How to Setup a Link to a SL&L (Via) Assignment in Blackboard with a Synched Blackboard Gradebook Link

Student Learning & Licensure (formerly Via) is a product that is used for assessment of student work against standards rubrics. Results of these key assessments can be reported for accreditation of departments and programs at GSU. *Remember, there is a difference between grading and assessment.* Grading is how many points a student earned on an assignment. Assessment is whether or not, or to what degree, student work met or did not meet a standard. But, points can be sent from SL&L (Via) to the Blackboard Gradebook by using this link method after assessment is completed in SL&L (Via).

Creating a link from a Blackboard assignment for students to submit work to a SL&L (Via) key assessment will be broken down into two parts. **Click the link below to jump to the appropriate section:**

1) Steps that need to be completed by a course **Instructor**

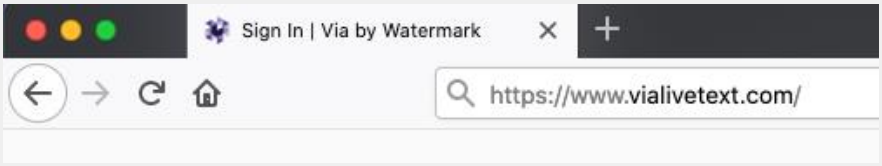
2) Steps **Students** will take to submit their work through the SL&L (Via) link

DISCLAIMER: This link to SL&L (Via) may only work if students submit their assignment through Blackboard. If students submit their work through SL&L (Via) directly, the score in SL&L (Via) might not sync to Blackboard AND the assignment in Blackboard would then have to be entered into the Gradebook manually by the instructor.

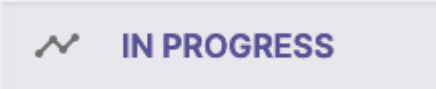
Part One - Instructors

Instructors will need to create a link to the SL&L (Via) assessment project so that students can submit their work through this link. If this link has already been created by your Assessment Coordinator, skip to **Step 5** after logging in to SL&L (Via).
Remember, grading and assessment are different.

1. Login directly by inserting https://www.vialivetext.com into your web browser's address bar.



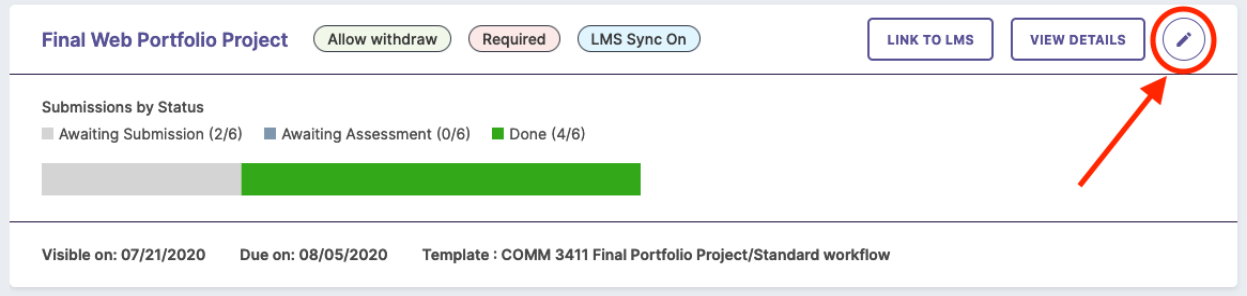
2. Click on the course on your "In Progress" page where you want to add a Blackboard link to an assignment.



