Let’s Zoom In!

Starfish® Zoom In allows instructors and TAs of large course sections to manage and communicate with their students based on grades in the online grade center. You can get to Starfish through Blackboard. Once you are in Starfish, click Students at the top and find the tab called Zoom In.

>> Setup Your Course Section

Begin by clicking **Setup Section** at the top of your Zoom In page.

1. For each gradebook item you can determine what you consider to be a Poor, OK or Good grade.
   a. Enter all values as percentages.
   b. Entries are shared between instructors and TAs of the section.
2. Display determines which grades should be seen in your Zoom In dashboard. Active determines which grades should be calculated into the course average.
3. Click the **Submit** button.

>> Filter Your Students

To the left of your dashboard you will find settings for filtering your students.

1. Select a course section and then select to Zoom In on students with Good, OK, Poor or Missed grades.
2. Click Go.
3. Change your settings by clicking on Setup Section and following the instructions above.
4. Choose to sort your results by name, ID or course average.
>> Communicate With Identified Students

Once you have filtered your students, you can opt to take certain actions.

1. Select students by checking the boxes to the left of a student’s name. Or click Select All to select all students who match your criteria.
2. Choose to either Flag Students, Add Kudo, or Email Students.
   a. Raising a flag will send a message to the student and others (e.g., advisors) of concerns, based on your institution’s settings.
   b. Adding Kudo will send a message to the student and notify others (e.g., advisors) of concerns, based on your institution’s settings.
   c. Emailing students will send a message directly to the student’s email address.

>> Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don’t have a Zoom In tab?
Zoom In is only available to instructors and TAs who are enrolled in the course section.

What if I am using weighted grades or calculated columns in my grade book?
Zoom In takes these settings into account and will reflect what you have entered into your online gradebook for the course.

What if I click the Starfish link and get a “You do not have access” message?
Contact John Trifilo at trifiloj@ecu.edu or 252-737-4041

Having trouble? Want to learn more?
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For more information and tutorials: www.ecu.edu/piratetutoringcenter/