Add a Course to Your vhlcentral Program

Before you set up a course, your students can view and complete all of the activities in the vhlcentral program by redeeming a code. However, students cannot see your assignment due dates, announcements, vhlcentral notifications, or voice boards, and you will not be able to track their results until you set up a course.

Adding a course is simplified by way of a step-by-step wizard that guides you through the creation process and concludes with a printable summary. After you create your first course, you can copy its settings to build other courses. (**Note that adding courses is not applicable to schools using VHL's RosterAssistant**.)

Step 1: Course



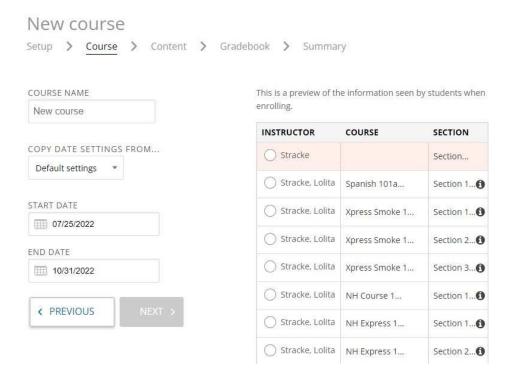
In this step, you will name your course, identify the school at which the course will be taught, and set the start and end dates for the course.

1. From the left-hand side of the Courses dashboard, click "add +" for the school at which you would like to create your course.



2. Enter a name for your course.

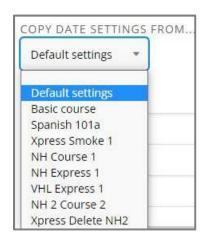
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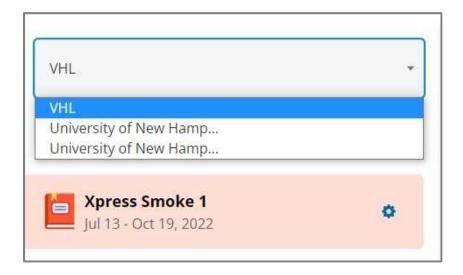
- 3. From the "Copy date settings from..." drop-down menu, select one of the following:
 - A previous course (settings will be copied)
 - Basic course (commonly used settings)
 - Default settings (system defaults)



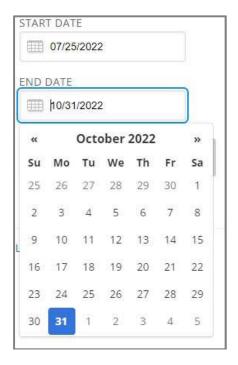
If this is your first course, the only options available will be **Default settings** and **Basic course**.



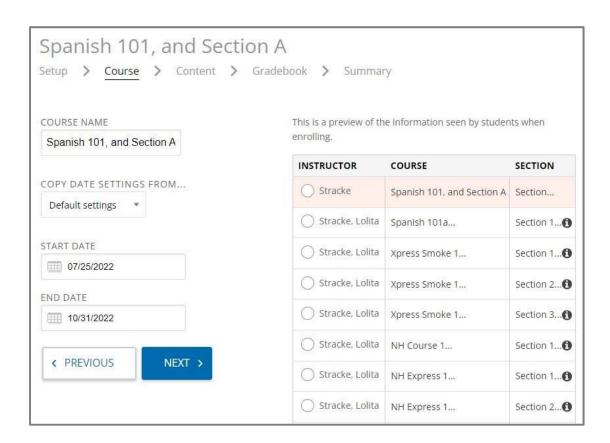
If the desired school is not already chosen, go back to the dashboard and select a school from the School drop-down menu.



4. Set dates by clicking on the Start and End date fields, navigating to the month of choice and selecting a date.



5. Click "next" to move to the Content step.

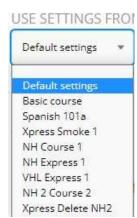


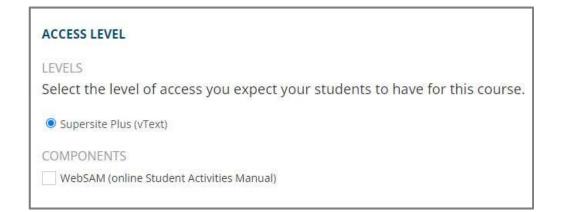
Step 2: Content



In this step, you will set the range of coverage for your course, indicate what level of vhlcentral access you expect students to have for your course, and select the settings for various student supports, including video and audio playback, technical support, and chat.

