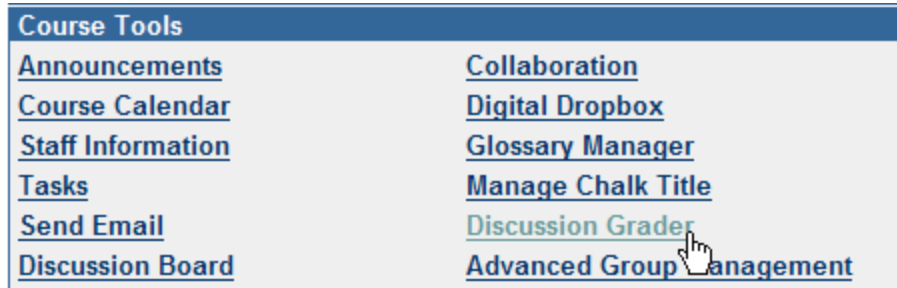


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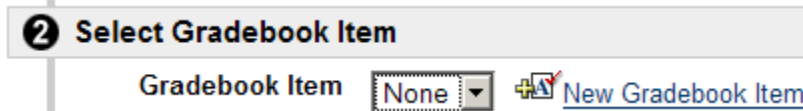
Discussion Grader Overview

The Discussion Grader is a building block that allows the instructor to assign a grade for the set of entries a student posts in your Blackboard course's discussion board. It also allows the instructor to create, categorize and identify the point value of the gradebook item that will include the scores assigned through the Discussion Grader.



From the Control Panel

1. Click on the **Discussion Grader** link in **Course Tools**.
2. Scroll through your discussion board forums and click on the forum in which you wish to enter student grades
3. If you already have a gradebook item created for recording the grades of student entries, click on the dropdown list and select the appropriate grade entry. Otherwise, click on **New Gradebook Item**.



4. If you select **New Gradebook Item**, a page opens for **Add Discussion Gradebook Item**. Enter the item name, category and points possible. Also, select whether the gradebook item (and entries) are available to the students.
5. Once you have selected or created the gradebook item, you should get a window confirming that the grades for the selected forum will be recorded in the gradebook. Click **OK**.
6. A page will open with a list of students participating in the selected forum. To grade a specific student, click on the **Select** button to the left of their name. The Discussion Board Grader will open a page containing all of the student's entries in this forum.
7. After evaluating the student's participation, go to step 3 and enter the value of the student's participation out of the points possible.

Points Awarded of 5.0

8. Once you have entered the points, click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page.