

TEACHING TUESDAYS



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BELLISARIO BULLETIN



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As we head into the final weeks of the semester, we have some reminders and updates. Final grades are due within 48 hours of the final exam or final assessment of the course, and Danielle Harris gives some tips for calculating those in Canvas. Spring 2026 classes should be populating on the [Simple Syllabus](#) platform, so please make sure syllabi information is updated, as discussed in today's Teaching Tip.

As one of our College's web accessibility liaisons, Danielle has been working to identify our high-enrollment and high-media courses to improve their accessibility. As was shared earlier this semester, the Department of Justice issued updated guidance for public entities' web, app and content accessibility (reflected in this [high-level summary](#)). Next semester, our College will report on the ongoing efforts we are making to review and remedy digital and online resources. The [Accessibility Learning Path](#) and other relevant [ongoing trainings](#) are available to help familiarize everyone with the requirements, provide useful resources, and allow all of us to help make our College accessible for everyone.

Wishing everyone all the best on this snowy Tuesday!

Important Items of Note

- **Accessibility Learning Path** | Courses are available in the [Accessibility Learning Path Canvas Catalog](#) | Fully Online | Quick & Easy Registration | The [Accessibility Learning Path](#) and other relevant [ongoing trainings](#) are available to help meet ADA guidance for web, app and content accessibility.
- **Final Grades** | Final grades are submitted in LionPATH and are due within 48 hours of the last day of the semester or final exam. | [LionPATH Faculty Center Grading Instructions](#) | [Tutorials Available](#) | [LionPATH Support](#)
- **Semester Classes End** | December 12
- **Semester Commencement** | 9:30 a.m. Master's and Doctoral Degrees | 4:30 p.m. Bachelor's Degrees | Bryce Jordan Center

Upcoming Events

- **December 2** | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | Photo Night | Abby Drey, Centre Daily Times | Multipurpose Room, Bellisario Media Center | Tell students to please [submit 1-3 images](#) that help tell a story they can share!
- **December 3** | 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. | [How to Reflect on Your Teaching](#) | Virtual
- **December 4** | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | [Talking about eTesting in the Pollock Testing Center](#) | Virtual
- **December 3 - 4** | Dreamery Speaker Series | Designing Flexible Learning | [More Info](#)
- **December 17** | 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. | [Inclusive and Ethical Pedagogy Series: Teaching Larger Classes](#) | Virtual

TEACHING TIP



Submitting Spring Syllabi



As the spring semester approaches, syllabi will become available on the [Simple Syllabus](#) platform. Visit [Simple Syllabus](#) and go to your home page to see if any spring '26 syllabi are listed on the to-do list. If nothing is listed yet, note that syllabi will appear once you are added as an instructor in LionPATH and that information is updated on the Simple Syllabus platform.

Access the Simple Syllabus tutorials for detailed instructions and always reach out to [Danielle Harris](#) or [Yu Tai Chung](#) with questions or concerns.

- [Accessing Simple Syllabus](#) Video Tutorial
- [Editing a Simple Syllabus](#) Video Tutorial
- [Importing a Previous Syllabus](#) Video Tutorial
- [Enabling Simple Syllabus in Canvas](#) Video Tutorial

You can access more information via the [Bellisario College of Communications Syllabus Policy](#).

CANVAS CUE



Calculating & Entering Final Grades

By [Danielle Harris](#) | Instructional Design

Help ensure students see accurate grades in Canvas *and* make the process of entering grades into LionPATH clearer on your end with these two tasks.

1. **Set Course Grading Scheme:** Setting the course grading scheme will allow students a more accurate view of their current final grade. Additionally, for [LionPATH to successfully pull grades from Canvas](#), you must first create a grading scheme in Canvas with the same letter grades, then activate that grading scheme prior to using LionPATH to pull grades from Canvas.
 - [Bellisario College Canvas Short: Setting a Course Grading Scheme](#)



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2. **Grade Missing Assignments:** It's important that every assignment has a grade in the [Canvas gradebook](#). **If left blank, with the little dash, Canvas will ignore that assignment when calculating final grades.** This can result in inaccurate and possibly inflated grades.

SHARE A TEACHING STRATEGY



Share the phenomenal things that you have been doing in your classroom! Do you have a teaching technology or strategy that you've seen succeed and would like to share in the *Teaching Tuesdays* newsletter? If so, please [share your idea](#) for an upcoming issue.