- The "Use Settings from..." drop-down is preset to the last course you created or to the course selected in step 1 of the wizard. You may change the selection to another course by clicking on the drop-down menu and making a new selection.
- 2. Select the vhlcentral access level¹ that students are expected to have for the course.



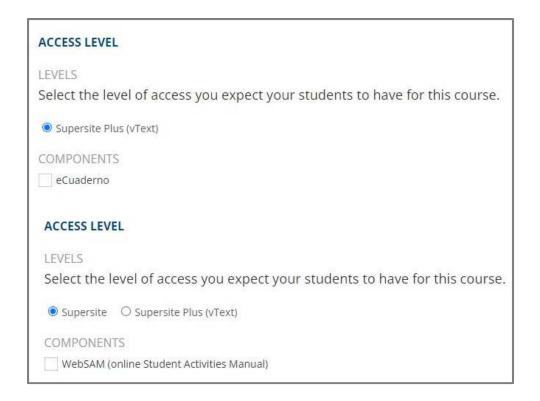




For select titles², you may choose an access level with or without WebSAM, Cahier interactif, or eCuaderno (secondary education titles) components if applicable.

¹ Access level options include Supersite or Supersite Plus. For some programs, Supersite may be preselected as the only option (AP Spanish, *Revista* 4e, and *Temas*).

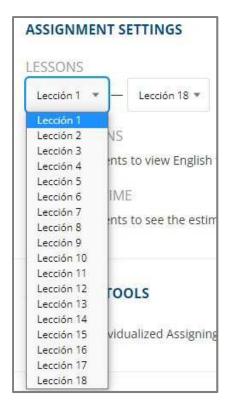
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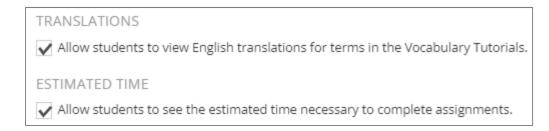
3. Set the lesson coverage for your course by selecting a First lesson and Last lesson from the drop-down menus.



Depending on the lesson privileges of the code purchased by students, they may or may not be able to access other lessons.



4. To allow students to see English translations for vocabulary tutorial terms, click the checkbox.



5. You can opt to display or hide estimated time to complete assigned activities.

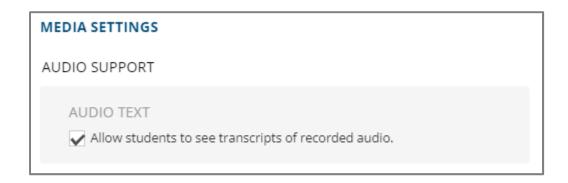


By default, time estimation data is displayed in the assignment menu within the student dashboard.

6. To assign an activity or an assessment to selected students in a section, click on the checkbox.



7. To allow students to read the transcripts of recorded audio, click the checkbox

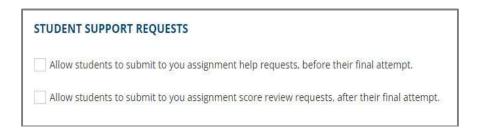


- 8. Select the student support settings that you wish to apply to video playback.
 - a. Subtitles
 - Target Language: Students can opt to see target language subtitles.

- Target Language/English: Students can opt to see Target Language or English subtitles.
- None: Students cannot view subtitles.



- b. Transcripts:
 - Target Language: Students can opt to see target language transcripts.
 - Target Language/English: Students can opt to see target language or English transcripts.
 - None: Students cannot view transcripts
- In Student Support Requests, you can opt to allow students to contact you with questions about their submission scores (fill-in-the-blank questions only) or for general assistance with assignments.
 - a. Allow students to submit to you assignment help requests, before their final attempt.



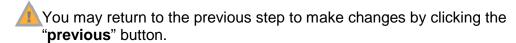
b. Allow students to submit to you assignment score review requests, after their final attempt.

If you don't enable this option, students may still report content errors or technical problems to VHL Tech Support from the "Help" menu.

- 10. In Chat, you can opt to allow students to communicate using audio and video chat features. (Select only one.)
- a. **Never available**: When selected, disables **all** chat capabilities for students enrolled in your course, including Partner Chat activities.
- b. **Only in Partner Chat activities**: When selected, enables chat capabilities for students enrolled in your course in Partner Chat activities only (default setting).



