

This document is information on how to setup a gradebook for a split class with grad and undergrad students where you want grad students to have some assignments that are different and worth different points than assignments similar to undergrad assignments.

The following will work for points based and percentage based gradebooks as illustrated after the discussion. To make assignment posting easier, if the grad and undergrad sections are cross-listed, then you already have two different sections set up for assignment. If not, then you can create your own sections.

In the assignment category, you will need at least 3 different assignment groups.

- One group for common assignments (same topic and points for both grad and undergrad)
- One group for undergrad only assignments
- One group for graduate assignments

For the common assignments, it is self explanatory, just put the assignments in there.

For undergraduate only, post assignments for the undergraduate section only in here. These assignments can have their own point totals different from grad assignments. For these assignments you can either post for just the undergrad section. Or post for all and then excuse the grad students

For graduate student assignments perform the same action as for the undergraduate section.

For a points based gradebook, The grades for the students will only be based on those assignments that they have been assigned. So for graduate students, their grade is based on the common assignments and graduate assignments only. For undergraduates, their grade is based on the common assignments and the undergraduate assignments. With points based, you can have graduate and undergraduate students point totals be different.

Below is a screen shot. Ecestudent1 is an undergrad, ecestudent2 is a graduate student. There are 2 common assignments worth 40 points combined. The undergraduate student has 2 assignments worth 50 points combined and the graduate student has 1 assignment worth 60 points. Assignments not affecting a students grade are grayed out – which can be seen.

The grades are calculated for total points earned by the undergraduate/90 and the grade for the graduate is total points earned/100

This technique can be applied to a weighted gradebook as well. Your gradebook overall percentage will be greater than 100% in this case. For this example, there will be 1 common assignment group and 2 assignment groups for undergrads and 2 groups for graduates

For common assignments give a weight of 40%. Then create 2 assignment groups for undergrads worth 40% and 20% of the total score. Then create 2 assignment groups for graduates worth 25% and 35% of the total score. The total on the screen will show 160% points possible.

Now when creating the assignments in an assignment group, assign them to the appropriate sections (all students, undergraduate section or graduate section). The grades for the students will be calculated based on the assignments in the groups that are active for them and weighted appropriately.

Below is a screen shot showing the assignments and the grades. There are 5 assignment groups with 2 assignments in each.

This method works and will help with different assignment scores for different types of students. It takes thought ahead of time before the class starts, but once it is setup it is seamless.

The only real issue is the posting of the assignments – although if they are not common to both sections, then there are probably already two versions possible. Another benefit is that the students only see the assignments assigned to them.