

Anonymous Marking: Essential Advice

This advice is only relevant to the assignment submission tool in Blackboard.

Anonymous Marking of exam scripts is part of the university's assessment guidelines, however in an online context this can limit your ability to effectively manage an assessment as you are no longer able to identify which students have or have not submitted or those that may need additional support during the exam.

Anonymous Marking in Blackboard Assignments

In the *Marking Options* section of the *Create Assignment* or *Edit Assignment* settings it is possible to enable anonymous marking by selecting a checkbox:

Marking Options

You can choose to hide student names from submission attempts during marking, making them anonymous. You can also choose to delegate marking to multiple markers. Each marker provides separate marks, feedback and notes to students. Users with the ability to reconcile marks may review all the marks given to a submission and set the official mark for the attempt. By default, instructors have reconciling abilities.

Enable Anonymous Marking
Student names are hidden during the marking process.

 Enable Delegated Marking
Delegate marking responsibilities to one or more additional marker.

Unfortunately, this method has the limitation that you cannot identify students until anonymity is lifted, instead a workaround for this is to use the hide the usernames option in the Grade Centre, during your marking process:

Sort Columns By: Layout Position				Mark Attempts
MOCK 3RD YR TEST(1)	MOCK 4THYR/MSC TEST(1)	TESTING PICTURES	CHEM30311 EXAMINATION 2020	Mark with Usernames Hidden
65.7518	--	--	49.9996	Item Analysis
81.75		--	46.9993	Attempts Statistics
27.5004			44.7500	Download Results