

Populi Student Information System

Faculty User Manual

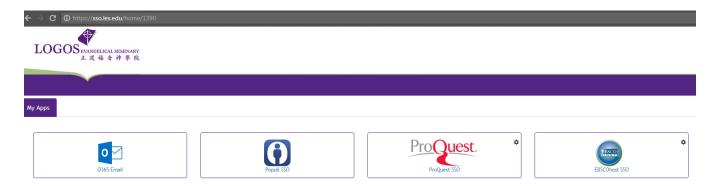
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I. LOGGING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME



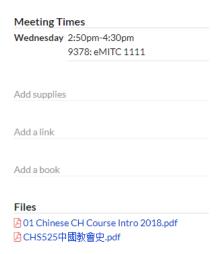
- 1. In order to access Populi and setup your course page, you need to first login to the SSO portal at https://sso.les.edu, a single sign-on (SSO) portal for the seminary community members to access multiple online application via single access credential which also can be managed by themselves, using your username (LES email address without the @les.edu extension or assigned by the seminary) and the account password (adjunct instructor's default password is "logoslogos123\$") to setup your profile then you can change the password afterward. Please check the seminary website under 資訊科技 for more info and details. If you forgot the password of your LES account or had trouble logging with your LES credential, please contact the helpdesk support at (626)571-5110 Ext 173 or 145 or logosithelp@les.edu.
- 2. After logging into the SSO portal, you can then access the Populi by clicking on the Populi SSO icon
- 3. It also contains a unique link that lets you set a password and log in to Populi for the first time. This link will expire **seven** days from when the email is sent. Even if you don't need to use Populi right away, we recommend logging in as soon as you see the email just so it doesn't expire on you!

1.1 Review settings on the course info view



The Course > Info view displays general catalog information and settings for your course. Most of the course settings are inherited from the course catalog and so can only be changed by the registrar. But you have free rein over certain settings and items like supplies, links, reading list, and so on. Your

course has other areas where you can add content—for example, you can add links to lessons—so use these items to supplement what you make available to your students in other parts of the course.



To get started, find your course and click Info. You can get to your courses a few different ways:



- Type the course name or abbreviation in Search and click the result shown under Courses.
- On your Populi Home page, look at the *My Courses* panel. *Current Courses* shows you courses currently in session; use the drop-down to find courses from different academic terms.
- On My Profile > Faculty, you'll find a more detailed version of My Courses. Again, use the drop-down to select *Current Courses* or courses from a specific term.

Once on the Info view, you can make the following changes by clicking the field name:

- Write or edit the course description.
- Change the *Progress* and *Student Access* settings.
- Add/edit supplies, links, reading list, and files.
- Clone or sync course content (see below).

Cloning and syncing

There are a couple other ways to add content to your course, both of which are controlled using options on the Info view.

- Cloning copies content from past courses into your course. You can then edit any of the items you import using the clone feature.
- Syncing shares content among different sections of the same course in the same term.

If your course is already synced with another course section, then you cannot use the clone feature. You can, however, clone first and *then* sync course sections.

1.2 Populi Support

Support hours are 6 AM to 5 PM Pacific Time, Monday through Friday (excluding major holidays).

If you need help using Populi or would like to report a problem, get a hold of Populi Support. Here's how we can help you:

Knowledge Base

The Populi Knowledge Base includes tutorials, how-to's, reference articles, and getting-started guides for every area of Populi for every kind of user—students, faculty, and staff.

Phone support: Call 877-476-7854.

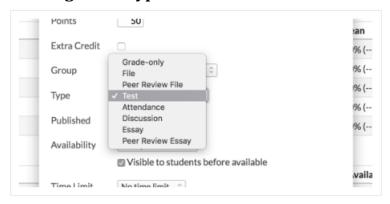
Or support@populiweb.com

II. ASSIGNMENTS

The distinction between assignment groups and assignments gives you two options for how you grade your course.

- If you base your course grade on the weight you give to types of assignments—i.e., Readings = 25%, Papers = 50%, Lab Work = 25%—then use assignment groups.
- If you base your course grade on an average of all assignments without respect to their type, then skip assignment groups and just use assignments.

2.1 Assignment types:



Each assignment type lets you and the student comment back and forth (and even attach files to the comments).

