Creating Rubrics in Blackboard Ultra

Blackboard Rubrics are a great way of grading your students' assessments and letting them have a clear sense of why they earned the grades they have received. While Rubrics can accessed and created from the settings area of any deployed assessment, the primary means of accessing them is by going to the settings area of the Gradebook and scrolling down to find them in the resulting panel.
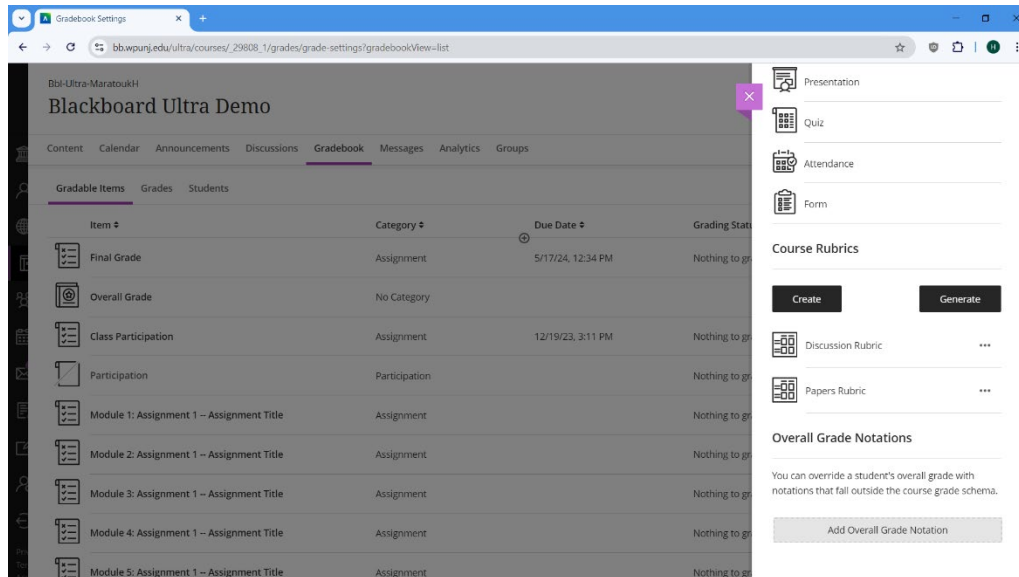
In the resulting page, you can name your rubric by typing over the default name and then proceed to edit the default rubric. As you hover your mouse over the line between one criterion and another, along the left, or between one level of achievement and another, along the top, an icon will appear that looks like a circle with a "plus sign" in it. Click on this icon to create a new criterion or level of achievement.
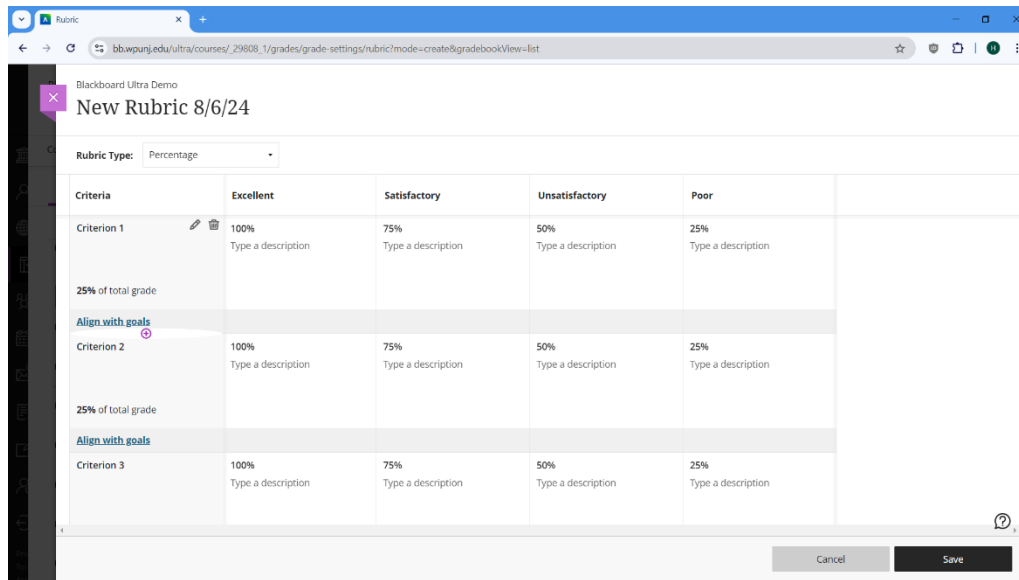
To edit an existing criterion or level of achievement, hover your mouse over it and then click on the icon that looks like a pencil, appearing to the right of its name. This will allow you to set how much of the assessment's grade each criterion is worth, along with what percentage of that is earned at each level of achievement.
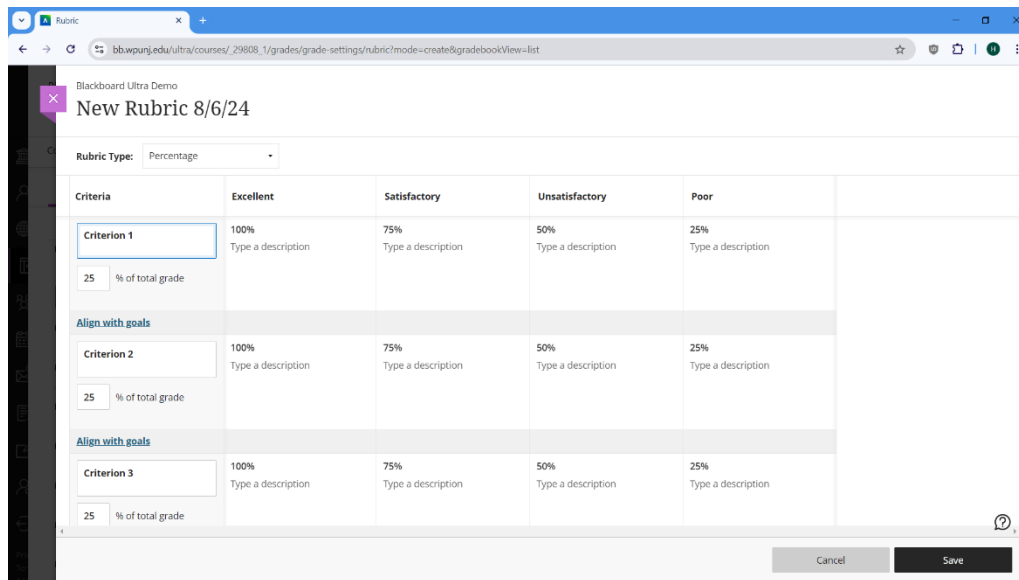
With your rubric now created, you can add it any gradable assessment and use it to grade your students.

For more about creating rubrics in Blackboard Ultra, please contact the Center for Teaching with Technology.