

Canvas Rubrics: Create, Attach, and Use

Connect grading criteria to assignments, discussions, and SpeedGrader.

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

Click Path

Activity → Rubric / Add Rubric → SpeedGrader

Purpose

Creating a rubric and attaching a rubric are separate actions. The rubric should match the activity, points, grading method, and feedback plan.

Steps

1. Create or locate the intended rubric.
2. Review criteria, ratings, points, and free-form comment settings.
3. Attach the rubric to the correct Assignment, graded Discussion, or supported assessment.
4. Confirm whether rubric points should calculate the activity score.
5. Publish the activity only after reviewing the attached rubric.
6. Use the rubric in SpeedGrader and add criterion-level comments when useful.
7. Verify students can view the rubric before and after submission as intended.

Verify

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| ☐ Correct rubric is attached. | ☐ Criteria align to the task. |
| ☐ Rubric total and assignment points are compatible. | ☐ SpeedGrader displays the rubric. |
| ☐ Feedback is visible to students. | ☐ No outdated duplicate rubric was selected. |

Watch For

- A rubric stored in Canvas is not automatically attached to an activity.
- Editing a shared or reused rubric may affect other uses depending on Canvas configuration.
- Rubric results may remain hidden until grades are posted.

Primary Sources

Instructure rubric and SpeedGrader guides: <https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/tkb-p/Instructor>