

Canvas Submission Status Decoder

Interpret missing, late, excused, resubmitted, and ungraded work.

FTCC Canvas Faculty Resource | New Quizzes only | Panopto and Class Collaborate supported | No Canvas Studio

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Grades or SpeedGrader → Submission Status

Purpose

Submission status and score are related but separate. Faculty should distinguish access, submission, grading, and visibility problems before changing a status or score.

Steps

1. Identify whether the activity has a due date and availability window.
2. Check whether the student submitted and whether multiple attempts exist.
3. Review the current status: late, missing, excused, resubmitted, or none.
4. Confirm the submission type supports any automated policy being used.
5. Change the status manually only when appropriate.
6. Enter or adjust the score separately.
7. Review posting visibility and the student Grades view.

Verify

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| ☐ Status reflects what happened. | ☐ Score reflects the grading decision. |
| ☐ Excused work is intentional. | ☐ Late or missing policy did not create an unintended result. |
| ☐ Resubmission is reviewed. | ☐ Student can understand the displayed status. |

Watch For

- Past due does not always mean unavailable.
- Missing and late policies do not behave identically for every submission type.
- A hidden grade can make feedback appear unavailable even when grading is complete.

Primary Sources

Instructure Gradebook and submission status guides: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/tkb-p/Instructor>