

Assignment Tool Comparison



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Tool	Overview	Brightspace Integration	Grades Integration	Analytics	Group work	Feedback workflows	Set up	Best for
Assignments 	Students submit papers, presentations, projects, or links to their work . Students might also deliver their work to instructors in-person. Instructors can enter grades in either the Assignments or Grades tools.	✓	✓	✓	✓ ¹	➤ Overall feedback box ➤ Score ➤ Rubric ➤ Ungraded/graded option ➤ Annotations ²	Instructor creates an assignment in the Assignments tool and establishes the due date, point value, rubric, and applies Turnitin if applicable.	★ Essays ★ Presentations ★ Visual projects ★ In-class submissions ★ In-class presentations
Gradescope 	Students submit PDFs, bubble sheets, code files, and/or images . Students might also complete online assignments in the Gradescope platform. Instructors enter grades in Gradescope.	✓	✓	✓ ³	✓	➤ Like submissions grouped together automatically for faster grading ➤ Annotations ➤ Score ➤ Rubric ➤ In-line comments ➤ Comment bank ⁴	Instructor adds Gradescope to their Brightspace site in the Content tool , syncs their roster with Gradescope, and then creates Gradescope assessments.	★ Coding assignments ★ Hand-written exams ★ Handwritten assignments

¹ Group work is possible through a combination of the Assignments and Groups tools.

² Annotation options available in the Brightspace Assignments tool. Information [on the evaluation tool can be found here](#).

³ Learning analytics are available in Gradescope itself rather than in Brightspace.

⁴ Annotations, rubrics, in-line comments, and the comment bank are all available directly in Gradescope.

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VoiceThread 	Students create and submit a VoiceThread project . Instructors enter grades through VoiceThread.	✓	✓	✗	✗	➤ Score ⁵ ➤ In-project comments ⁶	Instructor creates a VoiceThread assignment in the Brightspace Content tool using the Assignment builder option.	★ Asynchronous discussions ★ Multimodal projects ★ Narrated presentations ★ Video essays ★ Multimedia projects
Google Assignments 	Students submit written assignments as Google Docs. Instructors enter grades through Google Assignments.	✓	✓	✗	✗	➤ Score ➤ Comment bank ➤ In-line comments	Instructor creates a Google Assignment in the Brightspace Content tool .	★ Essay drafts ★ Spreadsheets ★ Presentations ⁷
Perusall 	Students complete social annotation exercises or peer review assignments . If graded, Perusall automatically scores assignments.	✓	✓ ⁸	✓ ⁹	✗	➤ Score ¹⁰	Instructor creates a Perusall course link in the Brightspace content tool and then creates each Perusall assignment.	★ Asynchronous discussions ★ Peer review

⁵ VoiceThread assignments must have a score value; these assignments cannot be ungraded/unscored.

⁶ Scoring and in-project comments are provided directly in VoiceThread

⁷ All assignments should be created with the Google Docs, Google Sheets, or Google Slides tools.

⁸ Perusall assignments must be added to the Content tool separately to be connected to Grades.

⁹ Learning analytics are available directly in Perusall.

¹⁰ Perusall automatically scores student annotations for graded assignments; scoring settings must be configured by the instructor.