- **Grade-only:** Just give the student a grade. It's good for things like readings and other simple assignments that don't require a lot of interaction.
- **File:** *Requires* the student to submit a file to you for evaluation; good for essays, papers, etc. that benefit from feedback, revisions, and other interaction.
- **Test:** Creates a corresponding online test.
- Attendance: Calculates an assignment grade based on the student's attendance of course meeting times.
- **Discussion:** Creates a corresponding discussion.
- **Essay:** These provide students with a WYSIWYG editor that they can use to compose and format an essay-length composition right in Populi.
- **Peer Review:** Peer-review files and essays let other students in the course section view, comment on, and even grade the student's work. Read more about peer-review assignments.

2.2 How do I set up assignments?



Go to the Assignments tab in your course. Start by clicking **Add an assignment group** or **Add an assignment**.

2.2.1 Assignment groups

- 1. Click add assignment group.
- 2. Give the group a name ("Quizzes", "Tests," "Labwork," etc.).
- 3. Enter the weight—this is a percentage of the final grade that assignments in this group will contribute to the final grade. So if quizzes are worth 25% of the final course grade, enter 25 here.
 - a. When you start, the *Other* assignment group carries 100% of your grade weight. As you create your own assignment groups, that will be allocated to your groups. You can distribute the full 100% throughout your own assignment groups or leave a remainder in *Other* to cover miscellaneous assignments or grading factors.
 - b. If you use all 100%, *Other* will disappear.
 - c. The weight assigned to extra credit assignment groups (see below) is not counted towards the 100%.
- 4. Check if *every* assignment in this group should be extra credit.
- 5. If you wish to drop the lowest-graded assignments from a student's final grade calculation, enter the number of assignments to drop. So, if there are ten quizzes and you elect to drop two, the grade will be calculated from a student's eight highest-grades quizzes.
- 6. Click **Save** to finish.

2.2.2 Assignments

- 1. Give the assignment a name and description.
- 2. Enter a number of points—whatever number you like (no decimals, though!). Percentage grades will be calculated from how many points the student earns on an assignment; that percentage, in turn, is fed into the final grade calculation (for published assignments).
- 3. Check if this is an extra credit assignment.
- 4. Select an assignment group.
- 5. Select the assignment type.
 - o For tests, you'll be asked to fill in the additional test fields, which are described here).
 - Essay- and file-type assignments will present you with options for plagiarism-checking (if your school has enabled it).
 - o For discussions, choose whether to create a *New discussion* or select from any existing discussions. A new discussion will have the same name as the assignment; an existing discussion will change the name of the assignment.
 - For peer-review files and essays, you'll be given a number of additional options, which are described here.
 - You can select a global or course rubric for the following assignment types: grade-only, file, discussion, and essay.
- 6. Check if the assignment is to be *Published*.
 - Published assignments are used to calculate the final course grade and are visible to students (depending on the *Availability* setting).
 - o If not published, an assignment will be excluded from the final course grade and will not be visible to students.

- o Unpublished assignments display in the main Assignments view with a *Draft* indicator.
- 7. Select a rubric if the assignment type permits it.
- 8. Enter a due date/time.
- 9. Select the *Availability*; this determines when students are able to submit work to the assignment.
 - o Available from lets you pick a date range.
 - o Available after/until asks you for a date to begin or end the availability period.
 - You can add availability exceptions for individual students on the assignment page.
- 10. Check *Visible...* to let students see the assignment before it's available. Uncheck if you wish to surprise them with it (great for pop quizzes!).
- 11. Click Save to finish.

After adding an assignment:

- It will show up in the assignments list arranged either alphabetically or by due date.
- It will show up in the gradebook in the same order as in the assignments list.
- As students submit work, you can start grading and interacting with them.

2.3 Edit groups and assignments

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Edit groups and assignments | Add an assignment group | Add an assignment

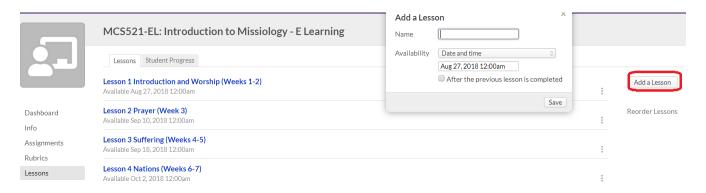
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Moreau Assignments	Test	Moreau 2	100	
Moreau Assignments	Test	Moreau 3	100	

You can edit individual assignments on their pages, or you can make changes to all of your assignments and groups at the same time—this helps you keep an eye on how a change made *here* affects an assignment *there*.

