SaaS/Ultra 3000.9 Release - New Ultra Features

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Document Summary: SaaS Release 3000.9 included several new features for Ultra.
With the inclusion of these features, Ultra is now ready to conduct an online course although there are still some limitations.
These features include:

- Multiple choice questions in Tests, including Multiple Answer Multiple choice questions
- Grading Rubrics for Assignments (Percentage-based only in this release)
- Group Discussions (ungraded in this release)
- Enhanced Collaborate features

Document Details: 1. Multiple Choice Questions in Tests
   1. Go to Create > Assessments > Tests > Add Question
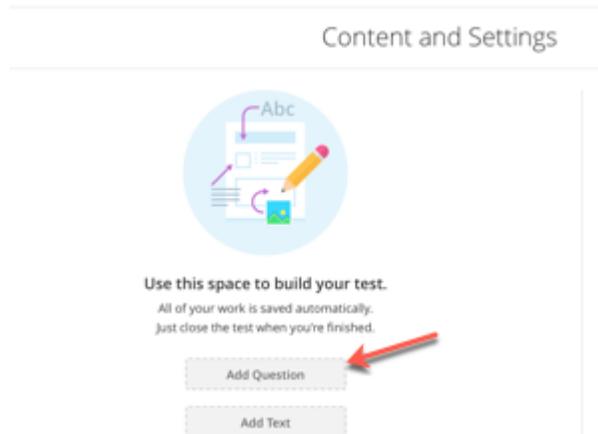
   2. In the side panel that displays, select "Multiple Choice"

New Test Jul 28, 2016

Add Question

Questions

▤ Essay

▤ Multiple Choice

3. Add Question and Answer texts and designate the correct answer. If this is a multiple answer-multiple choice, select all correct answers. Note that answer choice text boxes can be deleted if fewer than 4 answer choices are required- such as for True/False questions.
More choices can also be added using the "Add Choice" link.

Test Content

Question 1   10   Points

Type question text here

Correct answer(s)

✓ Type answer text here   ↑↓ 🗑

☐ Type answer text here   ↑↓ 🗑

☐ Type answer text here   ↑↓ 🗑

☐ Type answer text here   ↑↓ 🗑
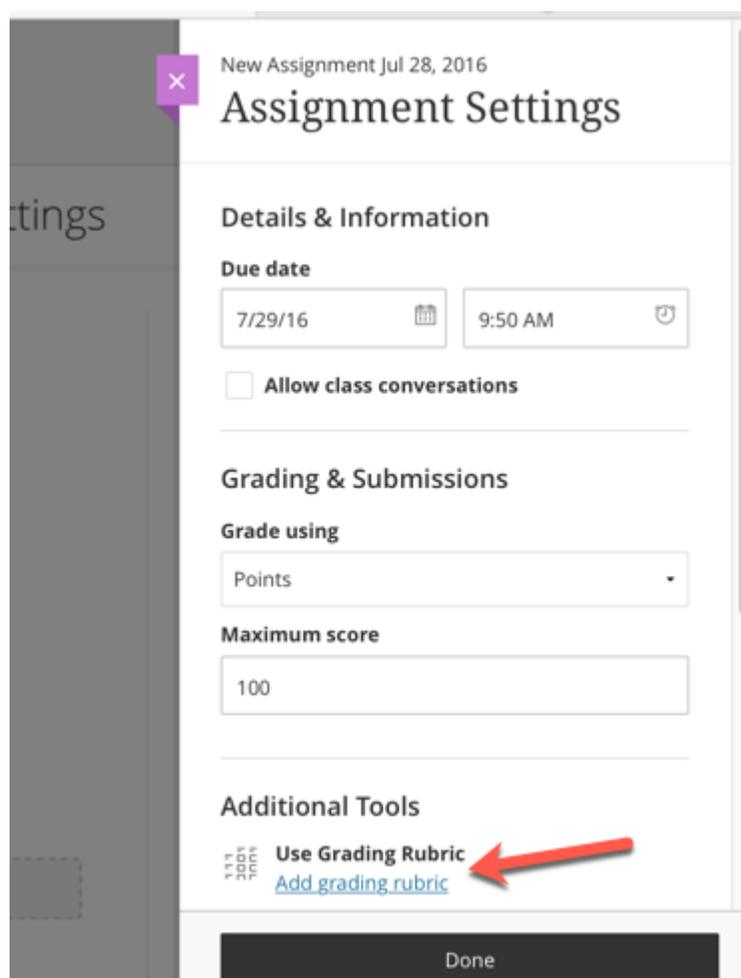
Add Choice

