

MyAberdeen Enhancements – October 2023

Unsplash Stock Images for Courses

Staff now have access to stock images from Unsplash for use as a [course image \(banner\)](#) from the Details and Actions menu or within the description of a learning module (see Figure 1). When creating a learning module, simply select the image button and then select “Stock Images from Unsplash” from the drop-down menu and search for a keyword.

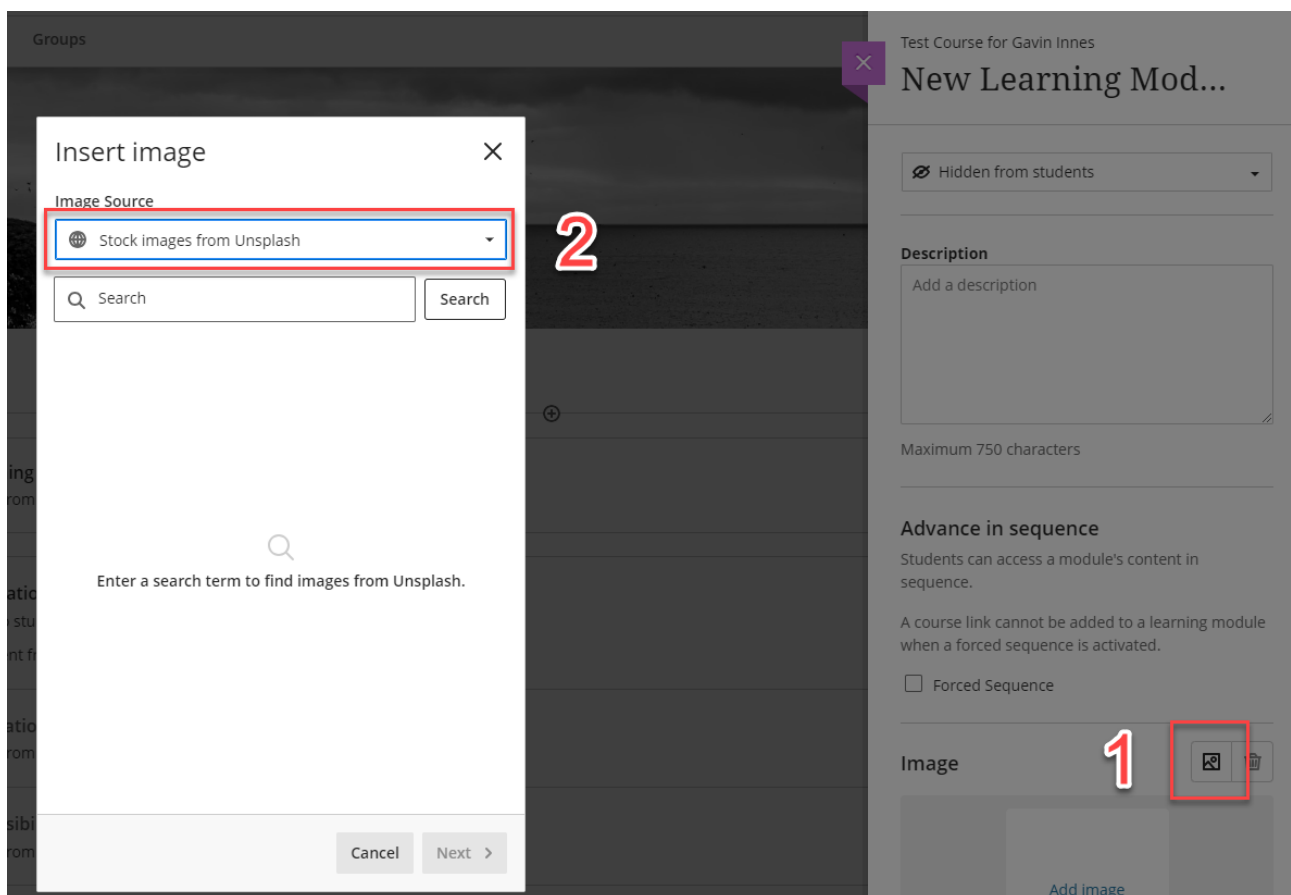


Figure 1 Inserting stock images into a learning module description

SafeAssign Direct Submit

Direct Submit allows staff to submit items to SafeAssign outside of assessments. Now, staff can use the *Direct Submit* option in Ultra courses. SafeAssign appears as a tool in *Books & Tools*, in a courses Details & Actions menu.

There are two document submission methods:

- **Upload File:** Select this option to drag or upload files via a pop-up window. The standard SafeAssign document processing rules apply:
 - Maximum supported file size is 10 MB

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- Supported file types: .zip, .doc, .docx, .docm, .ppt, .pptx, .odt, .txt, .pdf, .rtf, and .html.
- **Copy/Paste Text:** Select this option to enter a title for the submission and paste the text.

As part of the submission process, instructors will have a few processing options:

- **Check for Plagiarism** (on by default):
 - If on, SafeAssign processes the submission and generates an Originality Report.
 - If off, SafeAssign does not produce an Originality Report. The submission is processed.
 - *Use case: The course co-ordinator uploads scripts or materials they suspect students might misuse. The instructor doesn't require a report for these specific materials and turns off the "Check for plagiarism" option. Submission is processed, but the Originality Report is not generated. The system will compare all future student submissions against these resources.*
- **Add to Institutional Database** (on by default): When on, submissions are added to the institutional database.

All submissions are private by default and are only visible to the person who submitted the file across courses. Users can select to make the submission visible to other staff within the course where the file was submitted.

This feature remains available for Schools using the Turnitin submission workflow.

Assign Submissions to Graders

Graders can now be assigned to groups of students with the new delegated grading option. Each grader will only see the submissions made by students in the group(s) assigned to them.

Assigned grading can be used with all available group types. This first release of Assigned Grading supports assignment submissions from individual students. Tests, group assessments, and anonymous submissions are not yet supported.

After selecting the Assign Submissions to Graders checkbox in the Assignment Settings options, select the appropriate Group Set. Staff can assign one or more graders to each group in the group set. If multiple graders are assigned to the same group, they will share the grading responsibility for the group members.

Graders assigned to a group of students will only see submissions for those students on the assignment's submission page. They can only post grades for their assigned group members. Any unassigned graders enrolled in the course will see all student submissions on the assignment's submission page. They also post grades for all students.

If you would like to assign randomly to course graders, first set up a randomized Group Set.

Partial credit auto-distribution for correct answers for Multiple Choice questions

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Previously, values were required for partial credit percentage for each option. Now, partial credit is distributed across correct answer choices, saving staff time. If desired, values can be amended if some correct answer options warrant more or less credit. Values for correct answers must sum to 100%.

Send Reminder from Gradebook list and grid views

From the Gradebook list view, the option to send reminders to students who have not yet made a submission can be found via the ellipses.

In grid view, this feature can be found by selecting the gradebook column header.

This will generate a confirmation including the number of students who will receive reminders. You can view the sent reminders as course messages. For anonymous submissions, the reminder is sent by e-mail only to maintain anonymity.

Last access course alert default set to 15 days

Previously, the default value for the "*Number of days a student is inactive*" was 5. Now, the default is 15. The alert for overall grade percentage is blank by default and is unchanged. As before, staff can adjust or remove course alerts.