- Click **Edit groups and assignments**, which opens up all the fields for editing.
- You can change any field except for assignment type (you can change the type on an assignment on its page provided students haven't submitted any work to it yet).
- Click to delete an assignment. This also deletes any grades, files, tests, discussions, or student submissions for this assignment!
- If you delete an assignment group, the group's assignments will be transferred to Other.
- Click Save to finish.

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III. CREATE LESSONS AND DISCUSSIONS



- 1. Click Add a Lesson.
- 2. Give the lesson a name.
- 3. Select how you wish to make the lesson available to your students:
 - o Select whether to make it available on the course start date or on a specific date in the term.
 - o Check to require students to complete the previous lesson before accessing this one.
- 4. Click Save.

You can also add lessons by cloning them from another course.

Ordering lessons



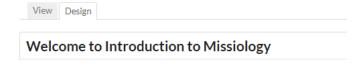
The order in which lessons appear is the one that students must follow—especially if you require students to complete one lesson in order to access the next one.

- 1. Click Reorder lessons.
- 2. Drag and drop the lessons into the desired order.
- 3. When you're done, click **Done Reordering**.

3.1 Designing your lesson

To start designing your lesson, click its name in the lessons list. Then, click the Design view.

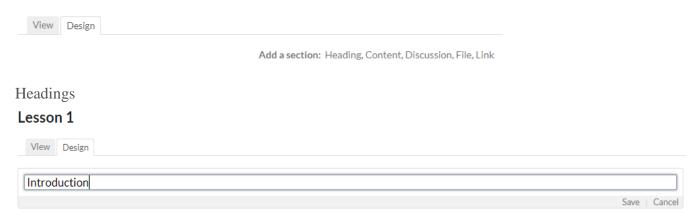
Lesson 1 Introduction and Worship (Weeks 1-2)



3.1.1 Adding materials to your lesson

Start by clicking the Add link for the material you wish to put in the lesson.

Lesson 1



Headings are simply a line of text introducing a section of the lesson.

Content



Content is the meat of the lesson—the text and media by which you wish to convey the lesson. Content blocks include a text editor that lets you do the following:

- In the text editor window, enter your notes by typing or copy-pasting from another document or website (copy-pasting will probably alter the original formatting).
- Within the text editor, you can change the text size, add headings, some light formatting, create numbered or bulleted lists, and link to other sites.
- Embed media hosted by Populi by copying the EMBED code from one of your media files (see "Files", below). You can also click the *Upload image* symbol to include a picture.
- Check out the different ways you can embed audio, video, images, et. al. in your lesson.

3.1.2 Assignments



After you've created assignments, you can add them to your lesson. When students come across an assignment in the lesson, they'll be taken to the assignment's page, where they can submit their work and interact with you in the assignment feed.

- 1. Select the assignment from the drop-down.
- 2. Check if you wish to require that students complete the assignment in order to access the next lesson.
 - o "Completing" the assignment depends on the assignment type. The student must have submitted a test, participated in a discussion, uploaded a file, or submitted an essay.
 - o If you add a grade-only assignment, the student will not be considered *complete* until you enter a grade for him!

You can also use a link to send students to an assignment hosted in another LMS by using an LTI tool. See the section on Links below.

3.1.3 Discussions

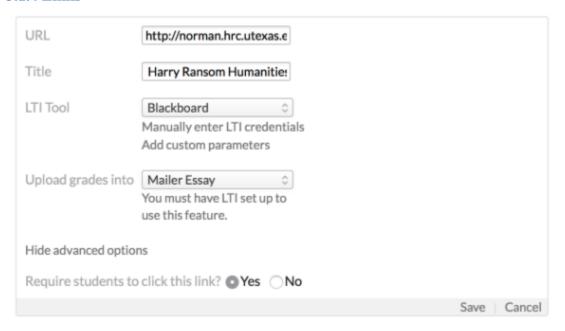


This creates a *new* discussion linked to the lesson. To link an existing graded discussion, you can also use the *add an assignment* feature.

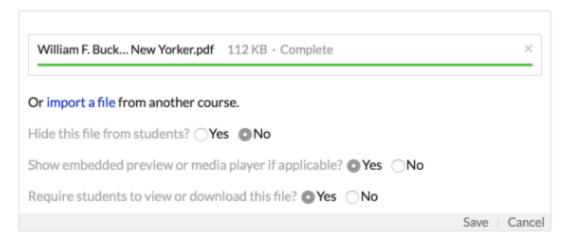
- 1. Click Add a discussion.
- 2. Enter the discussion details.
- 3. Check to allow students to start discussions in this lesson; if you check *Yes*, you'll also have the option to *require* each student to start a discussion.
- 4. Check to require students to participate in the discussion to complete the lesson.

