The BlueLine Gradebook

a very brief introduction

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Key Terminology

• **Assignments**
  any item that you will enter a grade for

• **Categories**
  groups of assignments used for organization and optionally used for weighting
Example Grading Scheme

3 Exams
2 Quizzes
Research Paper
Example Grading Scheme

**Exams**
- Exam 1
- Exam 2
- Exam 3

**Quizzes**
- Quiz 1
- Quiz 2

**Research Paper**
- Topic Proposal
- Rough Draft
- Final Submission
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Assignments
Example Grading Scheme

Categories
- Exams
  - Exam 1: 75
  - Exam 2: 95
  - Exam 3: 70
- Quizzes
  - Quiz 1: 90
  - Quiz 2: 80
- Research Paper
  - Topic Proposal: 100
  - Rough Draft: 80
  - Final Submission: 90

Assignments
Example Grading Scheme

Categories

Exams 80
- Exam 1 75
- Exam 2 95
- Exam 3 70

Quizzes 85
- Quiz 1 90
- Quiz 2 80

Research Paper 90
- Topic Proposal 100
- Rough Draft 80
- Final Submission 90

Assignments
Points vs Percentage Mode

only affects overall grade
Points Mode

Exams
Exam 1  75
Exam 2  95
Exam 3  70

Quizzes
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Research Paper
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Sum of all assignments

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Sum of all assignments = $\frac{688}{800} = 85\%$
Percentage Mode – allows to weight categories

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\[0.5 \times 80 = 40\]
\[0.3 \times 85 = 25.5\]
\[0.2 \times 90 = 18\]

\[\text{Total} = 83.5\%\]