



Flexible Deadline Models That Preserve Academic Standards

Choose the approach that works best for your course.



Model 1: *Grace Window*

Soft → Grace → Hard Deadline

How it works:

- ✓ Soft deadline → 48-72h grace period, then hard cutoff

Why use it:

- ✓ Clear structure, minimal admin

Best for:

- ✓ Consistent, time-sensitive assignments

Integrity:

- ✓ Same criteria, flexible timing



Model 2: *Drop-One*

(Lowest Assignment Dropped)

How it works:

- ✓ Canvas automatically drops the lowest score

Why use it:

- ✓ Simple, equitable, compatible with large classes

Best for:

- ✓ Weekly, repeatable, low-stakes activities

Integrity:

- ✓ Clear rule, equal application



Model 3: *Rolling Deadlines*

+ Checkpoints

How it works:

- ✓ Submission window + milestones

Why use it:

- ✓ Structure and flexibility for complex projects

Best for:

- ✓ Writing, research, design tasks

Integrity:

- ✓ Checkpoints track progress

Set clear policies that balance flexibility and accountability.