Cancel   Save

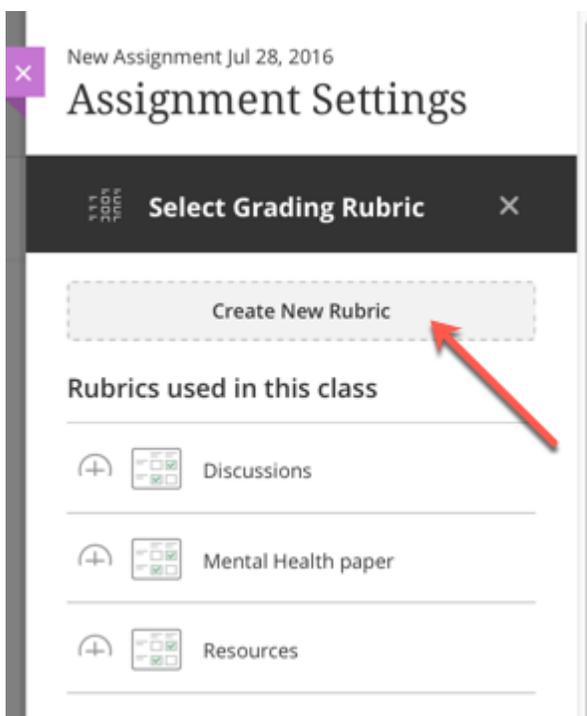2. Grading Rubrics for Assignments
Instructors can create and reuse rubrics within a course for Assignments. They cannot be shared between courses.

In this release, the rubrics are percentage-based only; points-based rubrics will be included in a future release.
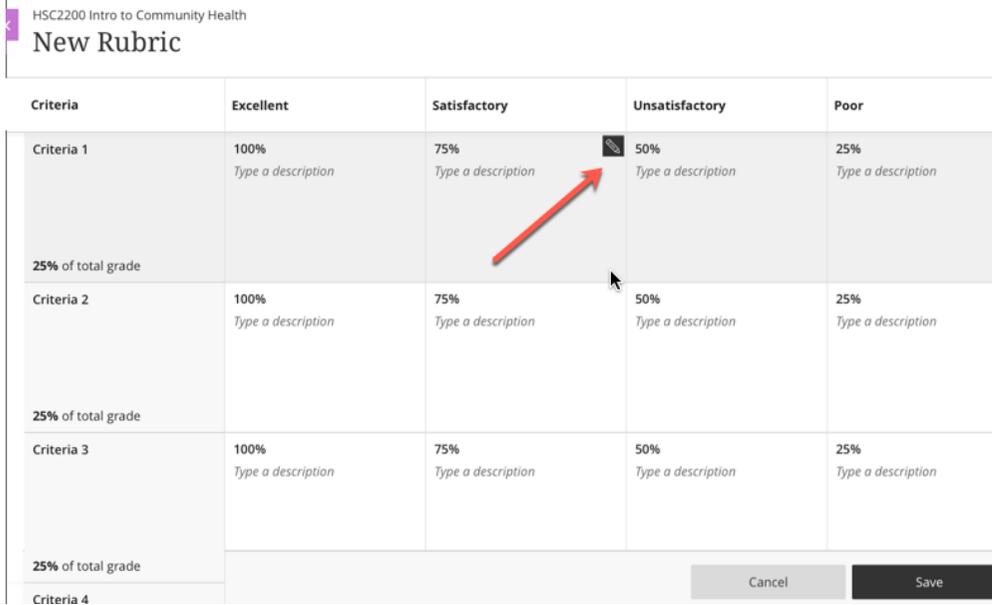
   1. Access rubrics within the Settings for any Assignment and select "Add grading rubric"

New Assignment Jul 28, 2016

Assignment Settings

Details & Information

Due date

| 7/29/16 | 📅 | 9:50 AM | ⏰ |

☐ **Allow class conversations**

Grading & Submissions

Grade using

| Points | ▾ |

Maximum score

| 100 |

Additional Tools

Use Grading Rubric
Add grading rubric

Done

2. On the next screen, all rubrics created within the course display as well as the ability to add a rubric. Select "Create New Rubric" to build a new rubric for the assignment and course.

