

Assigning Negative Points

Level #Intermediate

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Negative Points Overview

To deter guessing and penalize students for incorrect answers, you can assign negative points to test questions. The following question types allow for negative points:

- Matching
- Multiple answer
- Multiple choice

Example:

If a multiple choice question is worth 10 points for a correct answer, you can assign -100% to the question. If the student guesses the incorrect answer, their score will be -10 instead of 0.

A few things to keep in mind, you cannot use this option for pools and if you need to remove the negative points, you will have to do so on a question by question basis.

Follow the directions below to enable the negative points option and add negative points to a question.

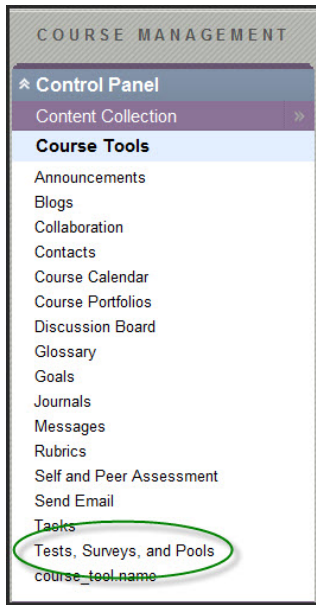
How to Enable and Assign Negative Points

Use the following steps to enable the negative points option on an existing test and use it for individual questions. (The same options can be found when creating a new test)

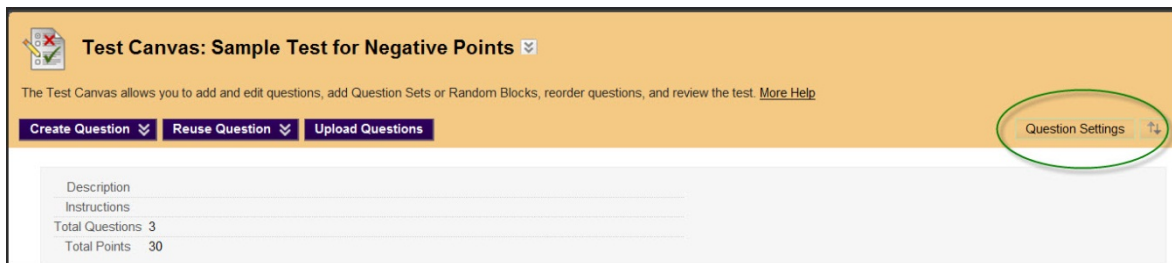
Enable Negative Points on the Test

1. On the Control Panel, expand the Course Tools section.

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2. Select Tests, Surveys, and Pools.
3. On the Tests, Surveys, and Pools page, select Tests.
4. On the Tests page, locate the test that you are editing and click the action link to the right of a test's title to access the menu.
5. Select Edit.
6. On the Test Canvas, click on **Question Settings** in the upper right hand corner as shown below:



7. Under number 4, select the check box for **Specify partial credit options for answers**, which will trigger the display of **Specify negative points options for answers**, select both.

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4. Scoring

☒ Specify default points when creating questions. Default point value

☒ Use the currently assigned points when finding and adding questions.

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➔ ☒ Specify partial credit options for answers.

➔ ☒ Specify negative points options for answers.

☒ Provide option to assign questions as extra credit.

8. Click **Submit** to save the settings change.

Assign Negative Points to a Question

9. For each question you want to have negative grading, select the action link to the right of the question, Choose **Edit** in the Menu

Select: [All](#) [None](#) | Select by Type:

Question	Answer	
1. Multiple Choice: Based on the image you have been giv...	Based on the image you have been given, nat...	work is from:
	Medieval Era	
	Renaissance	
	Age of Discovery	
	Age of Enlightenment	
Correct Feedback	Positive Feedback...	
Incorrect Feedback	Negative Feedback...	

Menu options: > Details, > Edit, > Create Question Above, > Create Question Below, > Copy, > Delete, > Add Alignments

10. and then scroll down to the Options area. Check the box to **Allow Partial Credit** which then displays **Allow Negative Scores for Incorrect Answers**. Check both.

2. Options

If partial credit is allowed, each incorrect answer can specify what percenta...

Answer Numbering

Answer Orientation

Allow Partial Credit ☒

Allow Negative Scores for Incorrect Answers ☒

Show Answers in Random Order ☐

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1. For each **incorrect** answer, type a negative percentage in the **Partial Credit %** box.

* Note – If negative grading is enabled, you can enter a percentage between -100% and 100%.

Answer 2.

Normal 3 Arial B

Renaissance

Path: [body](#)

★ Partial Credit % -100

Indicate percentage of points possible for the test to which this

2. Click **Submit**.