

Canvas Grades: Late Zeroes

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Canvas: Select Grades; Select 'Gear'

Gradebook handles late submissions two ways:

- *Enter a null value: a value not included in total grade*
- *Enter a zero for assignments not posted by the due date*

The choice is accessed in the Gradebook via the 'gear'.

The screenshot shows the Canvas Gradebook interface for course STAN2720: 86961. The breadcrumb navigation shows 'STAN2720: 86961 > Grades'. The 'Gradebook' button is selected. The 'Export' button is visible, and the 'Gear' icon (settings) is highlighted with an arrow. The 'Student Names' and 'Assignment Names' search boxes are present. The 'Apply Filters' button is also visible. The table header shows columns for 'Student Name', 'Total', 'W1 Out of 12', 'W1-PR Out of 12', 'W2 Out of 12', and 'W2-PR Out of 12'.

Gradebook Gear: Late-zeroes Options

Recommended:

Late Policies tab:

- Check ‘automatically’
- Enter 0 for missing

Bottom:

- Check ‘automatically’
- Enter ‘10’ and ‘day’
- Enter 50 at bottom.

Gradebook Settings [X]

Late Policies | Grade Posting Policy | View Options

Automatically apply grade for missing submissions

Grade for missing submissions

0 %

! Changing the late policy will affect previously graded submissions. [X]

Automatically apply deduction to late submissions

Late submission deduction: 10 %

Deduction interval: Day

Lowest possible grade

50 %

Late Submissions: Reasoning

Here is the reasoning behind these recommendations:

Assignments missing (not yet submitted) after the due date:

- Apply a zero. This is overwritten when a student submits.

Apply deductions to late submissions:

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- 50% is lowest possible grade.

Students have an incentive to submit no matter how late.

Late submitters get higher grades than non-submitters.

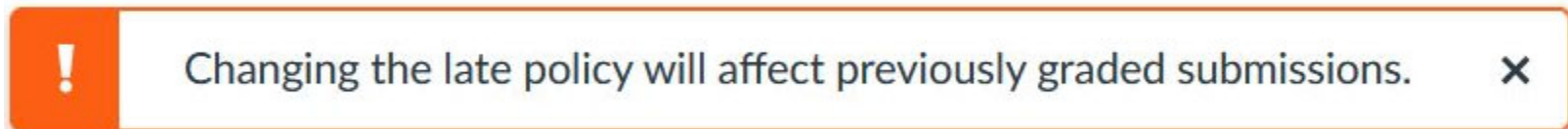
Potential Problems

Applying Late Zero Policy

Changing this is best done in setup after the course due dates are entered before students have submitted anything.

Changing can be **problematic** during the course for an assignment where the due date is past, students have already submitted and the due date is changed to a future date.

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search the web and talk to your colleagues.

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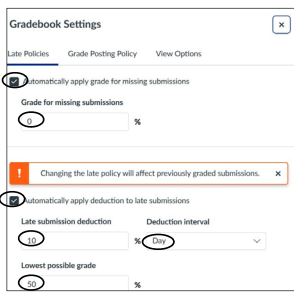
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