New Assignment Jul 28, 2016
Assignment Settings

Select Grading Rubric ✕

Create New Rubric

Rubrics used in this class

⊕ ▦ Discussions

⊕ ▦ Mental Health paper

⊕ ▦ Resources

3. The Create Rubric feature allows for using the Edit function to add text descriptions to all Criteria and also to weight each criteria by percentage. The total percentage of all Criteria needs to add up to 100 %.

HSC2200 Intro to Community Health
New Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Poor
Criteria 1	100% Type a description	75% Type a description	50% Type a description	25% Type a description
25% of total grade				
Criteria 2	100% Type a description	75% Type a description	50% Type a description	25% Type a description
25% of total grade				
Criteria 3	100% Type a description	75% Type a description	50% Type a description	25% Type a description
25% of total grade				
Criteria 4			Cancel	Save

4. When grading, the Instructor can use the rubric to assign a grade. The student will also be able to access the rubric to see how it was used to assign the grade.

Submission

Maximum score: 100 points

95 / 100

Quality

80% of total grade

80

Excellent

Answers all questions thoroughly. All information is correct. If citing from another source, such as a website, includes citation information.

80

Satisfactory

Answer needs more detail. All questions answered.

40

Unsatisfactory

Does not address all questions. Answers are very brief - some information may be incorrect.

24

Poor

Does not answer the questions or answer is extremely inaccurate.

0

Spelling and Grammar

3. Group Discussions
A Discussion can be designated a Group Discussion similar to the way an Assignment is designated as a Group Assignment.

One significant difference is that a Group Discussion CANNOT be graded. Graded Group Discussions will be added in a future release.

1. Create > Participation and Engagement > Settings >make discussion groups
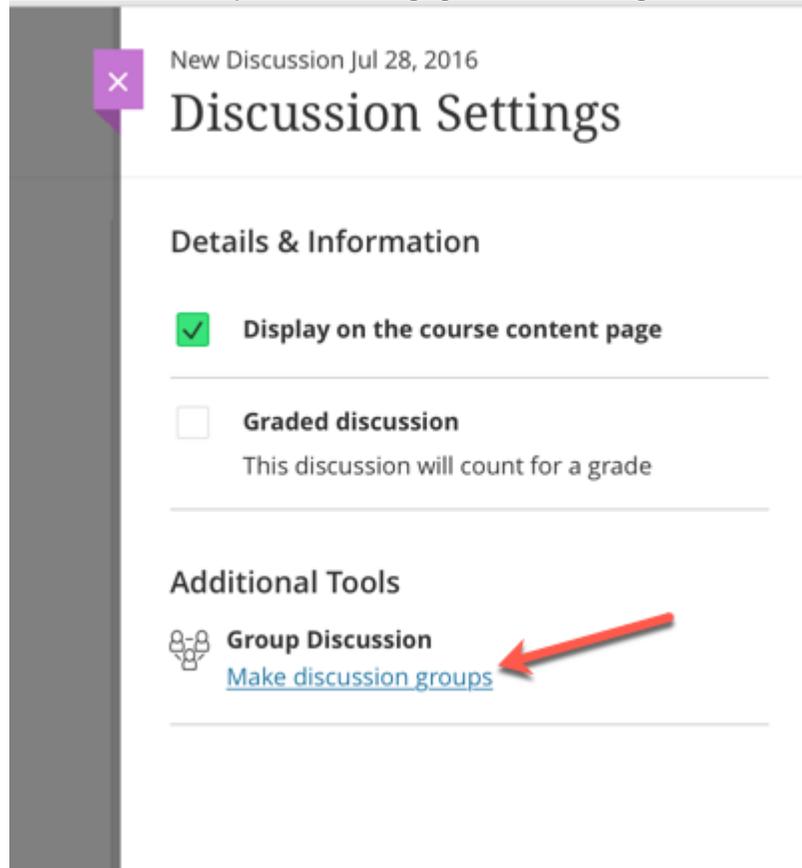
New Discussion Jul 28, 2016
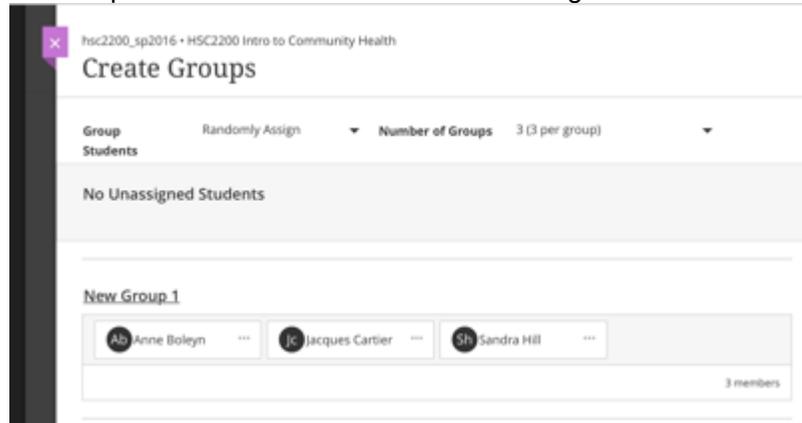
Discussion Settings