In the lesson's settings, you can set a date to close all discussions (after which no one can contribute to them). This does not over-ride any Comments Closed dates/times entered for individual discussions.

3.1.4 Links

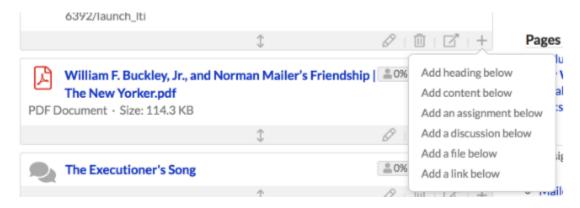


3.1.5 Files



- 1. Search for the file or drag-and-drop it into the upload area. You can also import a file from another course.
- 2. Check if you wish to hide this file from your students. Do this if you wish to embed a media file elsewhere in the lesson (or course).
- 3. Check to require students to view or download the file to complete the lesson.
- 4. If you upload a media file, after you save, click to retrieve the EMBED code for it.

Changing materials



After adding materials to your lesson, here's what you can do to change them:

- Click to edit the material.
- Click it to delete it.
- Click I to move the element to another page in the lesson.
- Click to insert new material below this element.
- Click to drag-and-drop the element to another part of the lesson.

Settings, pages, and materials

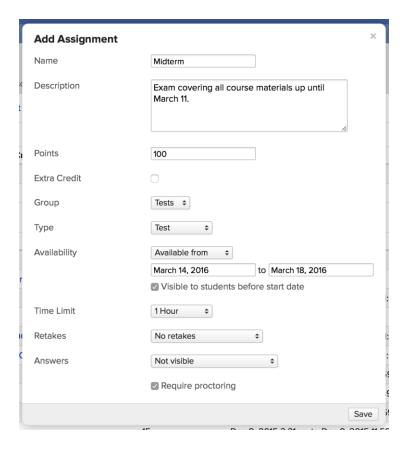
The right column of the page shows you the settings for this lesson, the pages in it, and any additional materials (discussions, assignments, files, and links) that you've added anywhere in this lesson.

- Change any of the settings by clicking the setting name.
- Add a page to the lesson to divide and structure the flow of the lesson.
 - Click \(\Delta \) to change the page name.
 - o Click **Reorder Pages** and drag/drop the pages into the order you'd like.

IV. SET UP YOUR ONLINE TESTS



To create a new test, you must create the corresponding assignment.

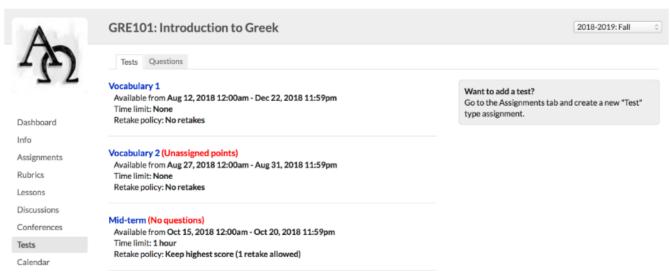


- 1. Go to your course and click the *Assignments* view.
- 2. Click add an assignment.
- 3. Enter the name, description, and other assignment details.
- 4. For the assignment **type**, choose *Test*. New fields will open up when you do this.
- 5. *Availability* is the timeframe during which students may take the test. Enter dates and times in the appropriate fields. Read about the four different availability options here.
- 6. *Time limit* is the total amount of time the student has to take the test within the availability window. A few notes on the time limit:
 - Availability trumps the time limit! If a student begins a test with no time limit ten minutes before the availability ends, that student has only ten minutes to take the test.

- When students take the test, they can see how much time they have remaining. If they time out, unanswered questions will be marked *incorrect*.
- If students are logged out in the middle of taking the test, they can resume where they left off with any unused time remaining (unless the availability window closes).
- If need be, you can add an availability exception on a by-student basis.
- 7. *Retakes* give your students multiple chances to take the test.
 - The three options—highest score, most recent score, and average score—refer to which *test score* will be used as the grade.
 - The number of retakes is not the same as the number of times students can take the test. If you want to let your students take the test a total of 3 times, enter 2 in the retakes field.
- 8. *Answers* lets your students see the correct answers to the test after they've taken it. Select from not visible, available after completion, or available after window.
- 9. Check *Proctoring* to require that every student take the test with a proctor.
- 10. Finally, click Save.

