Submitting Grades from Blackboard to MyNIU

While Blackboard is an excellent option for tracking, communicating, and calculating student grades, MyNIU is the official system of record for student grade data. At the end of each semester, you must enter and post final grades in MyNIU for each student. The Blackboard Grade Submission tool can help to make that process easier and quicker for you while reducing the possibility of entering the wrong grade.

Step 1: Customize the Default Grade Schema

In Blackboard, the Letter grade schema matches the graduate +/- grading scale. For undergraduate courses, or if you use a different grading scale, you will need to customize the schema.

1. In the Grade Center, click Manage from the Action Bar and select Grading Schemas from the dropdown menu
2. Click the round drop down arrow next to the Letter grade schema and select Edit
3. Adjust the score percentage values to match the grading scale found on the course syllabus
4. Click the Submit button

Step 2: Assign the Grade Schema to a Column

You will assign the grade schema to whatever column includes the final, calculated grades. This step will change the display of the column to show a letter grade instead of a score or percentage, based on the grade schema.

1. In the Grade Center, click the round drop down arrow in the Weighted Total or Total column header and select Edit Column Information
2. Change the Primary Display to the grade schema you have edited (unless you also changed the name of the schema, you would select Letter)
3. Change the Secondary Display to Percentage (optional)
4. Click the Submit button

Step 3: Set the External Grade Column

The External Grade Column is indicated with a small green check-mark. This is the column that will be used to send grades to MyNIU. Any column can be designated as the external grade column, but by default it is assigned to the Total column.

1. In the Grade Center, click the round drop down arrow in the header of the column that contains the final letter grades and select Set as External Grade
2. The Grade Center will reload, and a green check-mark will appear next to the column title, confirming that the selected column is now designated as the external grade

Step 4: Send Grades to MyNIU

You can only submit grades once per course, per semester. If you find an error in a grade, you can modify it in MyNIU manually before posting the grades.

1. In the Control Panel, click Course Tools, and then click Grade Submission
2. Click Submit Grades
3. Review the grades displayed to ensure that they are in agreement, then click the Submit button to submit the grades

Note: A confirmation screen appears to confirm that grades have been submitted. It will take approximately 15 minutes for them to be visible in MyNIU. Once the grades are in MyNIU, you will be able to review and post them.

Learn more!

Tips, FAQs, and tutorials at www.niu.edu/blackboard

Information about Ultra Course View www.niu.edu/blackboard/ultra

Ask a Question form for NIU faculty and staff at facdev.niu.edu/bbq

Remember!

After submitting grades from Blackboard to MyNIU, you must review and post grades in MyNIU.