

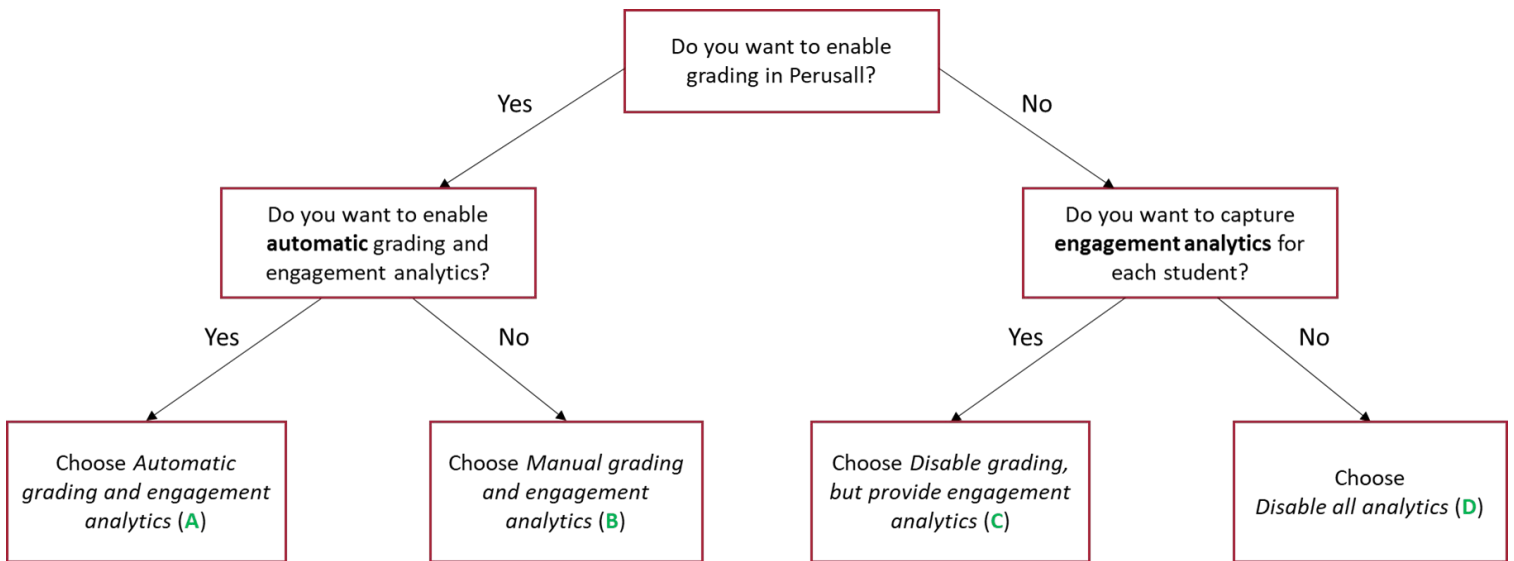
Perusall: Grading & Analytics Options

What are my options for configuring grading in Perusall?

Perusall is a social annotation platform that encourages active and collaborative learning. With this comes the key feature of a machine learning-driven grading algorithm that automatically scores students' annotations.

Previously, Perusall automatically graded annotations no matter what, and the instructor would then choose how to take action with these automatic grades. **As of summer 2022, an instructor can now choose to turn off grading completely. Instructors also have more options for selecting the level of grading and analytics they want based on their needs/goals for the course. If an instructor chooses to keep automatic grading turned on, there are also now several presets available to quickly choose scoring settings.**

The options for grading and analytics are outlined below. You can find them by going to **Settings > General** in Perusall. Remember to click **'Save changes'** at the bottom of this page after adjusting any settings.



| A | B | C | D |
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| Automatic grading and engagement analytics Perusall will provide data about student engagement for your review, and assignments will be graded automatically. You can always override automatically-assigned grades and decide when they are displayed to students. | Manual grading and engagement analytics Perusall will provide data about student engagement for your review. Assignments will not be graded automatically, but you can review student engagement data and manually assign scores to students' assignment submissions. | Disable grading, but provide engagement analytics Perusall will provide data about student engagement for your review. All assignments will be ungraded and the gradebook will be disabled. | Disable all analytics Perusall will not provide data about student engagement. All assignments will be ungraded and the gradebook will be disabled. |

Note that **“engagement analytics”** in Perusall means statistics about each individual student’s engagement with a particular assignment, such as:

- Where students spent the most time
- Where students had the most questions
- When students were working on assignments

You can read more about engagement analytics and how to access them [here](#).

➔ If you choose **Automatic grading (A)** or **Manual grading (B)**:

Next, go to **Settings > Scoring > General options** to choose how you want to release scores to students. You can also set an *Assignment score range* and *Threshold score for credit* in this section.

