uiuLearn Assignments: The new experience

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Introduction

In June 2020, D2L announced the release of their new Assignments creation experience. At the same time, they gave users the ability to opt in and test drive the newly designed feature layout and functionality for themselves. (Image #1 below) If users opt in, then change their minds and want to go back to the old design, a survey popup window appears that requests input. (Image #2 on next page) D2L will consider user feedback as they make refinements to the design. Survey feedback is very important if users wish to have a say in the development of features and functionality in uiuLearn.

D2L announced that the new Assignments experience will be the default in January 2021, which suggests they are considering making it a permanent design change. However, they will still provide the ability to use the old design for an unspecified time period in an attempt to get any final feedback from users prior to making decisions about a permanent design transition.

Image #1

Welcome to the new assignment create/edit experience!

The new experience is **on**.

Turning on the new assignment create/edit experience will change your assignment create/edit view. You can return to the old assignment create/edit experience at any time.

[Leave it on] [Turn it off]

Image #2

Let us know how to improve!

Make feedback selection from the dropdown. You can also type specific feedback.

Would you mind telling us why you are switching back?

-- Please choose a reason --   ⌄

-- Please choose a reason --
I think the old version is a better experience
It's missing a feature that I use
It's not a good time for me to try this version
Just switching back to check something
Other

[Done]   Cancel

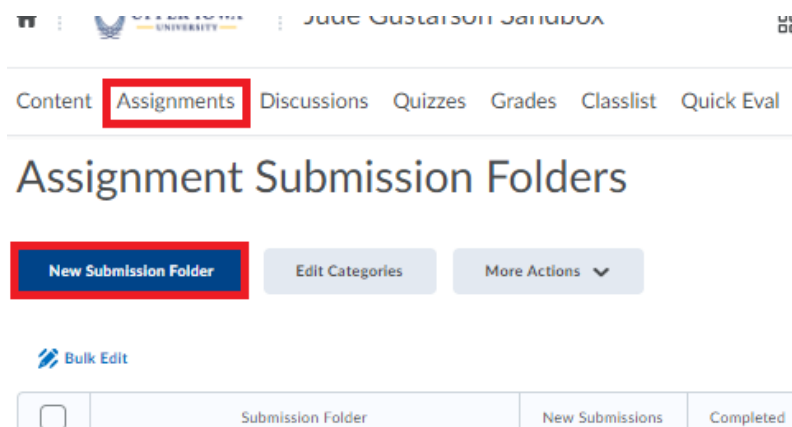**Click the blue Done button to return to the old Assignments experience.**

Audience

Because the aforementioned design change may eventually be permanent, this training is being provided to help UIU Instructors get used to the new Assignment tool design. This tutorial assumes instructors have acquired basic skills in the current Assignment Folder creation.

Tutorial

When creating new Assignments in uiuLearn, Instructors will be provided with the opportunity to opt-in to the new Assignments Experience. Here's how to create a new Assignment:

1. Click the **Assignments** menu item➔click the blue **New Submission Folder**.

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Content | Assignments | Discussions | Quizzes | Grades | Classlist | Quick Eval

Assignment Submission Folders

[New Submission Folder]   Edit Categories   More Actions ⌄

✏ Bulk Edit

| ☐ | Submission Folder | New Submissions | Completed |

2. To get options to turn the new Assignments experience <u>on or off</u> at any time, click the toggle arrow in the upper right portion of the Assignment folder page.