- c. **Always available**: When selected, enables **all** chat capabilities for students enrolled in your course, including Partner and Live Chat.
- 11. Click "next" to move to the Gradebook step.

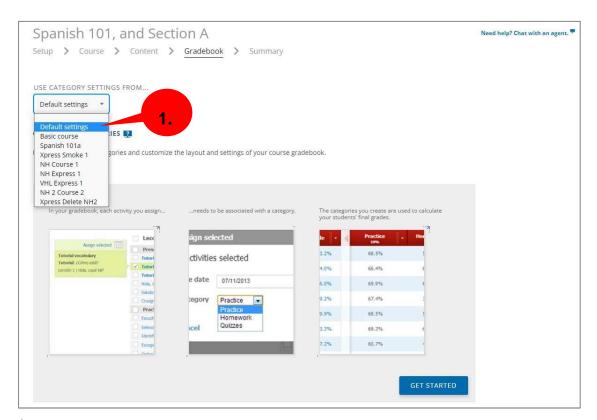


Step 3: Gradebook



In the "Gradebook Categories" section, you can begin to customize the layout and settings for your course gradebook. Your choices will determine the layout and grade calculations within your course Gradebook. You'll begin with your course's grading policy and create weighted categories for each portion of the policy. You'll finish by customizing the settings for each category, including defining its organization within the gradebook and setting the number of allowable attempts, lateness penalties, strictness settings, and the grading method (credit versus graded) for assignments. To learn more, watch the <a href="https://www.hours.com/hou

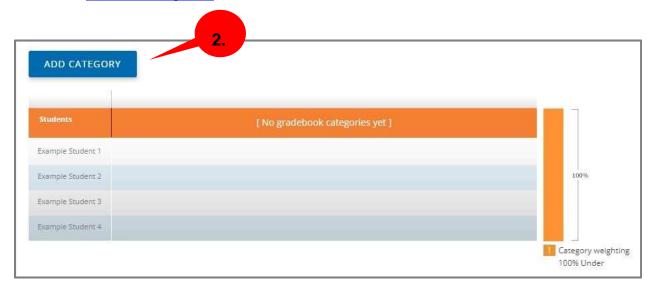
Before you begin, we recommend that you review the "What is a category?" tutorial which outlines the importance of gradebook categories to your assignments and your students' grades.



To close the tutorial, click the "get started" button or the "hide tutorial" link.

- 1. The "Use category settings from..." drop-down menu should be preset to the last course you created or to the course selected in step 1 of the wizard. If you are creating your first course, Default settings may be pre-selected. To chose something different, click the drop-down menu and make a new selection. Options include:
 - A previous course: this will copy the gradebook setup of the course selected. If you select this setting, you may skip to step 6.
 - **Default settings**: this allows you to build a gradebook setup to which you will manually add weighted categories. If you select this setting, continue to step 2.

- **Basic course**: this pre-set Gradebook contains a single unweighted category called "Homework." If you select this setting, you may skip to step 6.
- 2. To add a new category, click the "**Add category**" button. If you are not adding any additional categories, but wish to edit the existing category settings, see "<u>Edit Course Categories</u>" for instructions.

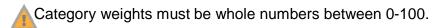


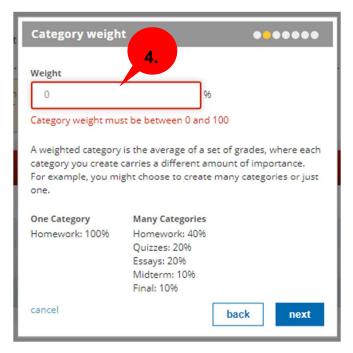
3. Enter a name for the category.

Names must be 15 characters or fewer.



4. Enter a weight.





- 5. Adjust the Grading and Lateness settings for the category to meet your course requirements.
 - a. Grading settings: Number of allowable attempts; grading strictness on use of accents, capitalization, and punctuation; activate/deactivate enhanced feedback; set assignments to be graded or for credit only. For more details about grading settings, see "Edit Course Categories."
 - Lateness settings: accept late assignment for credit or opt to give no credit for late assignments. For more details about late settings, see "Adjust a Gradebook Category's Lateness Settings."
- 6. Click "save" to apply settings and add the category.
- 7. Repeat steps 2–6 to add additional categories.
- 8. Make sure the categories' weights total 100%.

