



December Edition:

In the Canvas Newsletter we will discuss updates or changes in Canvas, changes at the University regarding distance education, and changes in software integrations inside Canvas. All Canvas updates will be available in Canvas by the 3rd weekend of the month.

This newsletter will replace the release notes found in the help menu of Canvas, as not all the release notes affect ECSU; as well there are other updates and changes that are left out of those notes, which will be covered here.

Canvas Courses-

Observer Role in Canvas:

Any student who wants to Audit a course - can be enrolled as an Observer, who can look but not participate in Canvas.

Gradebook Scheduled Feedback

In the Gradebook, instructors can manage the visibility of grades and feedback for individual assignments. By default, scores and comments are released together, but instructors can schedule them to release separately.

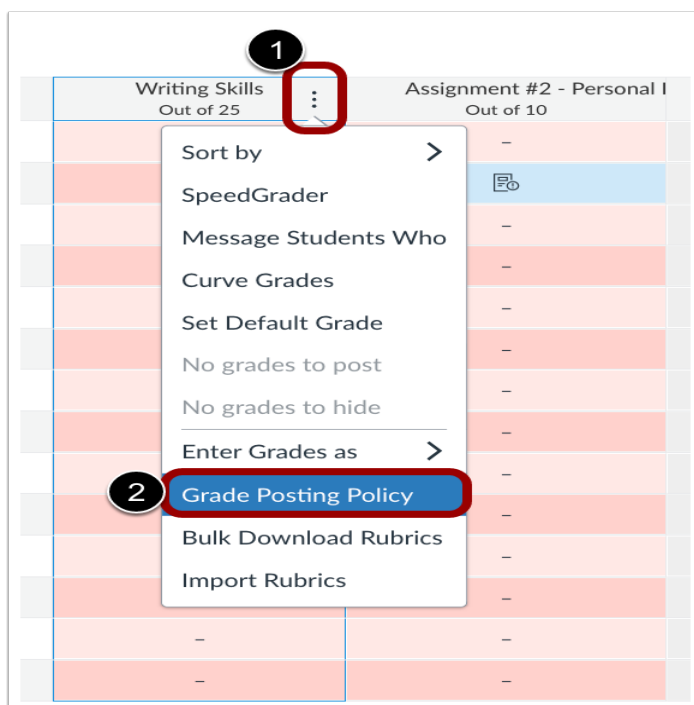
This feature gives instructors greater flexibility and control over feedback timing, allowing them to align the release of rubric scores and comments with grading workflows, review

sessions, or instructional pacing. It helps ensure students receive feedback when it is most meaningful and actionable.

***Notes:**

- When the release schedules are separated, comments must be released prior to grades.
- Preserving scheduled feedback release dates during course copy/import is not currently supported.
- If an instructor manually releases grades before the scheduled release time, the manual release takes precedence and the scheduled release is canceled.

In the Gradebook, click the desired assignment **Options** [1], then click the **Grade Posting Policy** link [2].



Click the **Manually** radio button [1], then select the **Schedule Release Dates** checkbox [2]. Choose whether to release **Grades and Comments Together** or on **Separate Schedules** [3], and set the **Release Date** [4] and **Time** [5].

× **Grade Posting Policy: Writing Skills**

Post Grades

Automatically
Assignment grades will be visible to students as soon as they are entered. Grades that have already been hidden will remain hidden.

1 **Manually**
Grades will be hidden by default. Any grades that have already posted will remain visible. Choose when to post grades for this assignment in the gradebook.


While the grades for this assignment are set to manual, students will not receive new notifications about or be able to see:

- Their grade for the assignment
- Grade change notifications
- Submission comments
- Curving assignments
- Score change notifications

Once a grade is posted manually, it will automatically send new notifications and be visible to students. Future grade changes for posted grades will not need to be manually posted.

2 **Schedule Release Dates**

3 **Grades & Comments Together**
 Separate Schedules

4 **Release Date ***
Choose release date 

5 **Time ***

New Quizzes – Survey

New Quizzes supports Survey-type quizzes, allowing instructors to collect anonymous or non-anonymous feedback, with graded or ungraded options. Instructors can view survey data in the Reports tab.

