



Dear Colleagues:

There are a number of tools that facilitate and streamline the process of collecting, evaluating, and returning student writing assignments.

To learn more about writing evaluation and using rubrics to build fair yet challenging performance criteria, read the article from VITAL about "Helping Your Students Write Better," discover the different types of rubrics from industry experts, and check out ITDA's "How-To" resource for creating and associating rubrics to Blackboard assessments.



"The Line" Quote from Experience

An English teacher once said to a student, "If you're not writing to the rubric, you're wasting your time."

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We all know that VU's Writing Center exists to help students become better writers. But faculty often do not make full use of this splendid resource. In the following article, student writing consultant Maddie Henry gives us some tips about how we and the Writing Center can better help students improve their writing. Next, Writing Center Coordinator Colleen Morrissey describes the exciting new Faculty Writing Fellows Program. Finally, Carter Hanson (English) tells what he has learned in his time as a Writing Fellow.

"HELPING YOUR STUDENTS WRITE BETTER"

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Why do Students like Rubrics?

- Able to see criteria for success
- Able to see strengths and weaknesses
- Receive feedback
- Engaging and motivating
- Sense of stability across multiple assignments

Using grading rubrics is a great way of helping students know what you expect from them. It also helps you when it is time to grade students' work. Click the button below to listen to the "Creating Rubrics for Assessment" presentation by Julia Williams, English Language Teacher, Trainer at [Advance Consulting for Education, Canada](#) presented by the Professional Development Exchange.

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Holistic, Single-point, and Analytic Rubrics, Oh My!



"There are many forms of rubrics out there - but my favorite are ones that are universally designed so students can see it, want it, and get it." Read the article and see examples by [Katie Novak, Ed.D.](#), Novak Education.

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**CREATING & ASSOCIATING RUBRICS
WITH ASSIGNMENTS ON BLACKBOARD**



Click the Bb button for access to the Blackboard website to view videos and find step-by-step instructions for building rubrics and using them for student learning evaluation in Blackboard.

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