Exempting Students from Discussions – D2L Tutorial

This tutorial is for faculty who have previous experience using the Discussions tool in D2L. For further information, please contact elearning@camosun.ca for assistance.

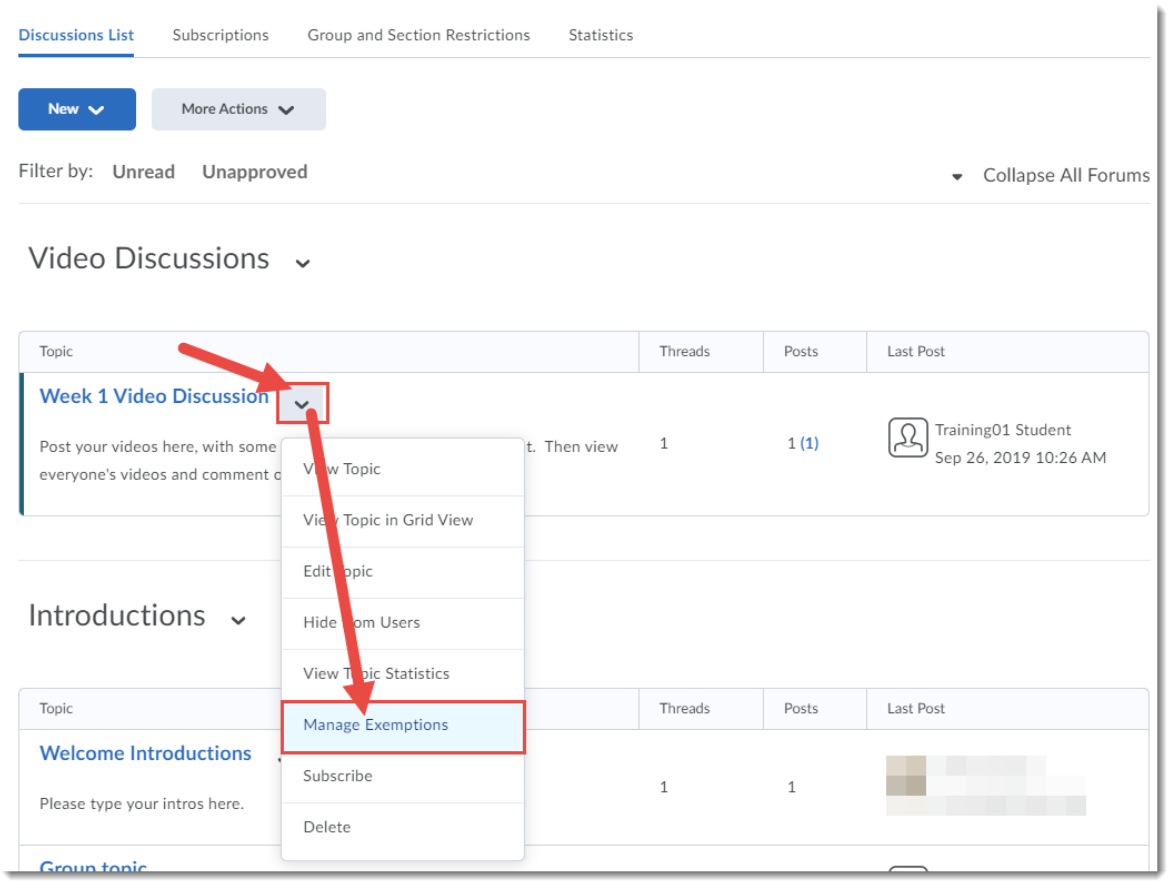
Scenario

This tutorial will discuss how to exempt students from a Discussion Topic. This will mean the student's overall grade (assuming the Discussion Topic is connected to a grade item) will be redistributed across the course's grade, or across a Category if the Discussion's grade is part of a Category in the Grades tool. Note that Discussion Topics do NOT have to be set up for assessment in order to exempt students from them.