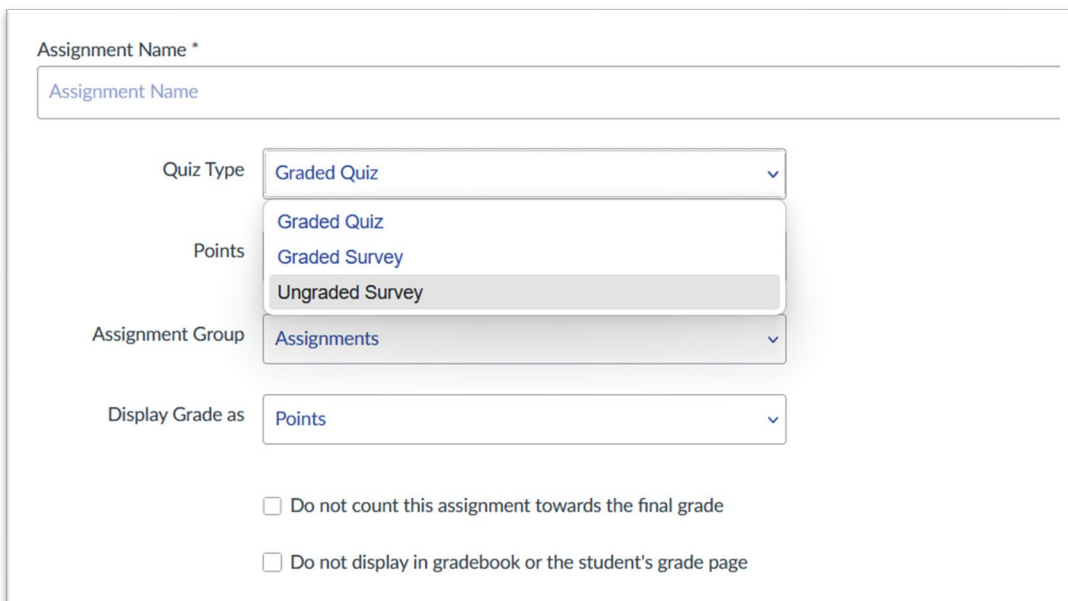
This feature gives educators a more intuitive way to engage students and promote

reflection. It also helps educators more easily gather feedback, gauge understanding, and foster open reflection.

Surveys support the following question types:

- Multiple Choice
- Multiple Answer
- True/False
- Fill in the Blank
- Essay
- File Upload

When creating a quiz, click the Quiz Type drop-down menu to select the survey type.



The screenshot shows a form for creating an assignment. At the top is a text input field labeled "Assignment Name *" with the placeholder text "Assignment Name". Below this are four dropdown menus:

- Quiz Type:** A dropdown menu with "Graded Quiz" selected and a downward arrow.
- Points:** A dropdown menu with three options: "Graded Quiz", "Graded Survey", and "Ungraded Survey". "Ungraded Survey" is highlighted with a grey background.
- Assignment Group:** A dropdown menu with "Assignments" selected and a downward arrow.
- Display Grade as:** A dropdown menu with "Points" selected and a downward arrow.

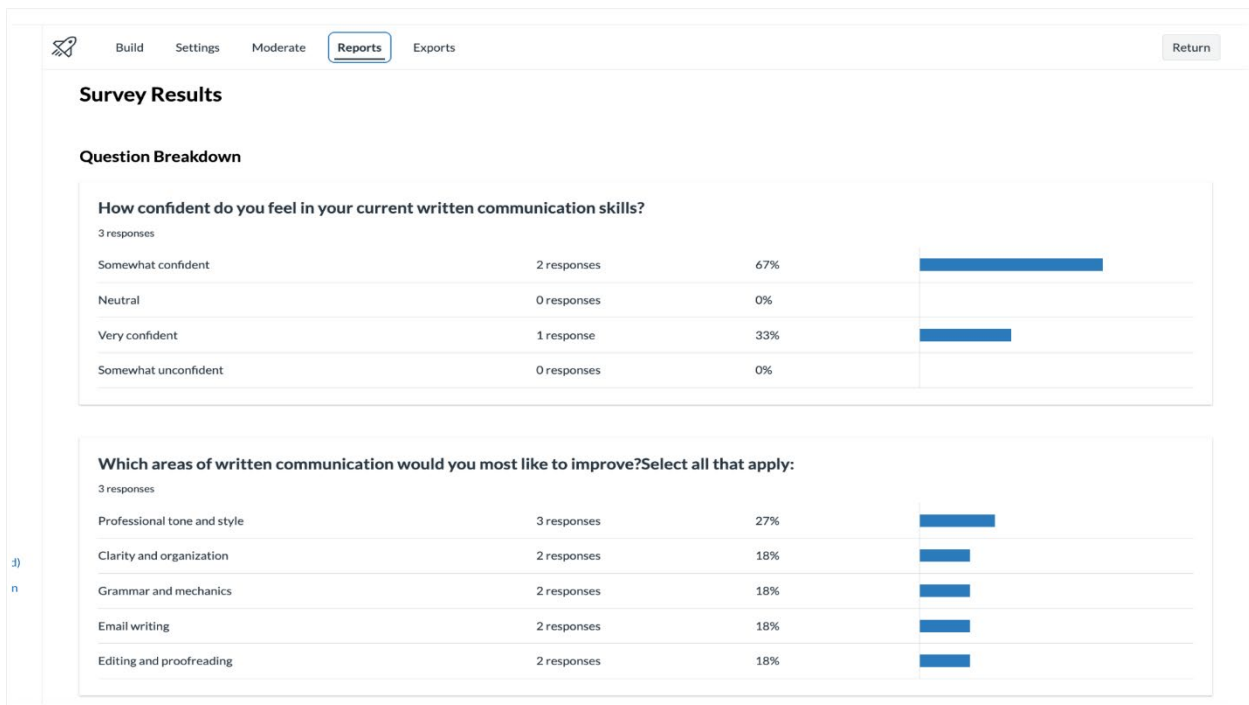
At the bottom of the form are two checkboxes:

- Do not count this assignment towards the final grade
- Do not display in gradebook or the student's grade page

Instructors can click the **View Log** link in the Moderate tab to see individual results.

Student	Attempts	Time	Log	Accommodations
student 1	---	---	---	None
Inez Alexander	Attempt 1 / 1	00:23	View Log	None
Evan Chapman	Attempt 1 / 1	00:27	View Log	None
Floyd Craig	Attempt 1 / 1	00:28	View Log	None

In the Reports tab, instructors can view a breakdown of the results for each question. Additionally, questions can be set as required or optional.

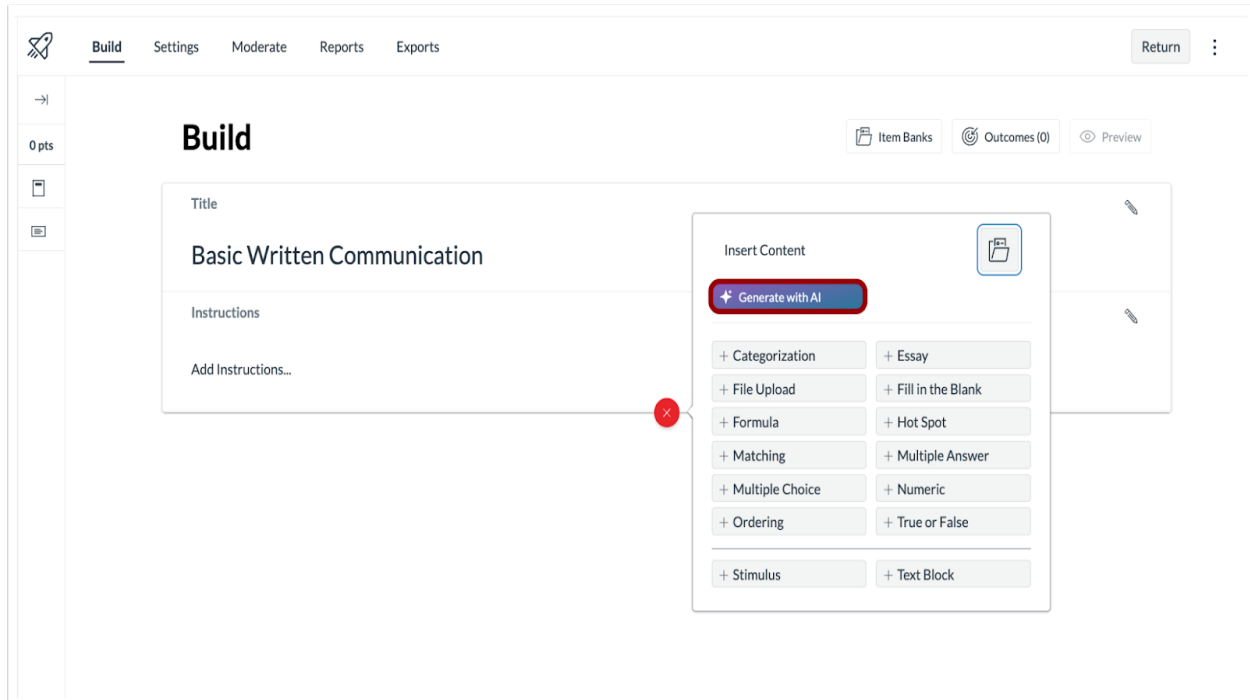


