Creating a Final Grade Snapshot Grade Item – D2L Tutorial
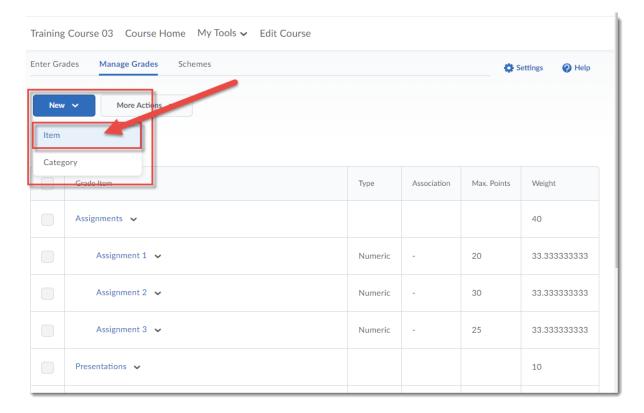
This tutorial is designed for faculty who have previous experience using the Grades tool in D2L. For further information, please contact elearning@camosun.ca for assistance.

Scenario

This tutorial will cover the steps involved when you wish students to see a snapshot of what their Final Grade is (and to have it automatically updated as you add grades to the gradebook), without having to release the Final Calculated Grade column early.

Steps

1. Go to the **Grades** tool in your course, and make sure you are in the **Manage Grades** area.

2. Click the **New** button and select **Item**.

3. Under **Choose a Grade Item Type**, select **Calculated**.

New Item

Choose a Grade Item Type

Numeric

Grade users by assigning a value out of a specified total number of points.
E.g. 8/10

Selectbox

Grade users by selecting the grade scheme level that best matches their achievement.
E.g. "Very Good" or "B+"

Pass/Fail

Grade users using a simple pass/fail grade scheme.
E.g. "Pass" or "Fail"

Formula

Automatically grade users using a custom formula based on achievement on other grade items.
E.g. Give users who received at least 50% on all participation grade items a perfect attendance bonus.
IF{ MIN{ [P1.Percent], [P2.Percent] } < 50, 0, 1

Calculated

Calculate users' cumulative achievement across multiple grade items.
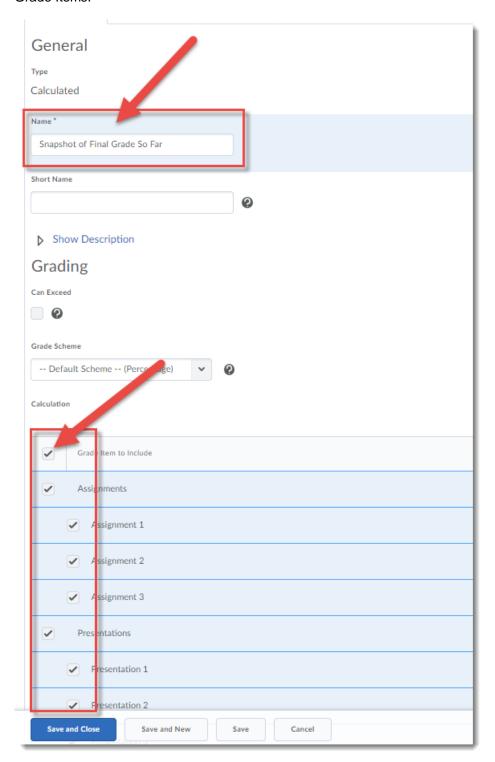E.g. Midterm Grade
A1+A2+Q1+Q2 / Total Max. Points * 100 = 73%

Text

Provide comments in the grade book that are not calculated in the final grade.
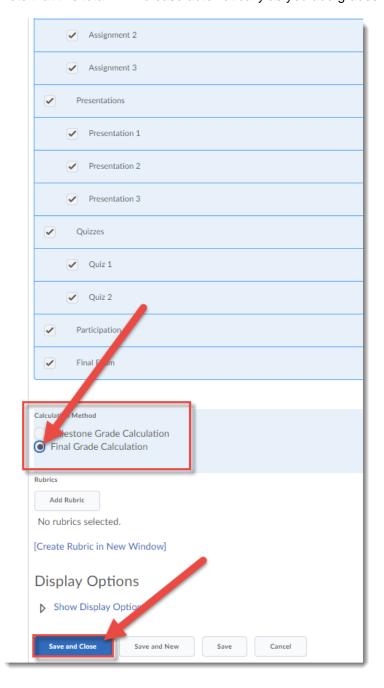E.g. "Course Evaluation Completed"

4. Give your Grade Item a **Name**, select other parameters as required, then under **Calculation**, select all Grade Items.

General

Type
Calculated

Name *

Snapshot of Final Grade So Far

Short Name

▷ Show Description

Grading

Can Exceed

☐ ❓

Grade Scheme

-- Default Scheme -- (Percentage) ⌄ ❓

Calculation

✔	Grade Item to Include
✔	Assignments
✔	Assignment 1
✔	Assignment 2
✔	Assignment 3
✔	Presentations
✔	Presentation 1
✔	Presentation 2

Save and Close   Save and New   Save   Cancel

5. Scroll down, and under **Calculation Method**, select **Final Grade Calculation**. Then click **Save and Close**. Students will now be able to see what total they have for their Final Grade so far in the term. Note that this total will increase automatically as you add grades to the gradebook.

Things to Remember

If you would like to create a Mid-Point grade snapshot for your students, refer to the tutorial *Creating a Mid-Point Grade Item*.