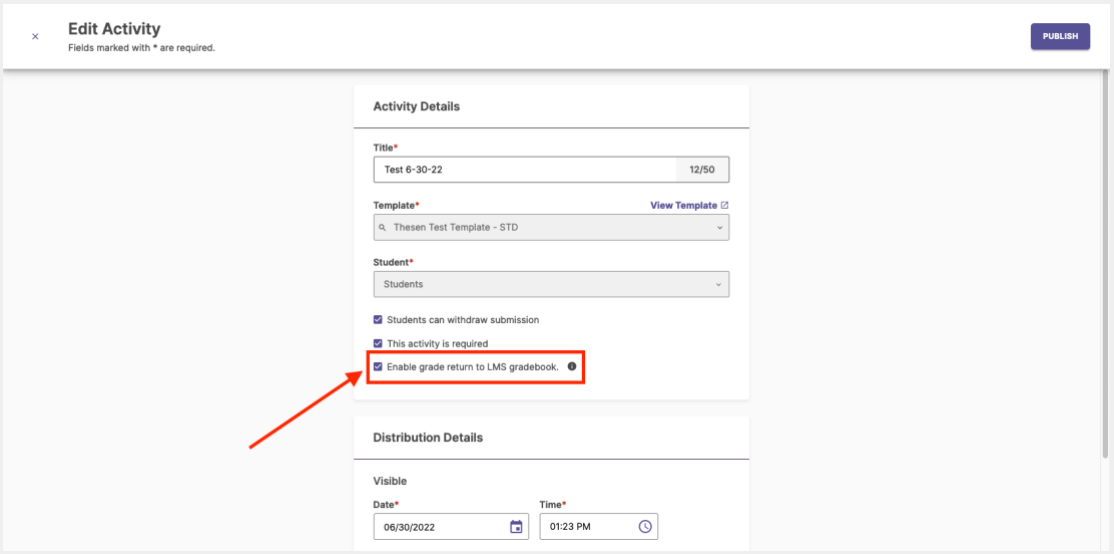
3. **If creating a new assignment**, click "Create Activity" and use the template for the key assessment needed for this assignment. If unsure which template to use, contact your Assessment Coordinator. ***OR...***



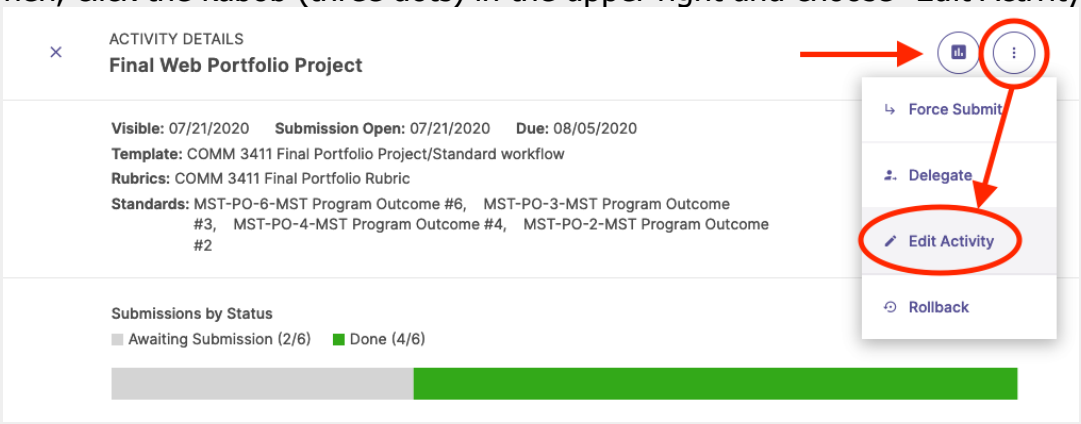
If editing an existing assignment, click the "pencil" icon to edit the parameters.



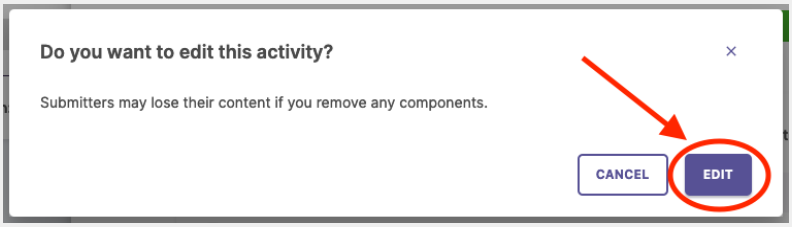
In both cases, to make the link to Blackboard possible, verify the check box for "Enable grade return to LMS gradebook." is checked.



4. Verify there is a score box in the assessment panel. Click on the title of the activity on your "Activity" page to reveal the list of students and status of their submissions so far. Then, click the kabob (three dots) in the upper right and choose "Edit Activity".