Click the arrow toggle to the right of the page to get options for the Assignment experience.
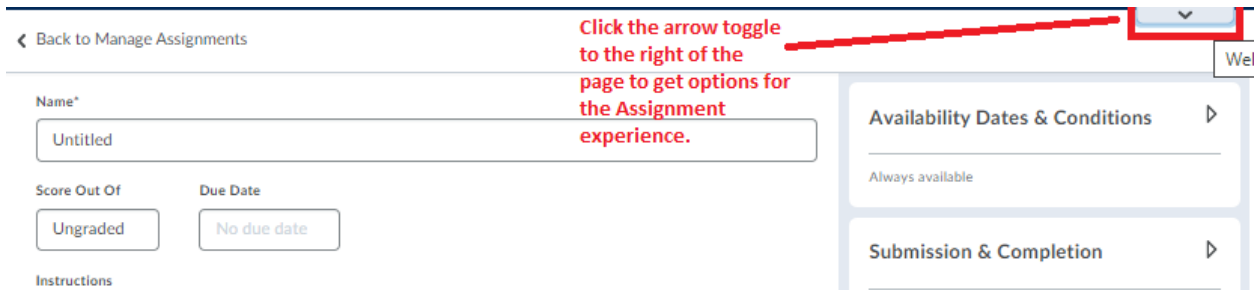
3. In the new window, click inside the **Name** textbox and type a name for your Assignment.
4. Click the **Score out of** textbox and type the point value of the assignment. <u>Using this field automatically creates a grade item in your gradebook</u>.
5. Click the **In Grades** dropdown arrow and make selection per option details below.
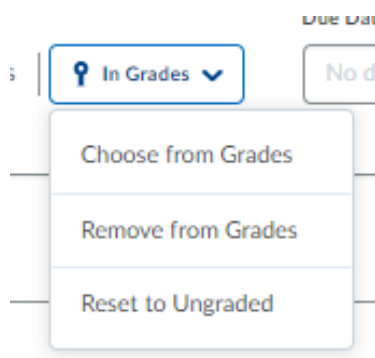
   a. **Choose from Grades** allows you to select a Grade category (if already created in your gradebook), create a new grade item or link to an existing grade item as desired.
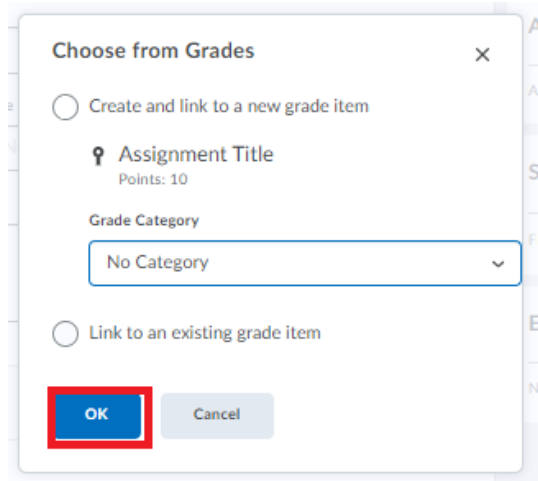
b. **Remove from Grades** simply means the assignment will not be listed in the gradebook, but may nonetheless require a grade. This feature may be best used for things such as Gen Ed assessments that may be scored to provide learning outcomes data, but that do not contribute to the student's actual grade.


c. **Reset to Ungraded** means there will be no scoring or grade item necessary. <u>To reverse this status, simply click the **Score Out Of** textbox to regain access to options listed above</u>.

6. Click inside the **Instructions** textbox to type assignment instructions or use the Insert Stuff icon to include other types of content or links. Icons below the textbox also enable you to upload associated files, connect to existing course activities, link to a web page, or load files residing on Google Drive or One Drive. You also have icons to make audio or video recordings for the assignment.

7. At the bottom of the page (to the right of the Save and Close button) you will see the Assignment visibility icon. Click it to toggle student visibility on/off.
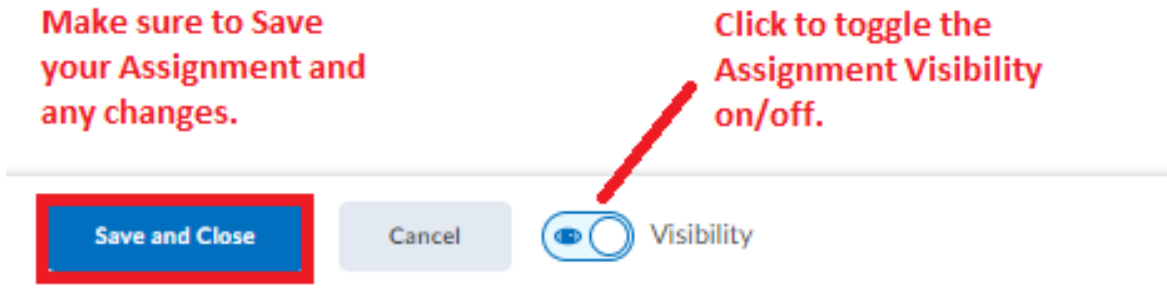
8. At this point, although you could continue through other setup options, it is suggested that you click the blue **Save and Close** button to save your work. Currently there is no option to Save and stay on the Assignment Folder creation page; this is an example of functionality that you may want to suggest if you opt out of the new experience. When you click Save and Close, you should see your new Assignment in the Assignment Folders list.
9. To continue this tutorial from the Assignment Folders list, click the dropdown arrow to the right of your newly created assignment and select Edit Folder from the dropdown menu.
10. To the right of the window, you will see toggles for:
    a. **Assignment Dates & Conditions** (e.g., start date, release conditions, special access, etc.)
    b. **Submission & Completion** (e.g., individual/group, number of allowed submissions, submission confirmation email, etc.)
    c. **Evaluation & Feedback** (e.g., attach rubrics, Turnitin options, etc.)

NOTE: As opposed to Due dates that let students know when assignments must be turned in, End dates literally make the assignment inaccessible to students. If you have told your students you won't accept late submissions, End dates may be appropriate. However, if you intend to accept late assignments, do not select the End date option.

11. When done making selections, click the **Save and Close** button in the bottom left corner.

Other Resources

[D2L Brightspace Create an Assignment Video](#)