron to the right of the Letter title and select Copy.



- A new schema will appear.
- Click the chevron to the right of Letter(2) and select Edit.



8. This will open the Edit Grading Schema dialog box. You can rename and customize your schema here.

Edit Grading Schema

Grading schemas map percent scores to letter grades or some other notation for reporting performance. [More Help](#)

* Indicates a required field.

1. Schema Information

* Name

Description

2. Schema Mapping

Grade Center columns that are automatically graded, such as Tests, will be converted to this display option according to the grade mapping provided below. To enter grades in the Grade Center manually us this display option, mappings from each symbol into a percentage of points possible must be provided.

Grades Scored Between	Will Equal	Grades Manually Entered as	Will Calculate as	
97 % and 100 %	<input type="text" value="A+"/>	A+	100 %	
94 % and Less Than 97%	<input type="text" value="A"/>	A	94 %	Delete Row
90 % and Less Than 94%	<input type="text" value="A-"/>	A-	90 %	Delete Row
87 % and Less Than 90%	<input type="text" value="B+"/>	B+	87 %	Delete Row
84 % and Less Than 87%	<input type="text" value="B"/>	B	84 %	Delete Row
80 % and Less Than 84%	<input type="text" value="B-"/>	B-	80 %	Delete Row
77 % and Less Than 80%	<input type="text" value="C+"/>	C+	77 %	Delete Row
74 % and Less Than 77%	<input type="text" value="C"/>	C	74 %	Delete Row
70 % and Less Than 74%	<input type="text" value="C-"/>	C-	70 %	Delete Row
67 % and Less Than 70%	<input type="text" value="D+"/>	D+	67 %	Delete Row
64 % and Less Than 67%	<input type="text" value="D"/>	D	64 %	Delete Row
60 % and Less Than 64%	<input type="text" value="D-"/>	D-	60 %	Delete Row
0 % and Less Than 60%	<input type="text" value="F"/>	F	59 %	Delete Row

3. Submit

Click **Submit** to proceed. Click **Cancel** to go back.

9. To prevent unexpected rounding, the FRC recommends entering decimal points in the “Grades Scored Between” boxes.

Grades Scored Between	Will Equal	Grades Manually Entered as	Will Calculate as	
96.8 % and 120 %	<input type="text" value="A+"/>	A+	108.4 %	
93.8 % and Less Than 96.8%	<input type="text" value="A"/>	A	94 %	Delete Row
89.8 % and Less Than 93.8%	<input type="text" value="A-"/>	A-	90 %	Delete Row
87 % and Less Than 89.8%	<input type="text" value="B+"/>	B+	87 %	Delete Row

10. When you've customized the schema, click "Submit" to accept the changes.

Edit Grading Schema
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* Indicates a required field.

Cancel Submit

1. Schema Information

* Name: custom schema
 Description:

2. Schema Mapping

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Grades Scored Between	Will Equal	Grades Manually Entered as	Will Calculate as	
96.8 % and 120 %	A+	A+	108.4 %	
92.8 % and Less Than 96.8%	A	A	94 %	Delete Row
89.8 % and Less Than 92.8%	A-	A-	90 %	Delete Row
86.8 % and Less Than 89.8%	B+	B+	87 %	Delete Row
83.8 % and Less Than 86.8%	B	B	84 %	Delete Row
79.8 % and Less Than 83.8%	B-	B-	80 %	Delete Row
76.8 % and Less Than 79.8%	C+	C+	77 %	Delete Row
73.8 % and Less Than 76.8%	C	C	74 %	Delete Row
69.8 % and Less Than 73.8%	C-	C-	70 %	Delete Row
66.8 % and Less Than 69.8%	D+	D+	67 %	Delete Row
63.8 % and Less Than 66.8%	D	D	64 %	Delete Row
59.8 % and Less Than 63.8%	D-	D-	60 %	Delete Row
0 % and Less Than 59.8%	F	F	59 %	Delete Row

3. Submit

Click **Submit** to proceed. Click **Cancel** to go back.



11. Now that you have created a custom schema, you can now assign its use to columns in the Grade Center. For this example, we will assign the custom schema to the Total column in our Grade Center. Click on the chevron by the right of the Total column header and select "Edit Column Information."

Grade Information Bar

Sort Columns By: Layout Position Order: ▲Ascending

Last Saved: January 19, 2017 2:42 PM

Last Name	First Name	Username	Student ID	Last Access	Availability	Weighted Total	Total
User	Demo	bb_demo_96638		January 19, 2017	Available	A	96.8 (A)

Selected Rows: 0

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12. The Edit Total Column dialog box will open. Select “custom schema” from the drop-down box by Primary Display and click Submit.

Edit Total Column

* Indicates a required field.

Cancel Submit

1. Column Information

* Column Name Total

Grade Center Name

Displays as the column header in the Grade Center. Recommended not to exceed 15 characters.

Description

The unweighted sum of all grades for a user.

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Primary Display

Secondary Display

custom schema

- Score
- Letter
- Text
- Percentage
- Complete/incomplete
- ✓ custom schema

2. Dates

Date Created Jan 20, 2017

13. The Total column will now be graded based upon the criteria established in the custom schema.

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