



Getting Started with Gradescope Summer & Fall 2022

What Is It?

Gradescope is a feedback and assessment tool that dramatically reduces the pain and time associated with grading exams, homework, and other assignments. Gradescope is widely used for delivering assessments remotely. It enables instructors and graders to give better and more timely feedback, resulting in improved learning outcomes. Dynamic rubrics help streamline the tedious parts of grading while increasing grading consistency. AI-assisted Grading allows instructors to automatically group similar answers and grade all the answers in each group at once. Gradescope also helps with grading programming assignments at scale and can automatically grade printed bubble sheets.

How is it used at W&M?

Gradescope has been used by W&M faculty and students for more than 4 years. Since it integrates with Blackboard, uses W&M ID to log in (single-sign-on), and is free to use for W&M students and faculty, Gradescope provides a low-entry threshold to use. This past Spring it was used by over 2,000 of our students in one or more courses. Therefore, students beyond their first year at W&M are quite likely to already be familiar with Gradescope. Currently the most common uses of Gradescope are to distribute, grade, and provide feedback on lab assignments, online exams, and coding exercises.

However, while Gradescope was originally designed as a STEM-oriented tool, and most of its early adopters at W&M were in these disciplines, it has also found a home in many of Mason's Business courses, as well as others in Economics, History, Russian, and Music. Given its feature set and functionality, it is not surprising to see increased use of Gradescope in higher ed in non-STEM fields, especially in language, music, and non-STEM large courses.

How do I try it and see if it is right for my course?

As mentioned above, Gradescope is easy to use in your courses. You and your students can [log into Gradescope here](#) using your W&M credentials. As an instructor, you can create test Gradescope assignments before deciding to use them in one of your courses. Below you will find the resources you need to gain a basic familiarity of Gradescope or do a deep dive. If you have any questions about integrating Gradescope into one of your courses, support is available from [STLI](#), [Gradescope](#), and [W&M IT](#) (for Blackboard integration).

Quick Resources

- [Gradescope Resource Page](#)
- [Getting Started With Gradescope Videos](#) (2-5 minutes each)
- Gradescope for foreign language - [2022 Gradescope User Summit recording](#)
- [Syllabus Language](#)

New Features

- [Student Mobile App](#)
- [Online Assignment Randomization](#)
- [Video](#) for getting started with Bubble Sheet function (Scantron replacement)
- Creating [Rubrics Before Submission](#)

Deeper Dive / Resources

- Full list of [Getting Started videos](#) (2-5 minutes each)
- [Link](#) to all 2022 Gradescope Summit session recordings
- Moving Scantron to Bubble Sheets
 - Help Center Article about Bubble Sheets can be found [here](#)
 - Getting Started Video can be found [here](#)
 - See how Binghamton transitioned from Scantron to Gradescope's Bubble Sheets [here](#)
- Computer Science - [User Summit recording](#) flexible programming assignments
- Using Gradescope in Large Courses - User Summit Recordings
 - [Strengthening Assessment Consistency in Multi Section Courses](#)
 - [What Scale? Maximizing Time in Massive Courses](#)