Now that you've created the test, it appears in the assignment list and in the list under the *Tests* view.

4.1 Next steps



In the *Tests* view, you'll find a list of all of the tests contained in this course. Click the test name to go to its page, where you can adjust its settings, add availability, time limit, and proctoring exceptions, and start designing it.

If a test has not been set up yet, you'll see one of two notices next to the test's name:

- No questions indicates that you have not yet added or imported any questions to that test
- *Unassigned points* indicates that, while the test has questions, not all of the test's points have been distributed among those questions.

In either case, students will not be able to take the test until you finish designing it.

4.2 Proctoring

Proctor Check-In

A proctor is required in order to take this test. Please have your proctor fill in the form below.

Sarah Dailey	
Sarah Daney	
8051118765	
SMS will be used to verify the	proctor's identity.
sd@minipo.ps	
1322 Myrtle Avenue	
Baltimore	
Maryland	\$ 21217
United States of America	\$

I, Sarah Dailey, agree to observe Beau Melchior during the entire administration of this test, and do my best to prevent and report cheating.

Test proctoring lets you require your students to take tests with an observer present as a guard against cheating. Here's how it works:

- 1. You set up your test to require proctoring, or you add an exception to an unproctored test to require proctoring for specific students (see below). Students may also be required by the registrar to be proctored for all online tests.
- 2. When the student takes the test, Populi asks the proctor for contact information, including a mobile phone number.
- 3. Populi sends the proctor a check-in code via SMS. After the proctor enters it, the student can take the test.
- 4. After the student submits the test, Populi sends the proctor a check-out code via SMS. The proctor must enter the code and check to verify that he did not observe any cheating.
- 5. If the proctor doesn't check out, the test is flagged for your review in the test history.
- 6. Proctored tests show you the contact info for the proctor and links it, if possible, to people already entered in Populi. This helps you contact the proctor to verify his identity.

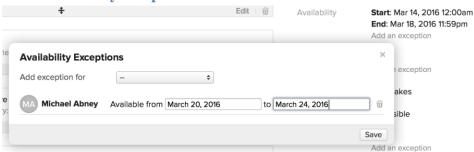
All you need to do is to require proctoring for the test or individual students.

- You can require proctoring for all students by checking the box when setting up the test assignment or by setting *Proctored* on the test's page to *Yes*.
- To require proctoring for individual students, add a proctoring exception.

4.3 Exceptions

You can add exceptions for individual students for test availability, time limit, and proctoring by changing the settings on the right column of the test's page.

4.3.1 Availability exceptions

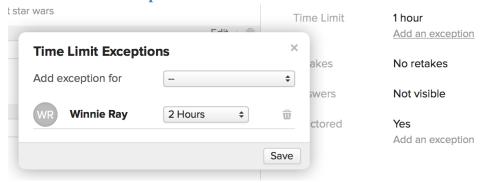


If a student needs to take a test outside the availability window—say, he missed it due to illness—you can open up a time for just him to take the test.

- 1. Under Availability, click Add an exception.
- 2. Select the student from the drop-down.
- 3. Enter the new availability dates/times.
- 4. Repeat the above steps as often as you need.
- 5. Click into remove a student's exception.
- 6. Click Save.
- 7. To edit these exceptions, click manage exceptions.

Once you save, Populi will email the student about the new test window; he'll also see an alert on his dashboard about it when the time comes.

4.3.2 Time limit exceptions

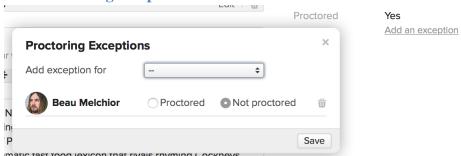


If a student needs a different time limit than what you've set up for the test, you can add a time limit exception. You can add exceptions whether or not you've set up a time limit for this test.

- 1. Under *Time limit*, click **Add an exception**.
- 2. Select the student from the drop-down.
- 3. Select the new time limit setting from the drop-down.
- 4. Repeat the above steps as often as you need.
- 5. Click into remove a student's exception.
- 6. Click Save.
- 7. To edit these exceptions, click **manage exceptions**.

Once you save, Populi will email the student about the new time limit.

4.3.3 Proctoring exceptions



If you wish to require proctoring for certain students or would like to excuse other students from being proctored, add a proctoring exception. You can add exceptions whether or not you've required proctoring for this test.