If a dialog appears warning about affecting any previous student submissions, click "EDIT".

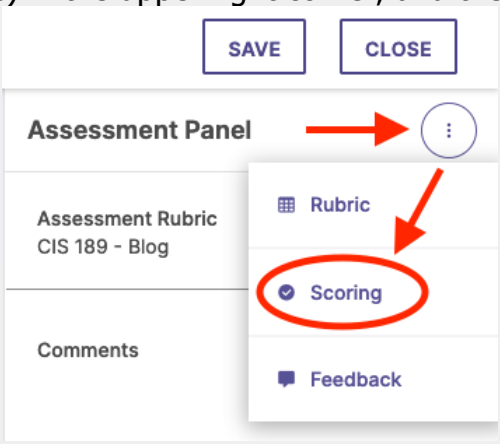


If there is not a scoring box present:

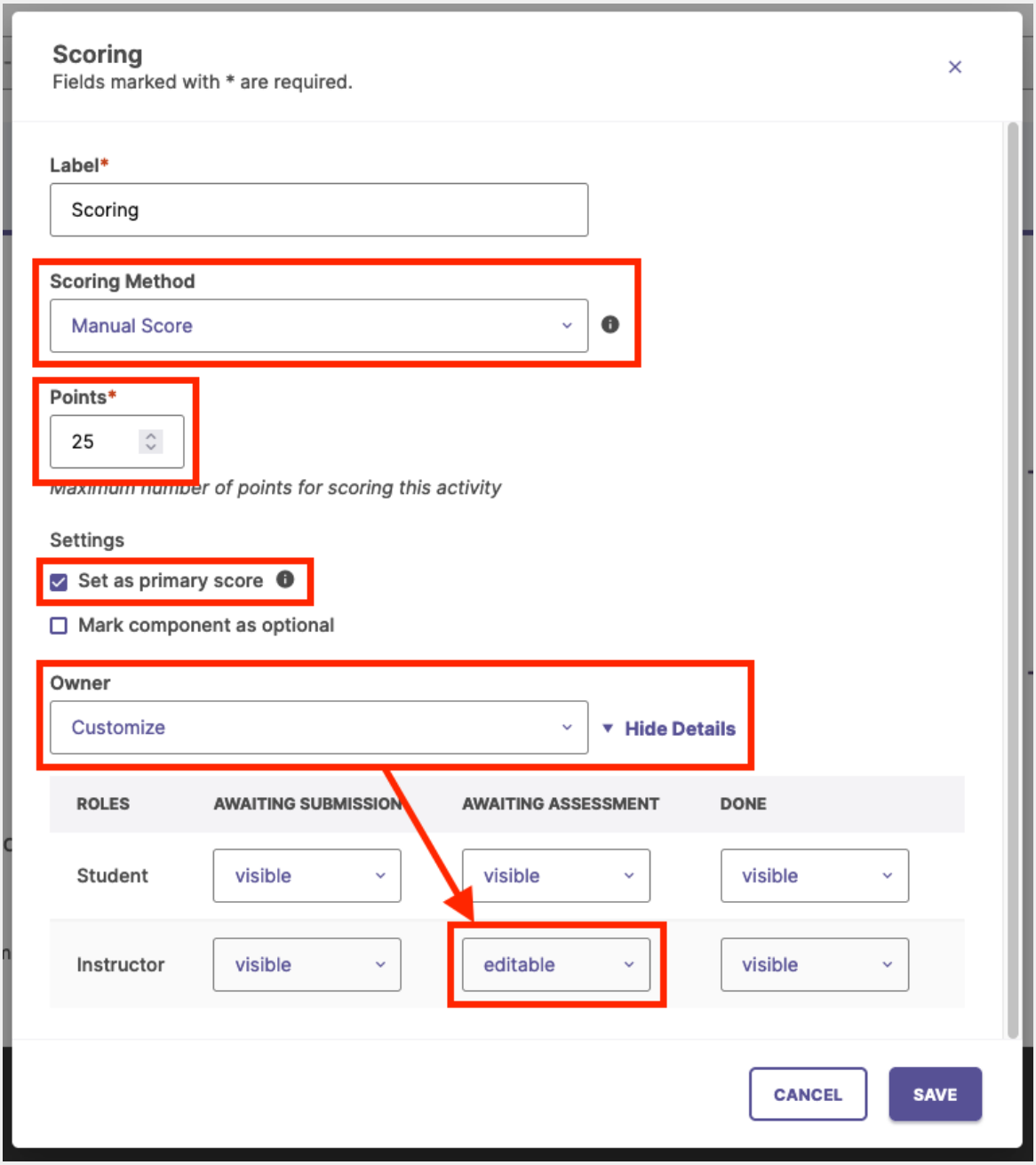
In order for the score to be sent back to Blackboard, a scoring box must be added to the template. *Note: this score box will not be synced with the rubric in the template, so any point values in SL&L (Via) must be entered manually by the instructor when*