Details & Information

☑ **Display on the course content page**

☐ **Graded discussion**
This discussion will count for a grade

Additional Tools

Group Discussion
Make discussion groups

2. Groups are created the same as with Assignments

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Create Groups

Group Students   Randomly Assign   ▼   **Number of Groups**   3 (3 per group)   ▼

No Unassigned Students

New Group 1

Anne Boleyn   ···   Jacques Cartier   ···   Sandra Hill   ···

3 members

3. Once created, the settings indicate that it is a Group Discussion:

Discussion Settings ⚙

📄 **Grading**
This discussion is not graded   🎚

👥 **Group Discussion**
3 groups   🎚

New Group 1

Find a group member

Ab   Anne Boleyn
No Comments | No Replies

Fb   Francis Bacon
No Comments | No Replies

Jc   John Calvin
No Comments | No Replies

4. Students will see this is a Group Discussion and the Group they are assigned to in their Course Content listing. When they select that Discussion, they will also see the other members of their group.:

💬 **Discussion Module 2**
👥 New Group 2

Discussion Module 2

New Group 2
No Comments | No Replies

Sh Type a comment...

New Group 2

Find a group member

Sh **Sandra Hill**
No Comments | No Replies

Ka **Katherine Aragon**
No Comments | No Replies
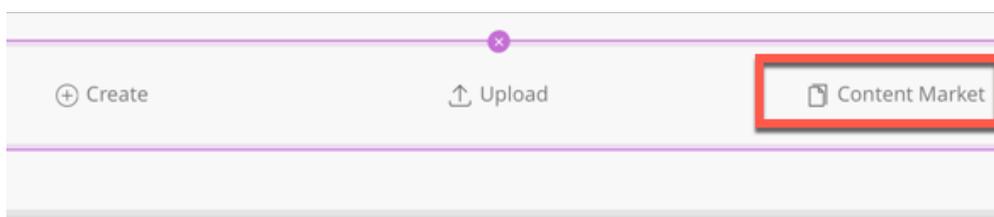
Tw **Tom Walker**
No Comments | No Replies