You may need to make adjustments by clicking into a category's weight field and entering an appropriate whole number.



9. Click "next" to move to the Summary step.



You may return to the previous step to make changes by clicking the "previous" button.

Step 4: Summary



In this step, you will review the summary of information regarding your new course, make adjustments before finalizing the course setup, print a summary for your records, and be prompted to create the first section for this course.

1. Review the details of the Summary step.



Use the "previous" button or click on a wizard step in the progress bar to make adjustments.

2. To print a copy of your course summary, click "generate pdf."

- 3. Click "save."
- 4. When prompted, select "**yes**" to create a section for this course. The system will continue to prompt you to create additional sections until you click "**no**".





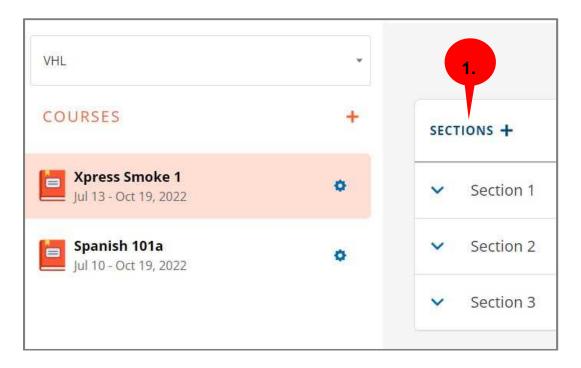
Add a Section to Your Course

The course creation process is not complete until you add a section (an individual class) to your course. Each course may contain one or many sections (K-12 schools using automated rostering via RosterAssistant are limited to one section per course). Students and assignments comprise each section.

Adding a section to your course is simple. You will name the section, opt to copy settings and assignments from existing sections, allow student enrollment and visibility of upcoming assignments, set a due time, and, if applicable, build an instructor team. After you create your first section, you will be prompted to create others. (**Note that adding sections is not applicable to schools using RosterAssistant.**)



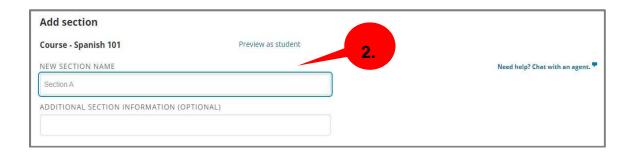
1. From the Courses dashboard, click "**SECTIONS +**" for the course in which you would like to create a section.



2. Enter a name for your section.

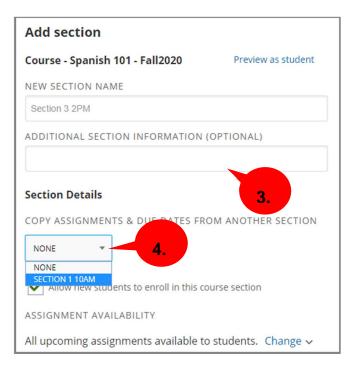


The Preview graphic (top) dynamically displays your course section as it will appear to students during enrollment.



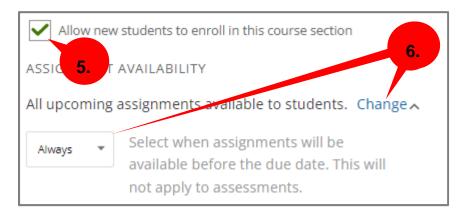
- 3. Enter additional section information (such as meeting location, days, and time) to help distinguish it from others.
- 4. From the Copy Assignments & Due Dates from Another Section drop-down menu, select a section whose settings you wish to copy to create the new section.

Alf this is your first section, the only option available is System Defaults.



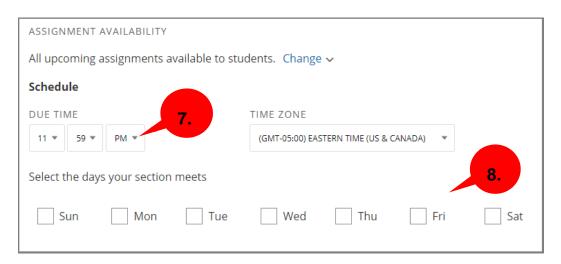
5. Allow or block student enrollement to new section.

This control is easily accessible when accessing each of the section's panels in the course dashboard.



6. To make all upcoming assignments available to students, click the Change link. The drop-down menu is then accessible to select days or weeks before the assignments' due date.

