

A rubric is a set of criteria reflecting the assessment objectives linked to a scale of achievement, and can be used in a Turnitin assignment to assist with consistent marking and feedback for students.

There are three types of Turnitin rubric: Standard, Custom, and Qualitative. This document describes how to create and attach a **Custom type Turnitin rubric** to your assignment.

Custom rubric - allows you to enter any value directly into the rubric cells.

How to Create a Custom Type Turnitin Rubric

Turnitin rubrics are created through Turnitin's 'Rubric/Form Manager'. This can be launched when the assignment is created or edited.

Rubric/Form Manager can also be launched through Turnitin Assignments under Blackboard Unit Tools (choose Libraries then Rubric/Form Manager) or through a student submission in Feedback Studio. Please be aware that there are some slight differences when Rubric/Form Manager is launched through Feedback Studio.

WARNING: changing a rubric or attaching a different rubric after marking will remove all existing rubric scoring from the assignment. Overall grades will remain.

1. Launch Rubric/Form Manager through an assignment

- One of the '**Optional settings**' when you create or edit a Turnitin assignment is Online grading.
- Click on **Launch Rubric/Form Manager**.

Update Paper Assignment

Assignment title [?](#)
Research Essay Submission Box

Point value [?](#)
40
Optional

Allow only file types that Turnitin can check for similarity
 Allow any file type [?](#)

Start date [?](#)
15-Aug-2019
at 10 : 22 AM

Due date [?](#)
20-Sep-2019
at 11 : 59 PM

Post date [?](#)
26-Sep-2019
at 1 : 30 PM

NOTE: In Blackboard, the post date relates to the availability of GradeMark papers only and has no bearing on when grades are posted to the Blackboard Grade Center.

Expand Optional settings and scroll down to Online grading

Optional settings

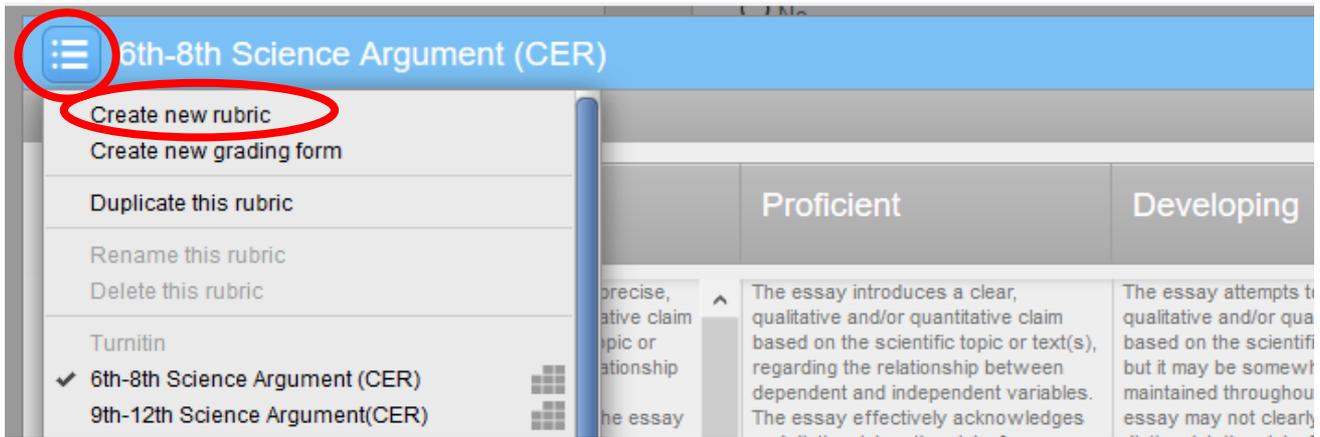
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Online grading