- 1. Under *Proctored*, click **Add an exception**.
- 2. Select the student from the drop-down.
- 3. Check Yes to require proctoring for that student or No to excuse him from being proctored.
- 4. Repeat the above steps as often as you need.
- 5. Click to remove a student's exception.
- 6. Click Save.
- 7. To edit these exceptions, click manage exceptions.

V. ROSTER NOTES

Roster notes are general comments and notes about individual students. They are visible to Academic Admins, Registrars, and course Faculty and Teaching Assistants. They are not visible to students. These notes will be available to faculty when determining the student's final grade.



5.1 Email & export students

Use the Actions button to email your students or export them to spreadsheet or PDF.

5.1.1 Everyone

Click **Actions** and select what you'd like to do:

- Email this section or—for courses with multiple sections—Email my/all sections.
- **Export this section** or—for courses with multiple sections—**Export my/all sections**; this creates a spreadsheet of the students you're exporting.
- **Export roster PDF**: This creates a PDF of the entire roster for this section; check if you want to include photos.

5.1.2 Selected students

You can select students from the Roster and Email or Export those you've selected. Here are a couple ways to select different groups of students:

- Simply check the students you want to work with, one by one.
- Use some combination of the **Course Name** or **Status** selectors to show only particular students.
- Check individual students or click **Check all**.

Say you want to email the Auditors in one section of an English course:

- 1. Select *English* 202: *Creative Writing* and *Auditors* from the drop-downs.
- 2. Click Check all.
- 3. Click Actions and select *Email selected students*

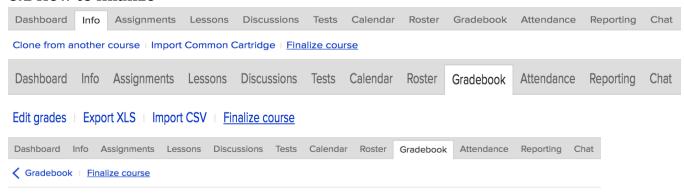
VI. FINALIZING STUDENTS AND COURSES

When you finalize your course or individual students:

- You submit your students' grades as part of their permanent academic records.
- You lock the course to any further changes—both to course content and to student coursework.
- If you finalize a student (and not the course), you lock that student's coursework to any further changes.

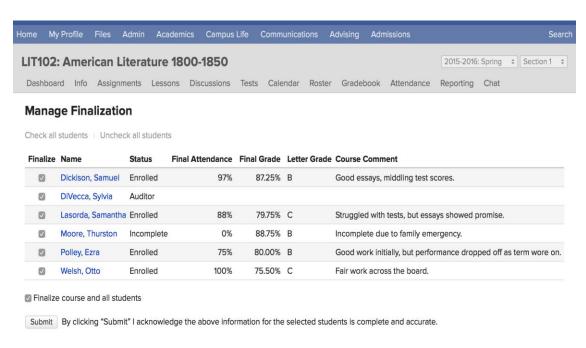
Both you and the registrar can finalize the course. In case you need to make changes after that happens, the registrar will need to first unfinalize the course.

6.1 How to finalize



Final Grade & Attendance

- 1. Go to either your course Info view, the Gradebook, or the Final Grade page.
- 2. Click **Finalize course**; if any students have been finalized already, the link will say **Manage finalization**.



1. You can finalize the entire course, or individual students:

- **Finalizing individual students:** The student's grades are submitted to his permanent academic record, updating his transcript, grade report, and statistics like earned credits and GPA. It also closes him out of the course, so he can no longer submit assignments, take tests, and so on.
- **Finalizing the course:** The course is closed down to all activity and updates. You can no longer add assignments, change settings, and so forth.
- **Finalizing all students, but not the course:** You can continue to update the course content, settings, and details.
- 2. Check the boxes next to individual students you wish to finalize, OR...
- 3. ...Check at the bottom to finalize both the course *and* any unfinalized students
- 4. Check all students lets you finalize all students without finalizing the course.
- 5. If you need to unfinalize a student, un-check his name.
- 6. When finished, click **Submit**.

Now that you've finalized the course or students...

- Finalized student grades are now part of their grade reports, transcripts, and other academic records.
- If you've only finalized students, you can come back to this screen at any time to finalize other students or the entire course.
- If you've finalized an incomplete student, you can come back at any time to enter grades for him.
- If you finalize the course, you'll need to have the registrar unfinalize it should you need to make further changes.