Steps

1. Go to the **Discussions** tool in your course.

2. Click the down arrow next to a Discussion Topic's title and select **Manage Exemptions**.



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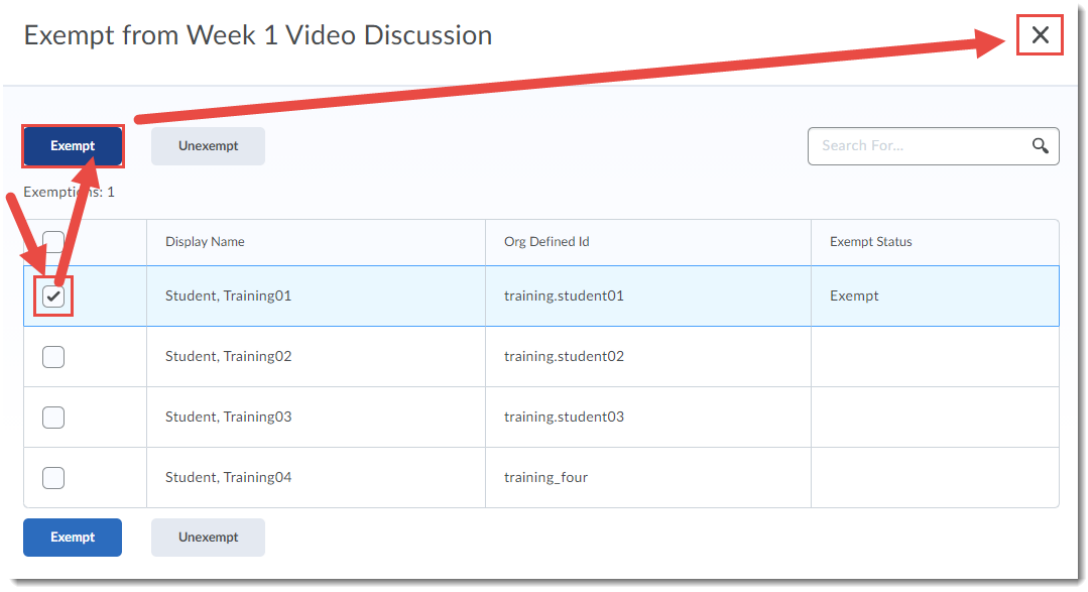
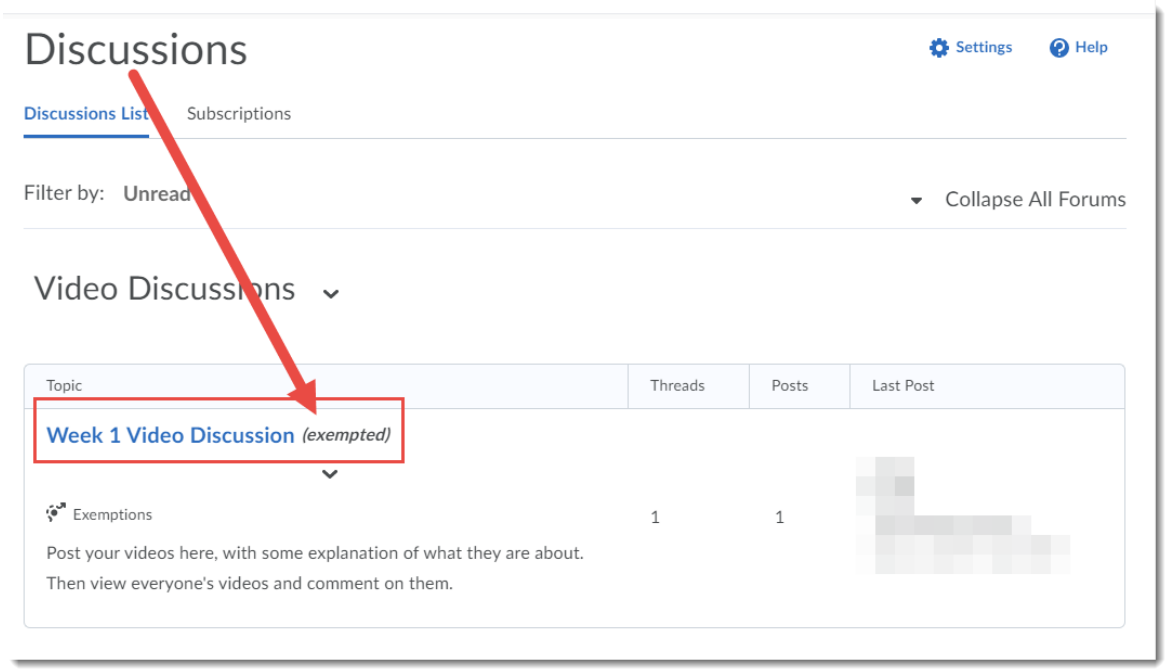
3. Select the student(s) you wish to be exempted from the Discussion Topic and click **Exempt**. Click the X at the top right to return to the main Discussions area.