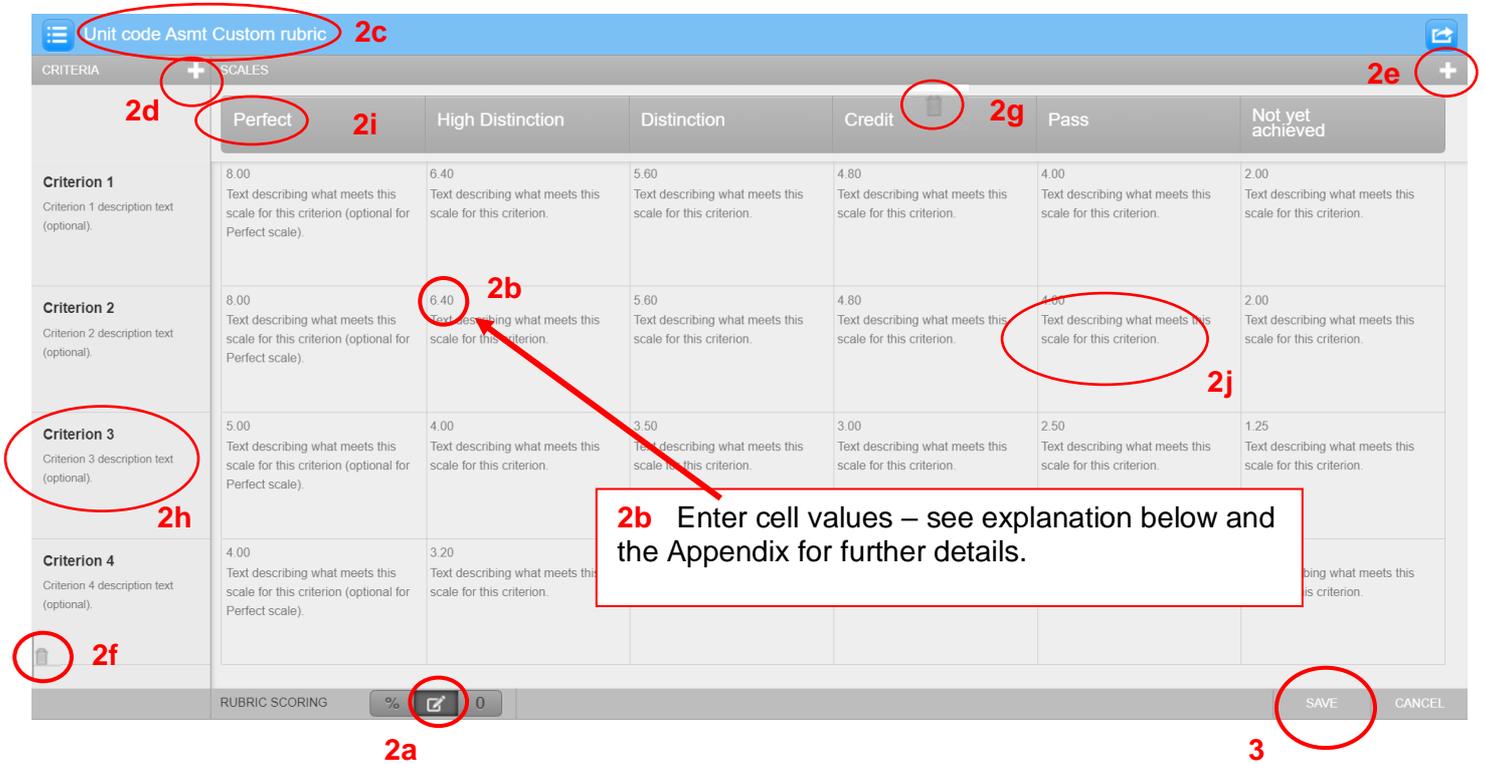
Attach a rubric/form to this assignment [?](#)
Note: students will be able to view the attached rubric/form and its content prior to submitting.
No rubric/form Launch Rubric/Form Manager

Find a rubric that's right for your assignment in Turnitin Teaching Tools

- Click on the menu icon at the top left of the rubric that appears, and choose **Create new rubric**.