assessing the rubric. The point value entered in this box will be sent back to the Blackboard Gradebook.

Click the kebab (three dots) in the upper right corner, and then click "Scoring".



In the dialog that appears, make sure the "Mode" is set to "Manual Score", check the box next to "Set as primary score", set the "Owner" is to "Customize", and under "Details", set the "Awaiting Assessment" value for the "Supervisor Assessor" to "editable". Set the points to match the value you want for the assignment in the Blackboard Gradebook.

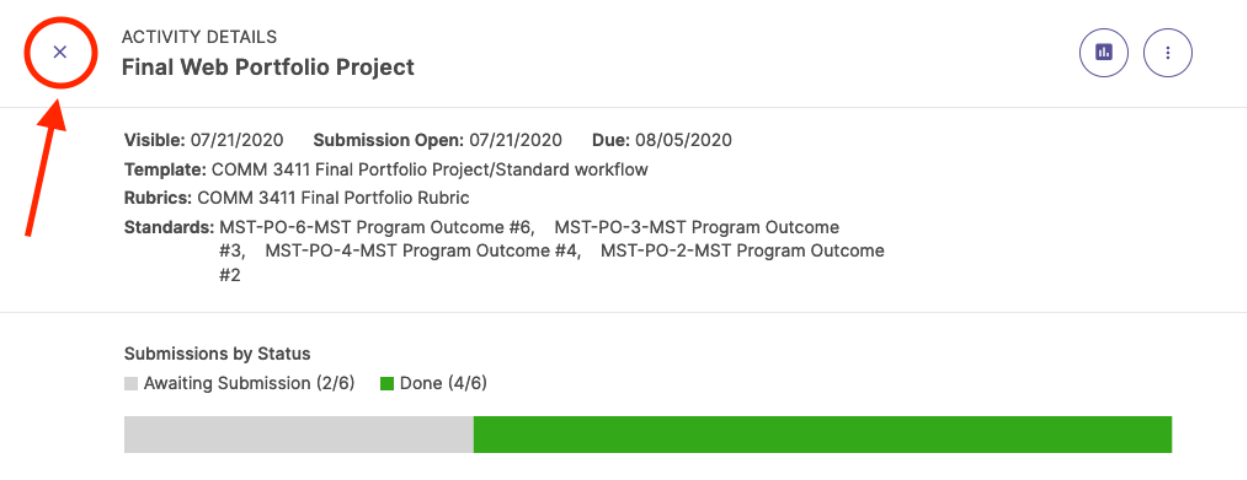


When done, click "Save" in the dialog, then click "Save" in the template to return to the Template tab. *Instructors: click here to return to step 5.*

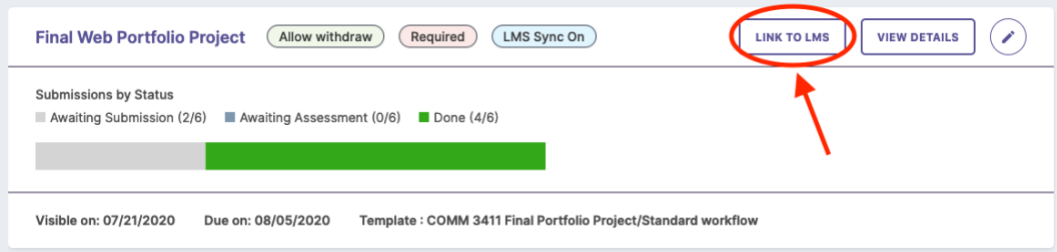
If there is a scoring box present, click "CLOSE" to return to the previous screen...



