Using Crowdmark: Insights from McGill Instructors

Crowdmark is a collaborative online grading tool. It helps instructors provide meaningful feedback, and enables increased consistency and transparency in grading. Here are some insights from three instructors of large classes.

Expect the grading to take the same amount of time, but the quality of the grading to be much higher.

Provide enhanced feedback to students by using a comment “template”, so that you don’t have to rewrite the comment repeatedly when you begin to identify common errors in the students’ work.

Take advantage of the ability for graders to work simultaneously as they grade different exam questions.

Emphasize the timelines that graders have to adhere to. Crowdmark allows graders to work where and when they want, so you can monitor their progress online and in real time versus in person.

Use Crowdmark to estimate the amount of time your graders are taking to mark each question.

Create your own student account and release the assignment to yourself beforehand so that you know exactly what the students will see.

Make a plan to transport the exams – they need to be brought to TLS to be scanned.

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