

Giving Partial Credit for Test Answers

In Blackboard's Test Manager, instructors can assign partial points for quiz answers that fall short of the desired response. This tip sheet presumes that the instructor has already begun Creating a Test.

Step 1: After entering the test title, description and instructions, click **Creation Settings** on the Test Canvas page.

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Test Canvas

Add, modify, and remove questions. Select a question type from the Add Question dropdown menu, which default options, such as feedback and images, are available for question creation.

Add

Name	Tip Sheet Test
Description	A well-written description.
Instructions	Fully understandable instructions.

Step 2: In the Creation Settings, place a checkmark beside the **Partial Credit** option.

Test Creation Settings

Display the following options during the creation of this Test

- Feedback**
 - Provide feedback for individual answers.
- Images, Files, and External Links**
 - Add images, files, and external links to questions.
 - Add images, files, and external links to answers.
- Question Metadata**
 - Add categories, topics, levels of difficulty, and keywords to questions.
- Scoring**
 - Specify default point value for questions.
Default point value
 - Specify partial credit options for answers.
 - Provide option to assign questions as extra credit.
- Display**
 - Specify random ordering of answers.
 - Specify the horizontal or vertical display of answers.
 - Specify numbering options for answers.

Step 3: Check any other desired settings, then click **Submit**.

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Step 4: While creating test questions, specify the percentage of partial credit to be given.

2 Options

If partial credit is allowed, each incorrect answer can specify what percentage of the total points should be given for that answer.

Allow Partial Credit

3 Answers

Select the number of answer choices, fill in the fields with possible answers, and select the correct answer.

Number of Answers:

Correct

Answer 1. **B I U S** $x_2 x^2$
Path: [body](#)

*** Partial Credit %**

Answer 2. **B I U S** $x_2 x^2$
Path: [body](#)

*** Partial Credit %**

Answer 3. **B I U S** $x_2 x^2$
Path: [body](#)

*** Partial Credit %**

Answer 4. **B I U S** $x_2 x^2$

In this example, Answer 4 is the correct response. Students will receive 25% of the point value if they click Answer 1, 50% for Answer 2, or 75% for Answer 3.

If the point value for Answer 4 is 4 points, then Answer 1 is worth 1 point, Answer 2 worth 2, etc.

Step 5: Click **Submit** to finish each question-answer set.

Note: How you divide up the percentages will be up to you. For instance, each response other than the desired correct answer might be worth half credit, or only one partly correct answer might be worth partial points. The choice is yours.