




Grade Distribution Graph in Canvas

A standard feature in Canvas permits students to view a Grade Distribution Graph (GDG) for individual assignments in the course grade center. This distribution graph shows the mean score, high score, and low score.

Name	Due	Score	Out of	
Article Review Homework	Aug 27, 2017 by 11:59pm	11	15	
Score Details				
Mean: 12.6	High: 16	Low: 5		
Close				
CH1 Q1	Aug 27, 2017 by 11:59pm	6.6	12	

Instructure, our Canvas provider, reported the default global setting for GDG in all courses is Enabled/ON, and it will not change in the foreseeable future. We cannot turn off the GDG feature at a campus/global level, it must be turned off at the course level by each instructor.

PII (personally identifiable information) is never provided to students. However, this level of data access may be especially problematic in courses with enrollments of 25 students and fewer, as students may be able to extrapolate other information about their classmates based on the information provided.

Instructors can disable the view option on individual courses following the information below.

1. Navigate to the course and click the **Settings** menu.
2. Click the **more options** link at the bottom of the settings page.

Restrict students from viewing course before start date

Format:

Description:

[more options](#)

3. Under the expanded options, place a check next to **Hide grade distribution graphs from students**.

[fewer options](#)

Show recent announcements on Course home page

Number of announcements shown on the homepage

Let students attach files to discussions

Let students create discussion topics

Let students edit or delete their own discussion posts

Let students organize their own groups

Hide totals in student grades summary

Hide grade distribution graphs from students

Disable comments on announcements

can create, rename, and edit course pages by default

4. Click **Update Course Details** and the graphs are no longer visible to students.