New Quizzes – IgniteAI Question Authoring for New Quizzes

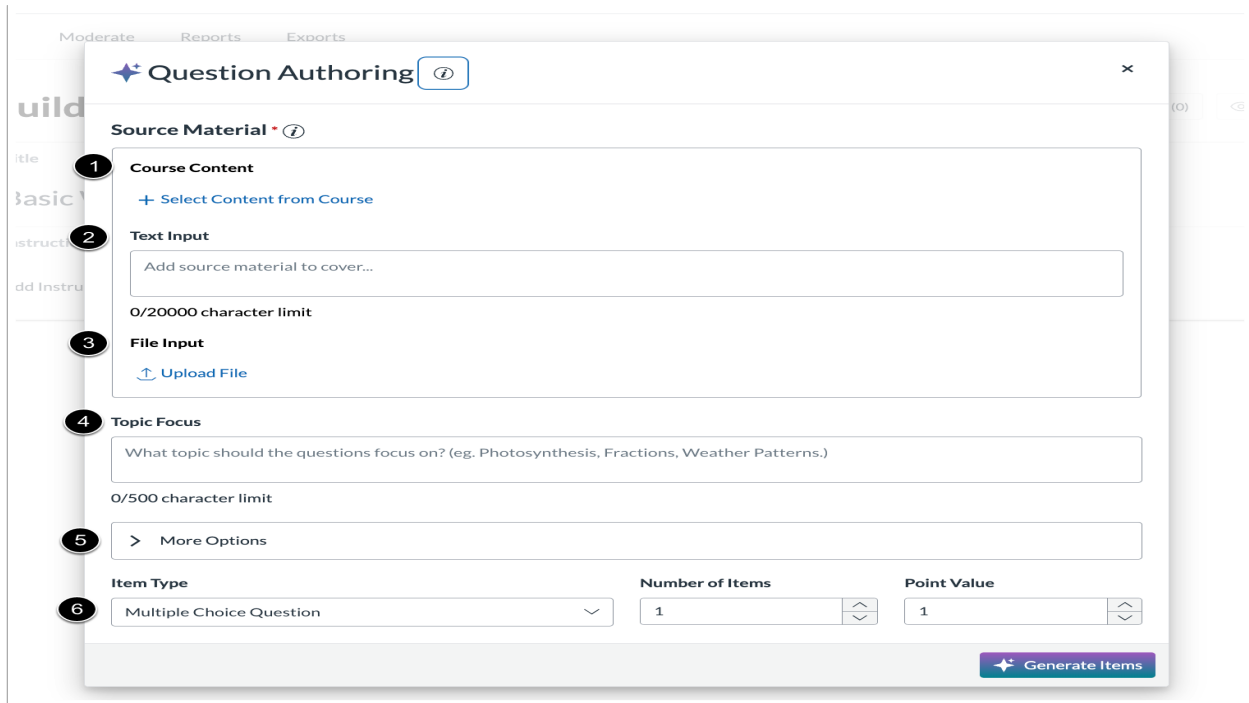
In New Quizzes, instructors can use IgniteAI Question Authoring for Quizzes to create questions based on course content. This feature streamlines the quiz-building process by reducing the manual effort needed to create high quality assessment questions. By leveraging AI to generate aligned, accurate, and context-specific items, educators can

produce quizzes faster and with greater consistency, freeing up more time for instruction, student support, and meaningful learning experiences.