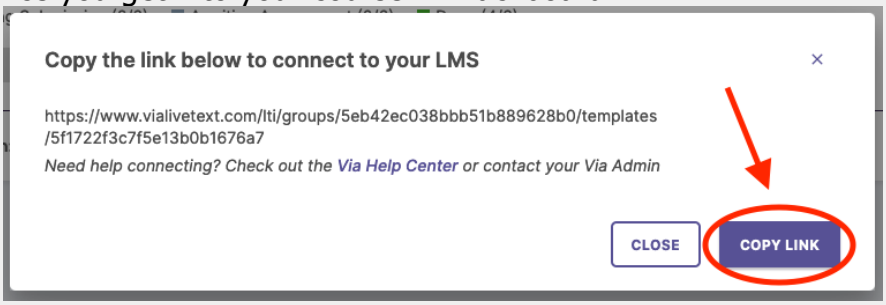
...then click the "X" to collapse the panel to return to the "Activity" page.



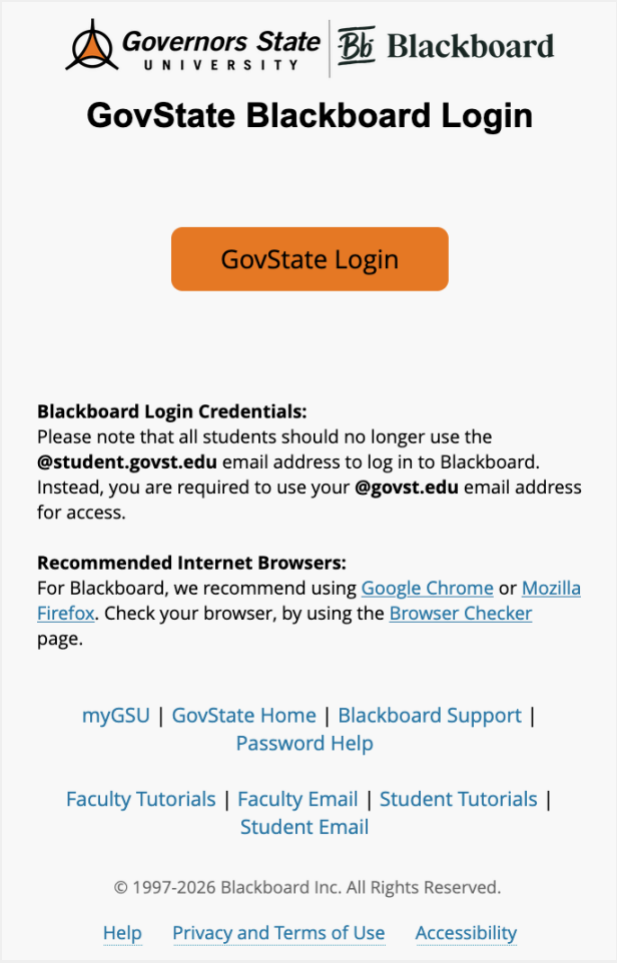
5. Click on the "Link to LMS" button of the assignment you wish to link to Blackboard.



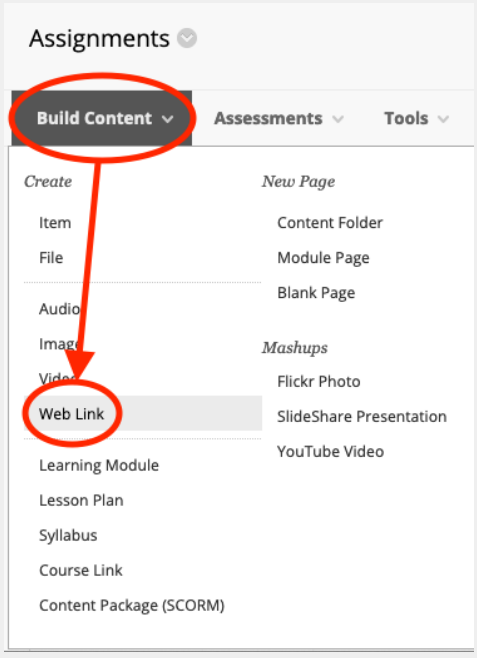
6. Click "Copy Link" to copy the text in the dialog that appears. You will paste this in a future step once you get into your course in Blackboard.



