Mastering Quick Start Guide for Instructors

Start by opening your Mastering course. If your course is integrated with a learning management system (LMS), you'll need to open your course through your LMS. If you don't have a Mastering course, here's a guide to help you get started.

Mastering Course Home

Your Mastering Course Home lets you quickly jump to frequently used parts of the course and information. For example, the performance area lets you search for a specific student name and see their course performance. Get acquainted with your Mastering course home.

Set up Assignments

Mastering uses assignments to schedule student activities through the term. Students only see and can access assignments scheduled with a due date. All new courses contain the Introduction to Mastering assignment. This assignment teaches students how to use and submit Mastering questions.

Students automatically receive full credit as they complete items in the Introduction to Mastering assignment. The only way students can lose credit on these items is to submit them after the due date.

Confirm Assignment Settings

Before creating assignments we recommend reviewing the default categories and assignment settings so that each new assignment matches your expectations.

Create Assignments

Some Mastering titles include prebuilt assignments that can be copied and edited as a starting point for developing your Mastering assignment content.

You can also create new assignments and select from the library of items available for your title.
If you copied a course that already contains assignments see edit assignment due dates and availability to change multiple or individual assignment dates.

Mastering's simple editor lets you add your own questions or copy and edit provided items in Mastering assignments.

**Personalize settings by student**

Settings and scores can be adjusted in Mastering to meet individual or student group needs. See Adjust scores and settings per student to learn more.

**Use the Gradebook**

Your Mastering Gradebook is an incredibly powerful and useful tool with color-coding that highlights students who may be having difficulties. After students enroll, their names appear in the Gradebook and Roster for the course. After students complete assignments, check diagnostic graphs with data for student scores, time to complete an assignment, item difficulty, and more. See Use the Mastering Gradebook to learn more.

**Align the Gradebook to Your Syllabus**

Even before the term begins, you can use the Gradebook to see all the assignments you've set dates for in Mastering's course calendar. To see the assigned points for each assignment or activity, and the total points for the term, use course settings to display the Gradebook by points or percentages. Gradebook display settings adjust the instructor's views. Students will always see scores as percentages.

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- How Do I? Videos Short videos that demonstrate common tasks in Mastering courses.
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