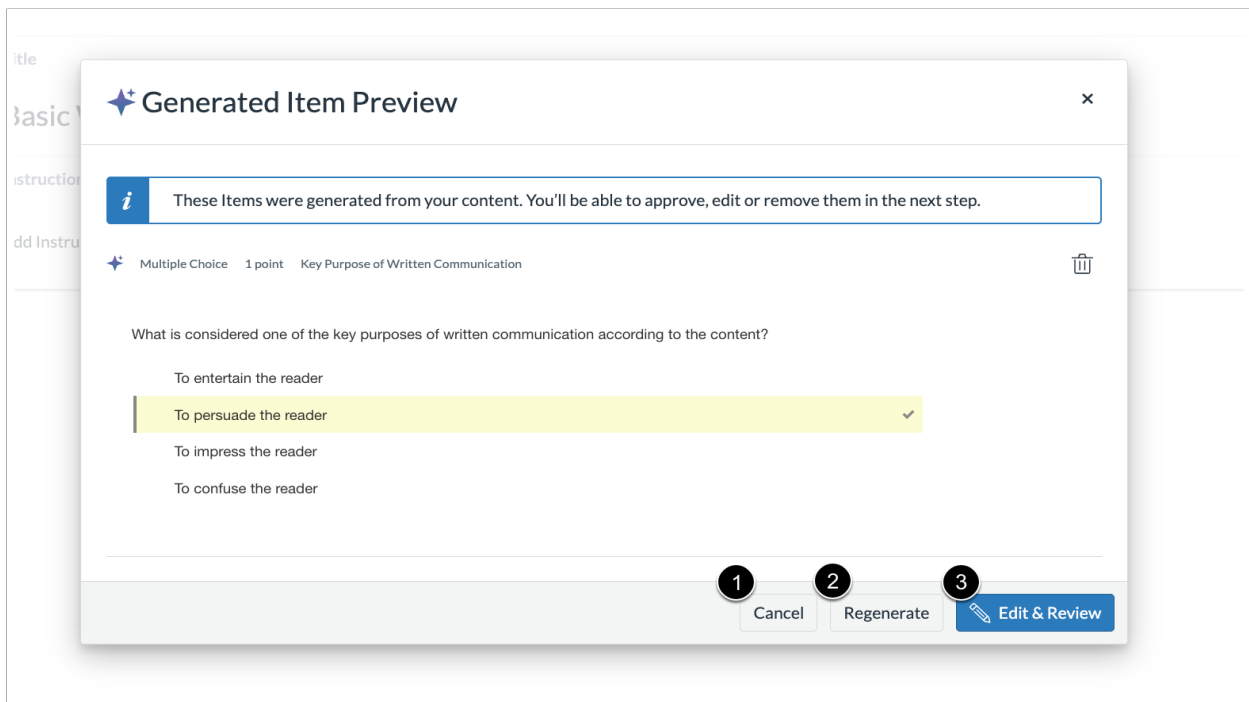
When creating a new quiz question, click the **Generate with AI** button.



Instructors can generate questions by choosing existing course content [1], entering text [2], or uploading files [3]. They can also add a topic focus [4] and select relevant learning outcomes, knowledge dept or language [5] before choosing the question type [6].



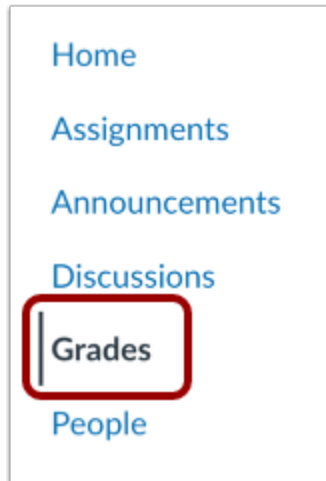
A preview modal displays where instructors can cancel the creation of the question [1], regenerate a new question [2] or edit and review the question [3].



Apply score to Ungraded

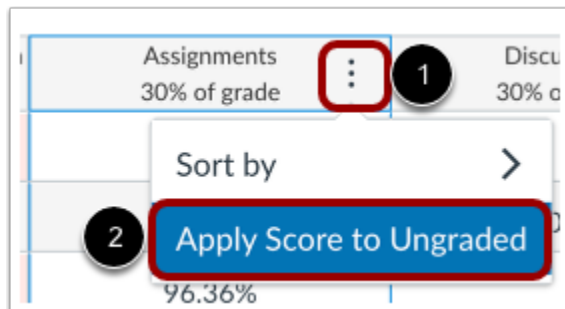
Apply Score to Ungraded feature option allows you to apply scores to all ungraded submissions and artifacts from assignment groups and Total column menus.

Open Grades



In Course Navigation, click the Grades link.

Open Apply Score to Ungraded



Hover over the Assignment group column header and click the Options icon [1].

To apply a score to ungraded submissions and artifacts, click the Apply Score to Ungraded link [2].

Add Apply Score to Ungraded

Apply Score to Ungraded ×

Select the score that you would like to apply to ungraded artifacts in Homework. Once applied, this action cannot be undone.

1 **Grade for ungraded artifacts**

60 %

2 Apply missing status

Apply to:

3 Only ungraded artifacts that are past due

4 All ungraded artifacts

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To apply a certain grade for ungraded submissions and artifacts, enter the grade percentage in the Grade for ungraded artifacts field [1]. If you would like to apply the missing status, click the Apply missing status checkbox [2].

You can choose to apply the grade to Only ungraded artifacts that are past due [3] or All ungraded artifacts [4].

Click the Apply Score button [5].

Canvas Integrations

As a reminder - over winter, we will be removing the Echo360, Google Drive, and Examiity Integrations as ECSU does not have licenses that allow their continued use.