
Blackboard

Tests, Surveys, and Pools

Question Types

Below is a list of the question types with a brief description. The question types listed below are sorted into two categories: questions that Blackboard will grade automatically and questions that require a manual grade from the instructor. For more information on a specific question type or how to set it up, please see https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Instructor/Tests_Pools_Surveys/Question_Types

Questions Blackboard will grade automatically

Calculated Numeric Questions – a question requiring a numeric answer (does not allow alphanumeric numbers, i.e. 2 instead of two)

Either/Or Questions – a statement that asks users to respond with a two-choice answer (Yes/No, Agree/Disagree, Right/Wrong, True/False)

Fill in Multiple Blanks Questions – a question that requires students to fill in up to 10 blanks in a piece of text

Fill in the Blank Questions – a question that requires students to fill in one blank in a phrase, sentence, or paragraph

Hot Spot Questions – a question that presents students with an image in which they need to select a certain area

Jumbled Sentence Questions – a question that requires students to select words or phrases from a menu to complete the text

Matching Questions – a question that requires students to pair items in two columns together

Multiple Answer Questions – a question that allows students to select more than one answer

Multiple Choice Questions – a question that requires students to pick the correct answer from 2 or more choices

Opinion/Likert Scale Questions – a question that measures attitudes or reactions on a scale

Ordering Questions – a question that requires students to put a set of items in the correct order

Quiz Bowl Questions – students are presented with an answer and are required to provide the question

True/False Questions – a statement that requires students to select either true or false

Questions that require a manual grade from the instructor

Calculated Formula Questions – a question that requires students to make a calculation and respond with a numeric answer

Essay Question – a question that requires the student to type an answer into Blackboard. This is longer than a Short Answer Question

File Response Questions – a question that allows students to upload a file from their computer to answer the question

Short Answer Questions – a question that requires students to type an answer into Blackboard. The maximum number of rows for a student response is six

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