7. Using the drop-down menus, select a due time for assignments and confirm your time zone.



- 8. Indicate the days of the week on which your section meets; these days are highlighted in your section's assignment Calendar.
- 9. Use Add/Edit Additional Instructors to build an instructor team.
 - a. Indicate whether you want your name to appear in the course information that students see when enrolling.



Names in the "Additional Instructor(s)" list are instructors at your school with access to vhlcentral for your textbook.

- b. For each member of this section's team, assign a control level from the drop-down menu beside the instructor's name and email address.
 - Co-instructor: Grants full control to the individual to manage the section, but does not grant rights to change the course or course section setup.
 - Assistant: Grants management rights to the individual to any items in the section's Grades and Communication areas and grants viewing rights to all other areas of the course section.



10. When selecting the co-instructor option from the drop-down menu, you may enable content creation permissions. Co-instructors (with permission) can create IGC activities and assessments. Assistants do not have this as an option.



Adjust Your Course

Some functionality may be pre-set or disabled for schools using RosterAssistant.

Edit a Course

1. From the Courses dashboard, select "Edit Course" from the course's actions menu.



2. Click through to the desired wizard pages by clicking on "Courses," "Content," "Gradebook," or "Summary." You may also click on the "next" buttons within each step.



- 3. Make desired changes to the settings or information. See instructions for "Add a Course" for more details.
- 4. Click the "save changes" button on the wizard page to apply adjustments.



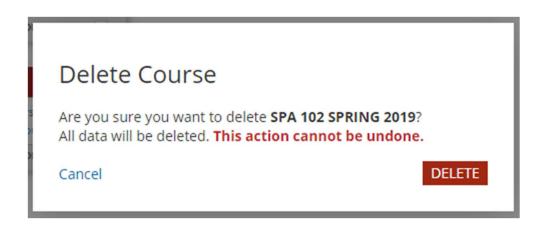
5. Click "cancel" when done.

Delete a Course

1. From the Courses dashboard, select "**Delete Course**" from the course's actions menu.



2. When prompted, click **OK** to confirm.



If you have assigned activities and students scores populated in each section of the course, you will see a flash message alert asking you to delete each section individually.

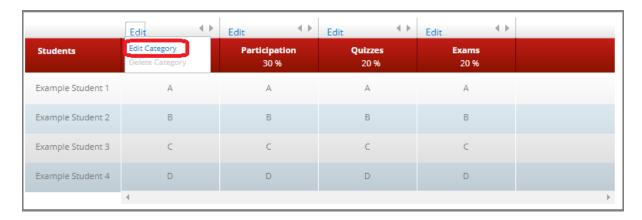
Edit Course Gradebook

Adjust a Gradebook Category's Grading Settings

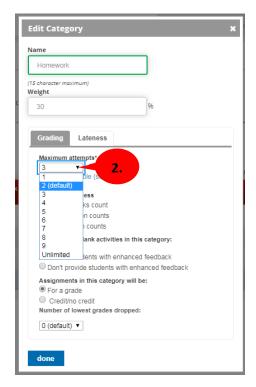
The Grading settings for a category determine how the assignments in a category will be graded upon submission by a student enrolled in your course. To adjust a course category's Grading settings, you must first select Edit Course from the Courses dashboard.

From the Gradebook section in EditCourse:

1. Click on the Edit menu for the category ("Edit" in column header) and select **Edit Category**.



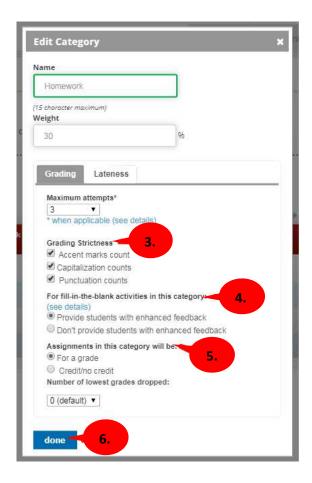




ABy default, the system allows two attempts except for assessment items.

3. Indicate the grading strictness to use on fill-in-the-blank assignments.

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4. Indicate whether or not you would like students to see their errors noted on fill-in-the-blank assignments.



