Blackboard Learn Grade Center
Faculty Guide to using Smart Views

Overview

As you provide and view grades, you are obtaining information about how students are performing in your course. You can tailor your view of student progress by creating smart views. A smart view is a focused look at the Grade Center. It shows only the columns that match a set of criteria, and the view is saved for continued use. When the Grade Center includes a great number of students and columns, you can use smart views to quickly find data.

Several smart views are available by default, but you can also create your own. You can easily move between the Full Grade Center view and any of the available smart views. You can set a smart view as the default view of the Grade Center and change it at any time.

In this guide you will learn how to use Smart Views to view/filter students in the Grade Center by their respective sections (a useful exercise if you are delivering Cross Listed sections in Blackboard Learn)

(Please note: The screenshots shown below each step are for reference only)

Creating a Smart View to filter a cross listed section in Grade Center

Step 1: Click on the Master Course from your course list for which you wish to create the Smart View (for the purpose of this guide we are using the Master Course ‘ACS_4028: CID 2203 – HCT 201520 Master Course – 53’)
Step 2: Once inside the course, choose the ‘Full Grade Center’ option under ‘Grade Center’ link of the course’s ‘Control Panel’

Step 3: In the Grade Center, point to Manage on the action bar and click Smart Views.
Step 4: On the Smart Views page, click Create Smart View on the action bar.
Step 5: On the Create Smart Views page, type a name an optional description. The description can assist with identifying the smart view.

Step 6: Optionally, select the Add as Favorite check box to make the smart view a favorite. In the Grade Center section of the Control Panel, favorite smart views appear in alphabetical order in the indented list in the Full Grade Center section.
Step 7: For *Type of View*, make a selection and in the *Select Criteria* section, set the requirements.

Step 8: In the Filter Results drop-down list, select the ‘Child Course ID’ and enter the appropriate parameters.
(Please note: The Filter Results drop-down list which columns, categories, statuses, or grading periods you want to appear in the Grade Center grid when you access the smart view. For example, when tracking a specific group, you can narrow your view of columns appearing in the Grade Center by filtering the results by a category, such as Tests, or view only specific group assignment columns.)

**Step 9:** Once you have entered the relevant information in the ‘Value’ field, click the Submit button.
Step 10: You should now see a ‘Success’ message appear once you have hit the ‘Submit’ button.

Step 11: You can access the newly created Smart View (RKWC-26189) from the menu below or as a favorite link in the left hand panel of the course screen.
Step 12: You can now view the results and grade center information for students assigned to this section (i.e. RKWC-26189 section in this example)

A customised Grade Center view is displayed showing only those students who belong to the section/CRN RKWC-26189

Smart Views is a powerful tool in Blackboard Learn that gives you a focused look at the Grade Center. Learn more about the use of Smart View on http://help.blackboard.com
Other examples of Smart Views

With smart views, you can also view the progress of the following items:
• An existing group
• Student performance for a particular item
• Individual students
• Category and status of items
• Custom combination of attributes

Example: Tracking Low Scores

You create a smart view to track students with low scores to quickly see which students need help. You can email these students directly from the Grade Center or decide to create remedial materials or alternative assessments for them.

Example: Assessment Comparison

You create a smart view to display only two columns in the Grade Center grid: a calculated total column for tests and a calculated total column for assignments. You can compare the two columns to gauge how students are performing on each type of assessment.

Additional Resources on Smart Views

To learn more about Smart Views, please visit: Create and Manage Smart Views (Blackboard Help Resource)