7. Login to your Blackboard course.



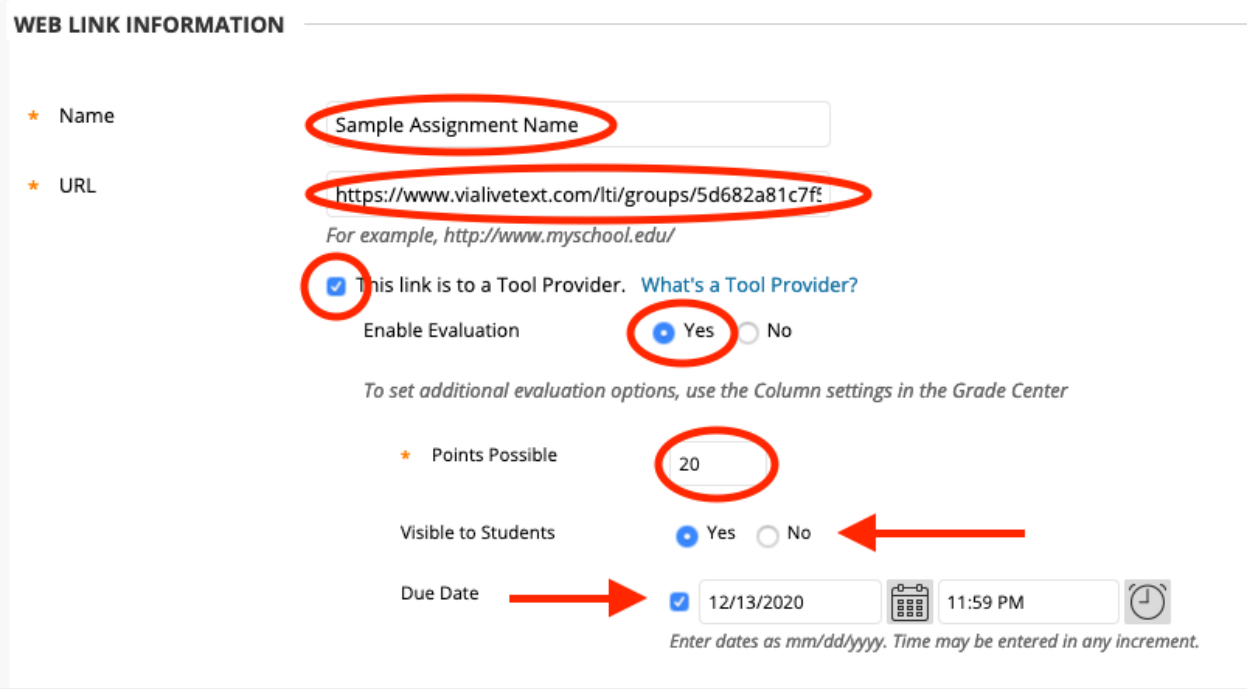
8. Find the content location where you will place the SL&L (Via) link. Click "Build Content" and choose "Web Link".



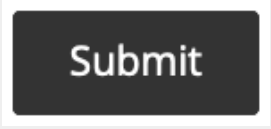
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9. Give the assignment an appropriate name. Paste the link that was copied from the "Get LTI link" dialog in SL&L (Via). Make sure to check the box for "This link is to a Tool Provider." and set "Enable Evaluation" to "Yes". Set points to match the same value as the points box in SL&L (Via). Set visibility and due date as you see fit.



Give the web link an appropriate description and set availability options as you see fit. **Make sure to set the points possible to the same value as what was entered for the scoring box in SL&L (Via).** Then click the "Submit" button at the bottom.