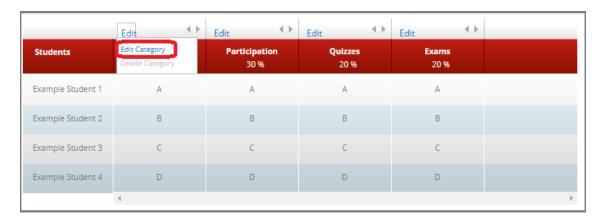
- 5. Indicate if students should receive full credit regardless of their performance-based score (i.e., score is 100% regardless of the number of correct answers).
 - By default, the vhicentral program calculates scores based on student performance.
- 6. Click "done" to apply setting changes.

Adjust a Gradebook Category's Lateness Settings

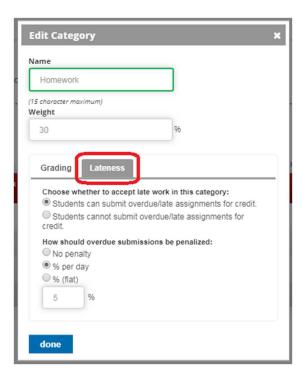
The Lateness settings for a category determine how the assignments in a category will be graded upon late submission by a student enrolled in your course. To adjust a course category's Lateness settings, you must first select Edit Course from the Courses dashboard.

From the Gradebook section in EditCourse:

1. Click on the Edit menu for the category ("Edit" in column header) and select **Edit Category**.



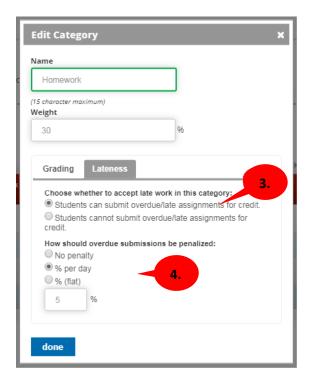
2. Click the "Lateness" tab to view and adjust settings.



3. To allow students to submit late work and automatically receive partial credit, select "Students can submit overdue assignments for credit."



By default, students cannot submit assignments late and receive any credit; their grade would be 0%.



- 4. You must select a penalty to apply.
 - "No penalty"
 - "% per day": enter a whole number for the % per day late
 - "% (flat)": enter a whole number for the % (flat).
 - Penalty deduction rates must be a whole number between 0–100.
- 5. Click "done" to apply setting changes.

Change the Name and the Weight Value of a Gradebook Category

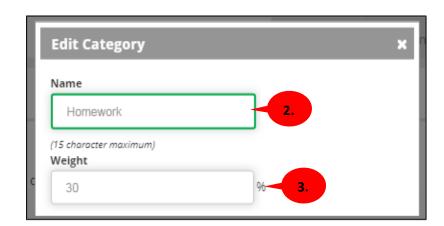
From the Gradebook section in EditCourse:

1. Click on the Edit menu for the category ("Edit" in column header) and select **Edit Category**.



2. Enter a new name for the category.

Names must be 15 characters or fewer.



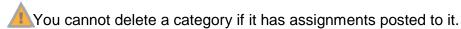
3. Enter the weight value for the category.

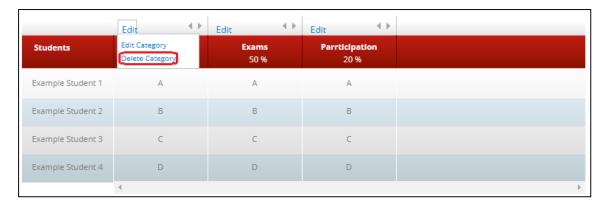
4. Click "done."

Delete a Gradebook Category

From the Gradebook section in EditCourse:

1. Click on the Edit menu for the category ("Edit" in column header) and select **Delete Category**.

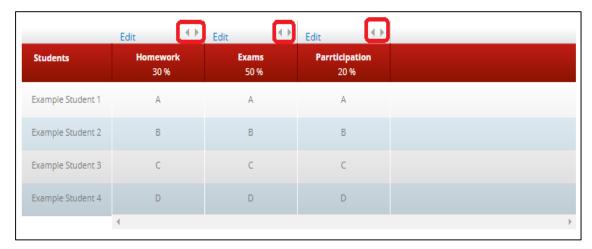




Reorder the Gradebook Categories

From the Gradebook section in EditCourse:

1. Click the right or left arrow icons in the category's column header.



 Repeat step 1 until all categories are in the desired order.
 This order determines the order in which the categories appear in your Gradebook.