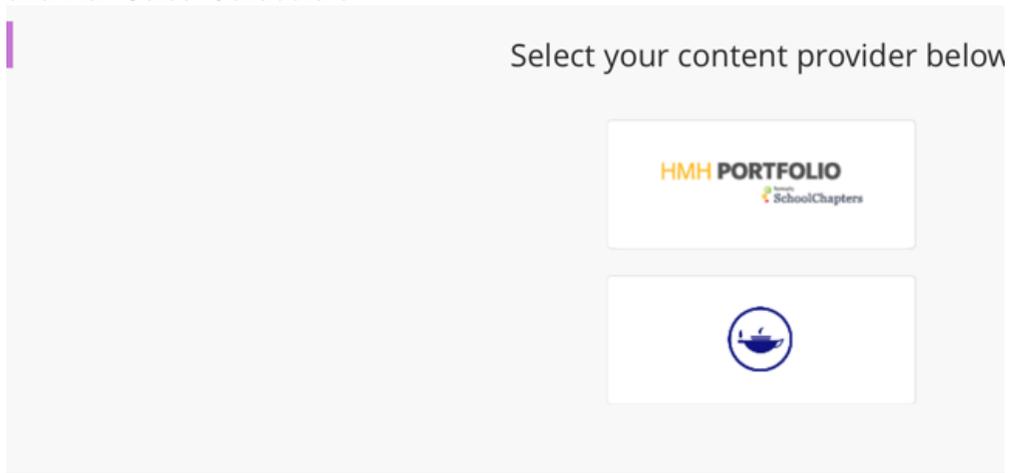One other change affecting Groups is that Group Assignments can now have "Conversations".
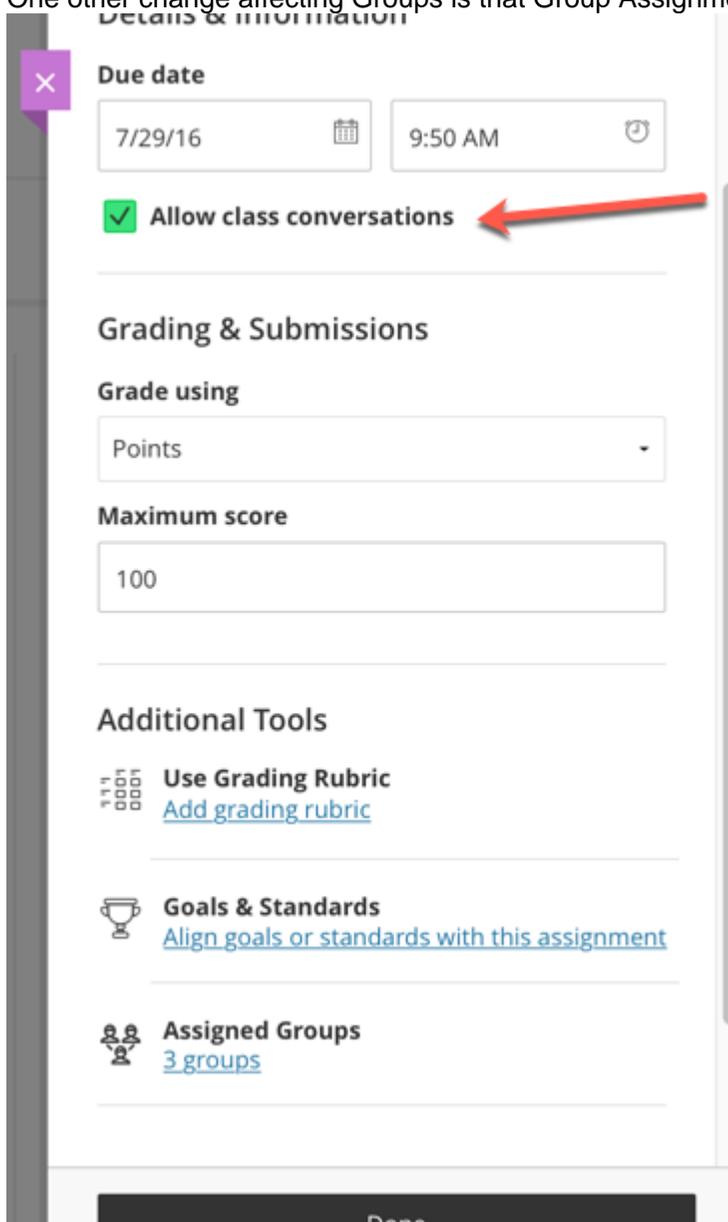
4. Enhanced Collaborate features
Access to Collaborate - and Collaborate sessions - can be added within Course Content. The Instructor can also create spontaneous sessions with students.
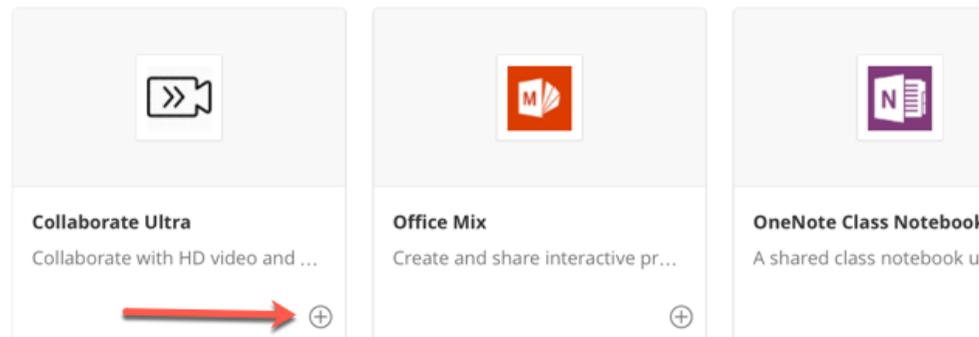 1. In the Create Content section - select Content Market