The screenshot shows a dropdown menu for 'Release scores to students *'. The selected option is 'only after instructor manually releases them in the Gradebook'. Other options include 'only after instructor manually releases them in the Gradebook', 'after the assignment deadline has passed, including any late annotation period and post-deadline reply window', and 'after the assignment deadline has passed, but before any late annotation period or post-deadline reply window'. Below this, the 'Assignment score range *' section shows three options: 'immediately, as the student submits work', 'after the assignment deadline has passed, but before any late annotation period or post-deadline reply window', and 'after the assignment deadline has passed, including any late annotation period and post-deadline reply window'.

➔ If you choose **Automatic grading (A)**:

Under **Settings > Scoring > Automatic scoring criteria**, you can choose a preset scoring setting and adjust the metrics of student engagement to generate a single score. Read more about scoring [here](#) (this resource is also linked in the Automatic scoring criteria section when you're on the page).

The screenshot shows the 'Automatic scoring criteria' settings page. It includes a header 'Automatic scoring criteria' and a paragraph explaining that Perusall measures student engagement with seven metrics, each with a weight from 0% to 100%. A green box states: 'Your scoring weights add up to more than 100%, so students have multiple ways to earn full credit.' Below this, there are buttons for 'Reset scoring settings to a preset:' with options: 'Holistic', 'Annotation content only', 'Focus on reading/watching', 'Focus on social engagement', and 'Focus on quizzes'. There is also a link to 'Or adjust scoring manually:'. The main area shows seven metrics with their respective weights and descriptions: 'Annotation content' (60%), 'Opening assignment' (20%), 'Reading to the end' (20%), 'Active engagement time' (10%), 'Getting responses' (20%), 'Upvoting' (20%), and 'Quizzes' (20%). Each metric has an 'Options' button. A 'Save changes' button is at the bottom right.

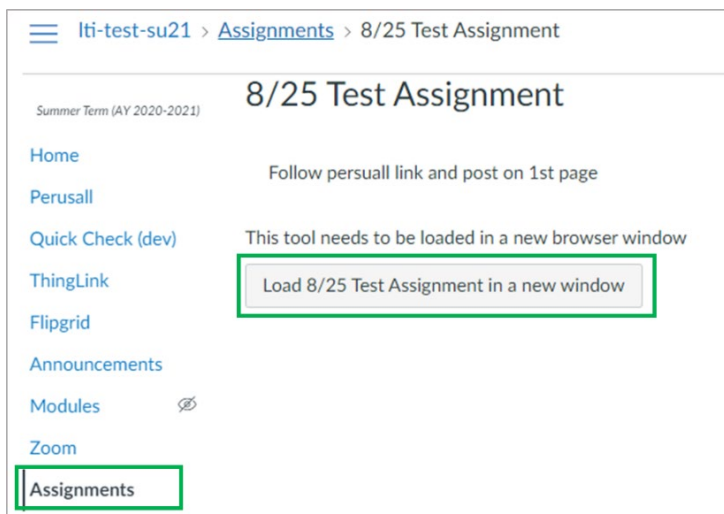
What are my options for syncing grades back to Canvas?

If you choose to have grading enabled in Perusall – either automatic or manual – you then have options for how you want grades to sync back to Canvas. This is under **Settings > General > Grade sync to LMS**. The options are:

- **Automatically sync individual assignment scores back to the LMS**
 - *Note:* This is the default setting. Make sure you update this if you do not want automatic grade sync!
- **Automatically sync students' average scores back to the LMS**
- **Manually sync individual assignment scores back to the LMS**
- **Do not sync grades back to the LMS**
 - *Note:* A use case for this option would be if an instructor wants to view students' grades to influence overall class participation (meaning grading must be enabled), but otherwise does not want to have the grades sync back to the Canvas Gradebook.

An important note about the grade sync with Canvas:

In order for grades to sync back to Canvas, students must launch each Perusall assignment from an assignment-specific link in Canvas, where the assignment has a name that matches the title of the one in Perusall (note that there is a 'Copy full title for LMS' button that ensures the title of the assignment in Perusall gets copied exactly). The assignment-specific link in Canvas appears as a button that prompts the student to load the assignment in a new window (shown below).



Note: If a grade is not syncing back to Canvas, it is possible the student launched Perusall from a general LTI link (i.e., just clicking the **Perusall** option in the left-hand menu on Canvas) or navigated to the assignment within Perusall's interface. This can be fixed retroactively (see this Perusall [resource](#) for more on this process).

Given this, it is recommended that the **Perusall** option in the left-hand menu in Canvas is hidden from student view, to eliminate alternative ways to navigate to the Perusall assignment (see this Canvas [resource](#) for how to hide menu options).

For other questions related to grades and scoring, reach out to support@perusall.com.