

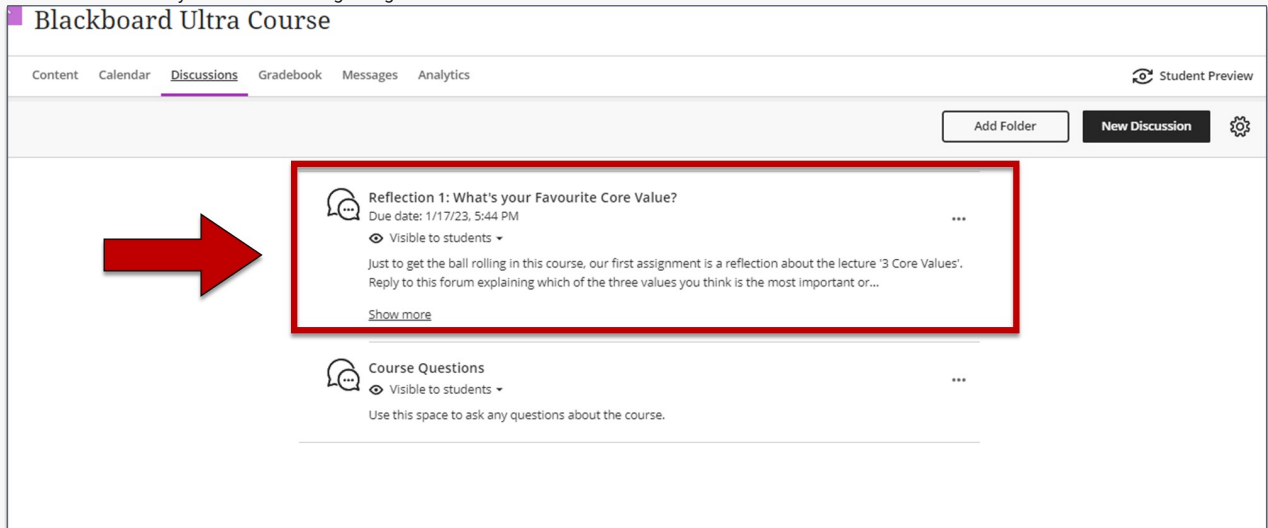
Grading a Discussion

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To grade a Discussion, you must enable grades in a Discussion before you can assign a grade to each student.