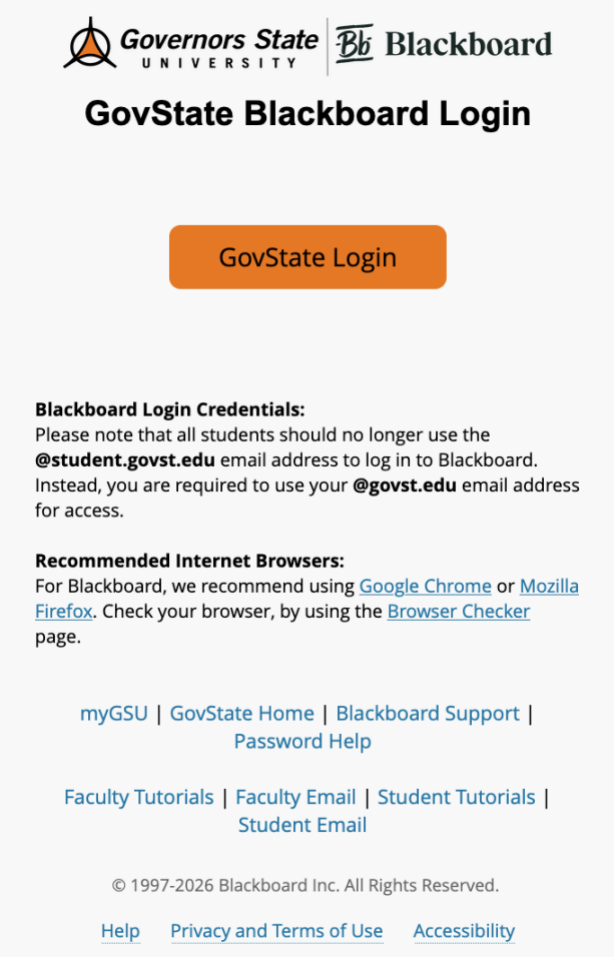
Remember, this link is only for students to submit their work to the assessment project in SL&L (Via). *This link might only send scores back to the Blackboard Gradebook if the work is submitted by the student through this Blackboard link - if the score is not sent from SL&L (Via) to Blackboard, the grading would have to be completed manually in Blackboard by the instructor.*

Part Two - Students

Students only need to submit their work in one place: the link in Blackboard that will connect to SL&L (Via). The instructor will evaluate the rubric and enter the score in SL&L (Via), and the score will automatically be updated in Blackboard upon completion. *This link might only send scores back to the Blackboard Gradebook if the work is submitted by the student through this Blackboard link - if the score is not sent from*

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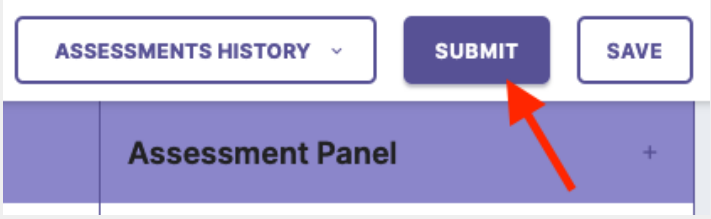
1. Login to your Blackboard course



2. Find the location of the SL&L (Via) link and click the title.



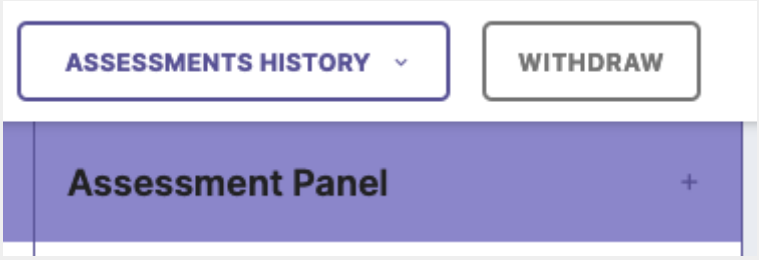
3. A new window will open prompting you to submit your work. There may be some specific directions from the instructor. When ready, click the "SUBMIT" button in the upper right.



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4. When you return to the previous screen, the "SUBMIT" button should no longer be present, confirming that you have submitted your assignment. You may now close the tab to return to Blackboard.



If the assignment in SL&L (Via) is synched with the Blackboard Gradebook, when the instructor has finished grading the assignment in SL&L (Via), the score should appear in your "My Grades" area of Blackboard.