2. Complete the rubric details. Refer to the steps below.

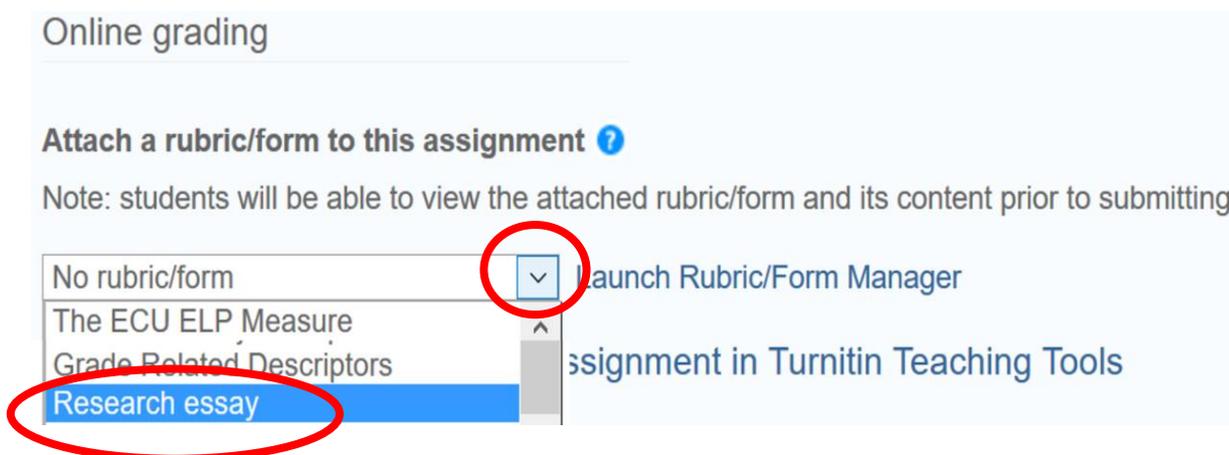


- Choose the Custom type rubric.
- To edit the cell values, click directly onto the relevant field and enter a value. To save, click anywhere outside of the text field.
- Enter a title for your rubric by clicking on **Enter rubric name here** in the top left of the Rubric/Form Manager. Rubric names can be up to 30 characters in length. To save the title, click anywhere outside of the text field, or hit enter.
- To add an extra Criterion row, click on the **+** icon to the right of CRITERIA

- e) To add an extra Scale column, click on the + icon to the right of SCALES
- f) To delete a Criterion row, hover over it and select the dustbin icon that appears in the bottom left corner.
- g) To delete a Scale column, hover over it and select the dustbin icon that appears above the scale header.
- h) Click on the relevant field to edit the Criterion name and/or description. The length of the Criterion name is very limited, so consider using the description box. The description can be typed or copied and pasted in, e.g. from Word. To save, click anywhere outside of the text field.
- i) Click on the relevant Scale name to edit. To save, click anywhere outside of the text field.
- j) For each cell, click on the cell and enter the description. The description can be typed or copied and pasted in, e.g. from Word. To save, click anywhere outside of the cell's text field. **NB.** The description cannot be deleted, but it can be overwritten.

3. Once the rubric is complete, click Save at the bottom right of Rubric/Form Manager.

- After saving, click CLOSE and you will be returned to the assignment. Use the dropdown to select and attach the newly created rubric.



Appendix

How a Custom Rubric Calculates the Score

- Cell values can be assigned as decimal numbers. However, once applied to a grade the decimals and the final score will be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- When marking with a Custom type rubric, Turnitin will sum the cell values that you have selected, divide that total by the sum of the highest cell values and multiply this by the point value of the assignment to arrive at a score which will then be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- If the sum of the highest cell values in the rubric is the same as the point value for the assignment, the rounded sum of the selected cell values will be the score awarded.
- If the sum of the highest cell values in the rubric is **not** the same as the point value for the assignment, the point value for the assignment is still the maximum possible score, and choosing the cells with the highest cell values equates to 100% of the point value of the assignment. For other combinations of cells Turnitin will calculate the score. An example is shown in the table below.

Example

For an assignment worth 40 points, the custom rubric contains the following values:

	Perfect	High Distinction	Distinction	Credit	Pass	Not demonstrated
Criterion 1	16 points	13.5 points	11.5 points	10 points	8.5 points	4.5 points
Criterion 2	12 points	10.5 points	9 points	7.5 points	6.5 points	3 points
Total Points	28	24	20.5	17.5	15	7.5
Turnitin calculated score	$28/28 \times 40 = 40$	$24/28 \times 40 = 34.286$	$20.5/28 \times 40 = 29.286$	$17.5/28 \times 40 = 25$	$15/28 \times 40 = 21.429$	$7.5/28 \times 40 = 10.714$
	40	34 (rounded)	29 (rounded)	25	21 (rounded)	11 (rounded)