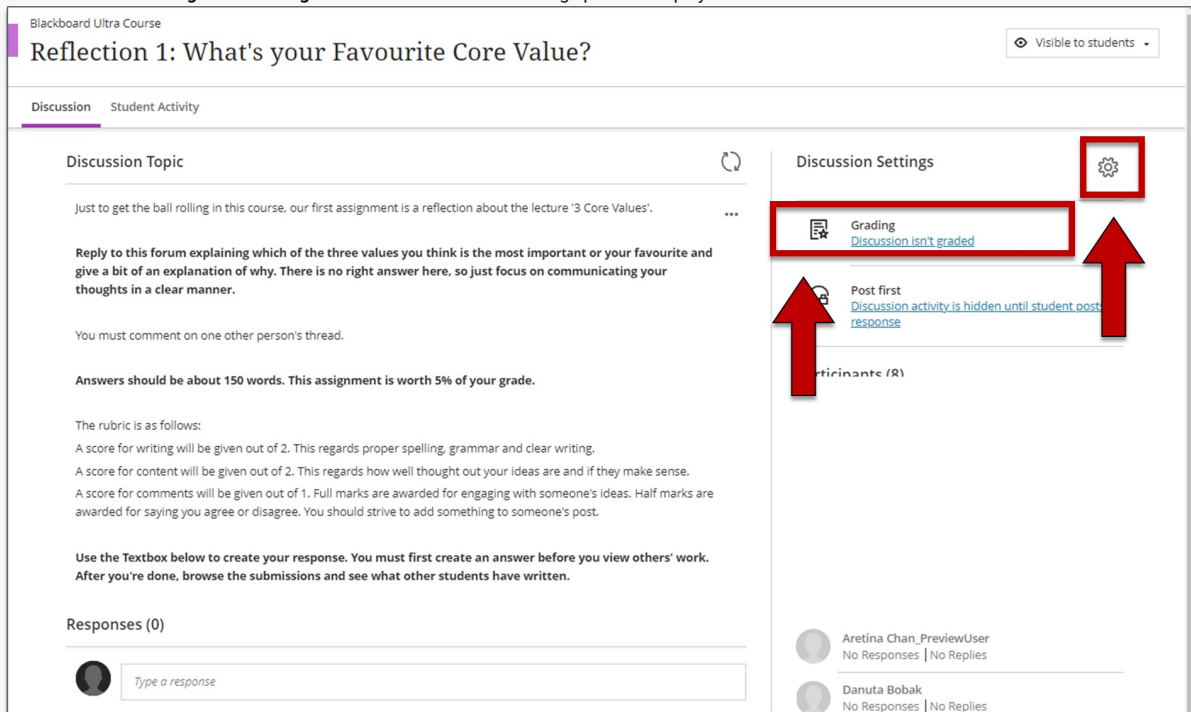
Enabling Grades in Discussions

1. Select **Discussions**.
2. Select the Discussion you want to enable grading for.



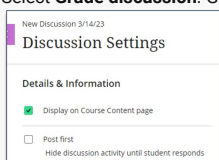
The screenshot shows the 'Discussions' tab in a Blackboard Ultra Course. A red box highlights a discussion titled 'Reflection 1: What's your Favourite Core Value?'. A large red arrow points from the left towards this discussion. The discussion details include a due date of 1/17/23, 5:44 PM, and a visibility setting of 'Visible to students'. Below the discussion title, there is a brief description and a 'Show more' link. Another discussion titled 'Course Questions' is visible below it.

3. Select **Discussion isn't graded** or the **gear icon**. The Discussion Settings panel is displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'Discussion Settings' panel for the 'Reflection 1: What's your Favourite Core Value?' discussion. A red box highlights the 'Grading' section, which has 'Discussion isn't graded' selected. Another red box highlights the gear icon in the top right corner of the settings panel. A red arrow points to the 'Post first' option, which is currently set to 'Discussion activity is hidden until student post response'. The main discussion content is visible on the left, including the topic, instructions, and a response box.

4. Select **Grade discussion**. Grading and Participation is displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'Discussion Settings' panel with the 'Grade discussion' option selected. The 'Details & Information' section is visible, showing options for 'Display on Course Content page' (checked), 'Post first' (unchecked), and 'Hide discussion activity until student responds' (unchecked).

Prevent editing
Students cannot edit or delete published posts

Grade discussion
This discussion counts for a grade

Additional Tools

Goals & standards
with goals

Group discussion
Assign to groups

Cancel Save

5. Complete the following tasks:

Details & Information

Display on Course Content page

Post first
Hide discussion activity until student responds

Prevent editing
Students cannot edit or delete published posts

Grade discussion
This discussion counts for a grade

Grading and Participation

Due Date
3/15/23 10:54 AM

Stop discussion activity after due date
After the due date, students cannot reply or edit posts

Grade category
Discussion

Grade using
Points

Maximum points
100

Additional Tools

Cancel Save

- Select **Due Date** and choose the day and time the Discussion is due.
- Select **Grade category** and choose the Gradebook category applicable to the Discussion.
- Select **Grade using** and select one of the following grade types: Letter, Points, or Percentage.
- Select **Maximum points** and enter the maximum grade a student can receive.

6. Select **Save**.

Grading a Discussion

1. Select **Gradebook**.
2. Select the Discussion you want to grade. Grades & Participation is displayed.
3. Select a student to view their response.

Blackboard Ultra Course

Reflection 1: What's your Favourite Core Value? Visible to students

Discussion Student Activity **Grades & Participation**

0 of 5 PARTICIPATING 0 TO GRADE 0 TO POST

Search by student name Student Status: All Student Statuses Grading Status: All Grading Statuses 25 items per page

Student	Student Status	Grading Status	Grade
Student A	No Entry	Nothing to grade	-- / 100
Student B	No Entry	Nothing to grade	-- / 100



Student C



No Entry

Nothing to grade

-- / 100



4. Select the **pill icon** and enter the student's grade.

Blackboard Ultra Course

Reflections on Values

0 of 5 GRADED

Journal (3/30/23 - 3/31/23)
1 Entries

Journal Prompt
Reflections on Values

Entries

5 Items per page

Type an entry

Aretina Chan_PreviewUser **NEW**
2 minutes ago, at 9:52 AM

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5. Select the **feedback icon**. The Feedback for student panel is displayed.

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6. Select the **text box** and enter feedback for the student.

Feedback

Student A

Feedback for student

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Students see your feedback when you post grades

Cancel Save

7. Select **Save**.

8. Select the **ellipses**. A drop-down is displayed.

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9. Select **Post**. Grade is posted.

90 / 100

Post

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