**Gradescope**

**What is it?**

Gradescope is a cloud-based grading platform that integrates with Canvas and simplifies grading of homework and exams.

**What are some benefits?**

* **Consistent and fair** grading with detailed feedback for students.
* **Flexible submission**: Either students or instructors can upload completed assignments and exams to the software.
* **Fast**: Multiple graders can grade remotely at the same time; some questions can be graded automatically by the AI software, other questions can be grouped and graded in batches
* **Reduces regrading**: Midstream changes to the grading rubric are automatically updated for all students
* **Provides analytics:** Track which concepts students are getting and which they are struggling with.

**Do I need a Gradescope account?**

* Gradescope is available free-of-charge to you and your students through Canvas. You do not need a separate account to use Gradescope.
* To make Gradescope visible in your Canvas course:
  + In your Canvas course, go to Settings, select the Navigation tab, scroll to the bottom, and click and drag Gradescope up into the list of items that will appear in your navigation page. Click Save.
  + You can now select Gradescope from the left-hand navigation menu in Canvas.

**How can I learn more?**

* Review the Gradescope workflow outlined on pages 2-3 of this document.
* Go to the [Remote Assessment FAQ](https://www.gradescope.com/help#help-center-section-remote-assessment) from Gradescope
* Refer to the Gradescope [Quick Start Guide](https://www.gradescope.com/get_started)
* Contact [Gradescope Help](https://www.gradescope.com/help)
* Participate in an upcoming webinar about using Gradescope for remote assessment.

1. **Existing Users: Delivering Assessments Remotely**
   * This webinar on the Gradescope workflow to meet your immediate needs for remote assessments.
   * [Webinar recording](https://turnitin.zoom.us/rec/play/v5R_dOms-zg3G9GdsASDUaVwW424L_-s23Ub-vUJzEa9USUFZlSvNeETMBT85I86swpMWfpI1oBPkbA?continueMode=true)
2. **New Users: Get Started with Gradescope for Remote Assessments**
   * Introduction to Gradescope: how to set up a course, build an assignment, grade work, provide feedback. Tips on remote assessment.
   * [Webinar recording](https://turnitin.zoom.us/rec/play/uZF-I7r7_Dw3T9acswSDBqN_W43ofP2sgycaqfNbyBq9AXIHNFT0ZeYUN7aROb_RKEZ2kzG75jzthGFh?continueMode=true)

**Gradescope Remote Workflow**

Answers to many of your questions are likely to be found in the [FAQ for Remote Assessment](https://www.gradescope.com/help#help-center-section-remote-assessment).

A workflow for remote use is diagrammed here. Options for accomplishing each of the diagrammed steps are outlined below with links to instructions from Gradescope.

1. Give students access to the exam

2. Create an assignment in Gradescope

3. Students complete and upload the exam

4. Grade and View statistics

5. Return graded work online

1. **Give students access to the exam:**

*Accessibility note: Keep in mind that some students may not have access to a printer!*

* **Post the exam on Canvas for students to download.**
  + **Can students type the answers to all questions?** If so, provide a Word file of the exam and students will type their answers directly into the file without printing.
  + **Do students have to hand-write or draw some answers**? If so, post a PDF of the exam. Students print the exam, answer the questions on paper, scan the pages (see these [Instructions for Students](https://gradescope-static-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/help/submitting_hw_guide.pdf)), and upload to Gradescope in part 3. Alternatively, students can answer some questions on their own paper and upload their pages to Gradescope without printing.
  + **Is the exam multiple choice?** If so, provide a PDF of the exam and the Gradescope bubble sheet. Alternatively, consider using Canvas quizzes.
* **Try the Online Assignments feature in Gradescope**
  + This Gradescope feature is currently in public *Beta* testing. It will allow you to enter questions directly into Gradescope, thereby avoiding any need to print, scan, and upload. This could be clunky at this stage (eg. there is no direct image upload function), so consider other options before trying this.

1. **Create an assignment in Gradescope**

* Gradescope supports five assignment types, each with several choices for set-up. For example, the homework/problem set type allows you to choose the submission mode (student or instructor), due date, and submission type (variable or fixed length; group or individual). Review the assignment types and choose one appropriate for your assignment.
* As you create an assignment in Gradescope, you will upload a PDF of the assignment. The PDF is a template for defining where the question answers are located. Students do not see it.
* After an assignment is created in Gradescope, you can navigate from one step to the next using a tool bar on the left-hand side.

1. **Students complete and upload the exam**

* Direct students to these [Instructions for students](https://gradescope-static-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/help/submitting_hw_guide.pdf) to scan and upload PDFs to Gradescope.
* To view from a student perspective, you can use a Departmental Canvas sandbox (contact your department’s point-of-contact listed in the [TIDES webpage](https://cns.utexas.edu/tides/faculty/remote-teaching)

1. **Grade and view statistics**

* After some students submit their assignments, you can start grading.
* For each question, you will enter a rubric or key for grading and define how many points each rubric item is worth. If you change the value of a rubric item midstream, all exams will be automatically regraded.
* For each question, you will decide if the AI software will grade it automatically, you will group answers for grading, or you will grade each answer individually.
* Multiple people can grade the same Gradescope assignment simultaneously.
* Navigate to assignment statistics using the left-hand tool-bar.

1. **Return graded work online**

* When you are finished and satisfied with grading you can make the graded assignment visible to students by clicking on “Publish Grades.” This will allow students to see their grade and feedback found in the rubric items and comments.
* You can send the grades directly to the Canvas gradebook as well by clicking on “Post Grades to Canvas.” This will prompt you to link the Gradescope assessment with a Canvas Assignment, so you will also have to make a Canvas Assignment shell.