Mastering Quick Start Guide for Instructors

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Get started

You’ll first need to create your Pearson course. Pearson offers course integration with several Learning Management Systems (LMS). To integrate, create your Pearson course from within your LMS course. Use these guides below to access your product and create your Pearson course.
Note: Pearson direct integration, Pearson partner integration, and Pearson Seamless have unique integration guides. For those guides, contact Pearson Customer Success at customersuccess@pearson.com.

- Get Started with Pearson (No LMS)
- Get Started with Pearson and Blackboard
- Get Started with Pearson and Brightspace
- Get Started with Pearson and Canvas
- Get Started with Pearson and Moodle

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.
Assess student performance

Learn more about your tools in Modified Mastering with the help pages below.

- **View student scores, times, and difficulty.**
  - Score: See all scores, the class average, and each student’s current total.
  - Time: See how much time a student took to complete an assignment.
  - Difficulty: Identify students who are struggling.

- **Manage grades and grading** by adjusting the weight of an assignment or an individual score, resetting assignments, changing point values, and much more.

Evaluate class performance

- Use the **assignment overview** to view performance data for items completed by your class.
- Use **assignment diagnostics** to see which assignments are working best, which questions are the hardest, and how students are performing.
- Review **learning outcomes** for insight into how well students are achieving course learning outcomes.

Personalize learning experiences

Your course may have **Dynamic Study Modules** (self-study) available. You can assign practice quizzes to help prepare students for tests and exams or give them access to rework assignments for practice.

Learn more

- Attend one of our **Modified Mastering Just-in-Time trainings**. These on-demand webinars cover a variety of topics for new users and instructors looking to dig deeper.
- Visit the **What’s New** page to learn what new features are available in Modified Mastering, and how to use them.
- **Online Help** in your Mastering course provides searchable, detailed information about features and functions.
- **How Do I? Videos** Short videos that demonstrate common tasks in Mastering courses.
- **Pearson Support** is always available. Search for helpful articles by topic or contact us if you need additional help.