4. The student(s) will now see that they are **Exempted** from the Discussion Topic. They will also show as **Exempt** in the related Grade Item in the Grades tool (in Enter Grades). And if you delete their exemption from the Grades tool, that "unexemption" will also show up in the Discussions tool (in other words, the Grades tool and Assignments tool talk to each other with regards to exemptions!)

Student View of Discussion Topic when Exempted:



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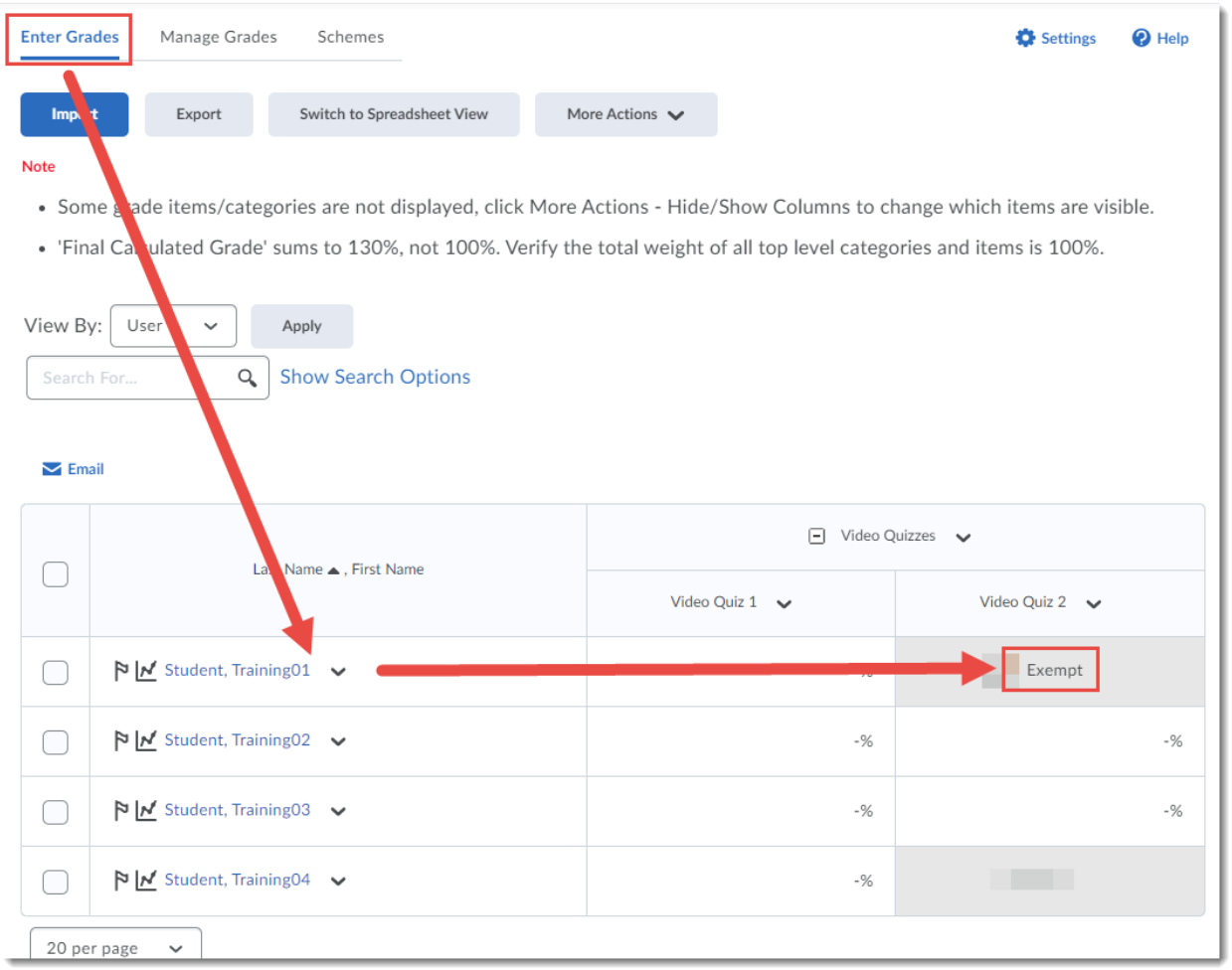
Instructors view of the **Enter Grades** area. In this case, the Midterm component of the student's grade will be distributed evenly through the entire gradebook (you can NOT automatically apply this grade to a specific individual grade item unless the exempted grade item and the second grade item are in the same **Category** in the gradebook.)



Things to Remember

You can also exempt a student from any grade item through the Grades tool. See the tutorial *Exempting Students from Grade Items* for more information.

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