and then Select Collaborate

Institution Tools

Collaborate Ultra
Collaborate with HD video and ...

Office Mix
Create and share interactive pr...

**OneNote Class Notebook**
A shared class notebook us...

This will add Collaborate Ultra to the Course Content. Clicking on the Collaborate Ultra link in Course Content opens the Collaborate screen where all current and future sessions are listed.

Selecting the "Join Room" link allows the Instructor to create an "instant" session. Link for students to join is in Options but students will also have a "Join Room" link when they select the Collaborate Ultra link.
Create a new session by clicking the + at the top, as indicated in the image below.
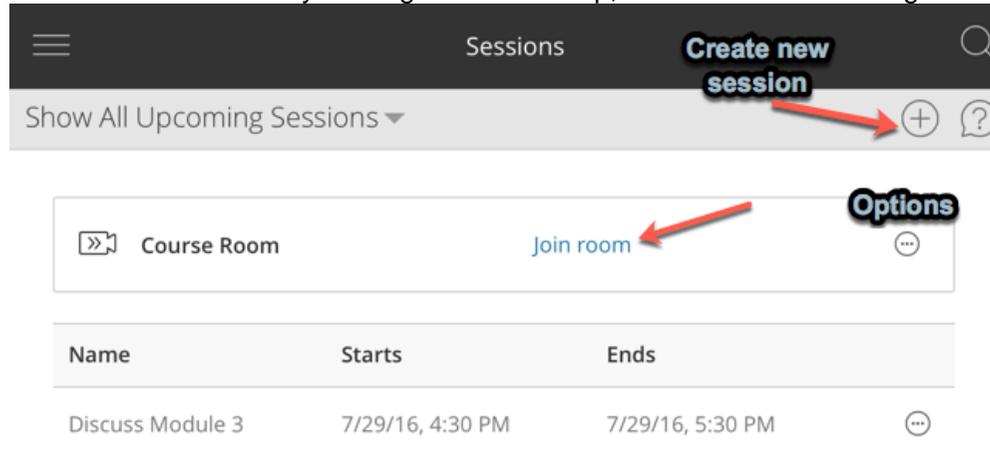
When Students select the Collaborate Ultra link, they will see Current and Future sessions if "Show all Upcoming Sessions" (the default) is selected - and can also directly enter the Collaborate Ultra room using the Join Room link.
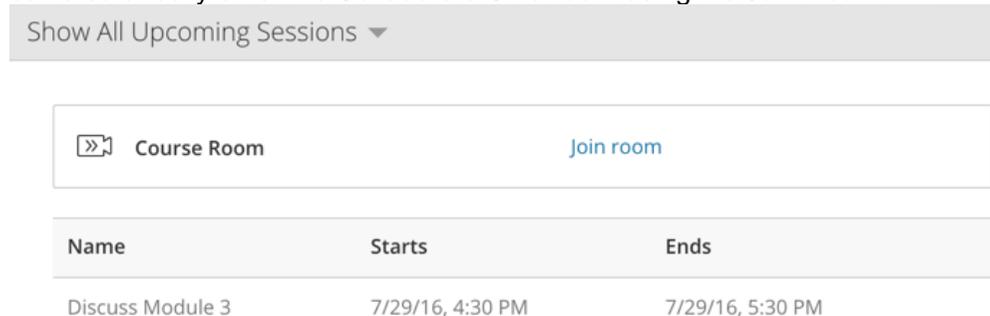
Other Options for Students and Instructors for displaying sessions: