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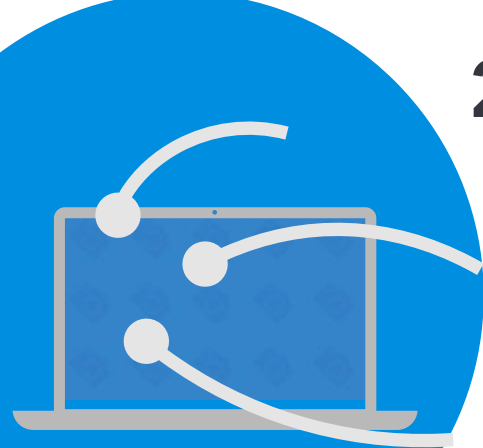
Faculty Office Hours:

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Private Help Sessions: Send an email to tnelson@csusb.edu
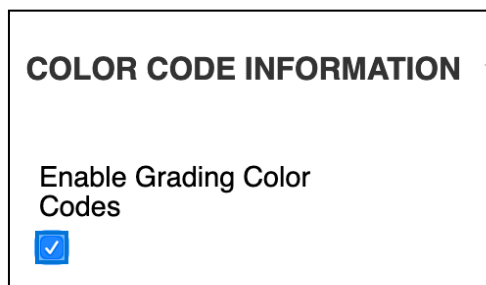
FIGURE 1

Color-Coding your Blackboard Gradebook

At this point in the semester, your Gradebook is packed with information. To help get a quick overview of how students are doing, try color-coding the information. The process is fairly simple. To begin, go to the Full Grade Center.

1. In the **Manage** menu, choose **Grading Color Codes**. (Figure 1)

2. Under **Color Code Information**, click the Enable **Grading Color Codes**

FIGURE 2

(Figure 2). This allows you to turn the color coding on & off.

3. You now have two different ways of coloring items. You can implement one or both. The first way of using color is to differentiate by **Grading Status** (Figure 3). Choose a background color for In Progress, Needs Grading and Exempt.

4. The second way of using color is to establish Criteria for performance based on **Grade Ranges**. Click the Add Criteria button to add your first grade range. (Figure 4)
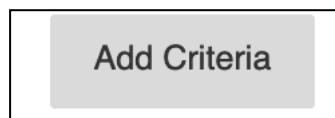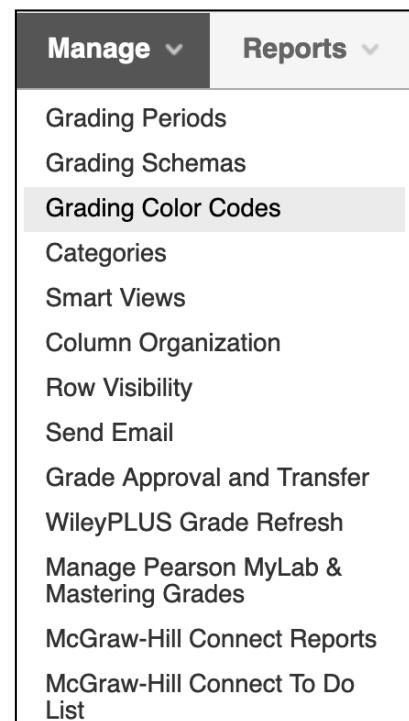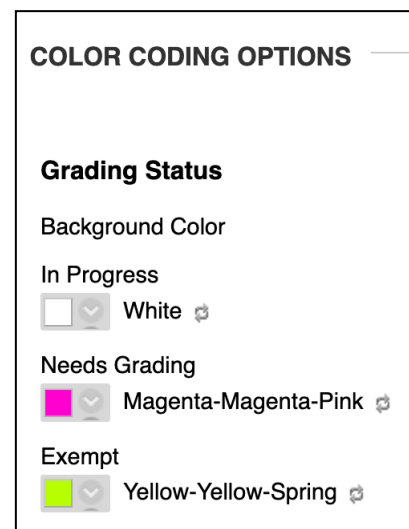
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FIGURE 3

5. For each of the criteria, you can choose whether to add color to the BACKGROUND or change the color of the TEXT. You can also do both.

Here's a table with an example of a Background Color and a Text color.

Background Color is Yellow, Text is Black	Background Color is White, Text is Red

You establish the Criteria using percentages. Your Options are:

- More than or Equal To

- Less Than

- Between

You can set multiple criteria. In the example (Figure 5), I color-coded grades based on scores in the A range (89.4+%), B range (79.5-89.4%), C range (70-79.4%) and D/F range (less than 69.5%. Note that Blackboard shows you what your choices will look like (Indicator Preview— White text on the red background would have been a better choice than black text on a red background).

FIGURE 5

6. In **Figure 6**, you can see a portion of the grade book. Remember, the white background is a score in the A range. Now I can quickly see which assignments were more difficult for students, as well as how an individual student is doing (each row is a single student).

FIGURE 6

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