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When has a Student Mastered Calculus? Mastery-Based Grading with a Final Exam in Calculus I.

This Mastery-Based Grading system designed for Calculus I combines Mastery-Based Testing with short, frequent quizzes and assignments that may be redone. Each assignment, quiz, and exam question is graded using the options Mastery/Progressing/Needs Improvement, while final grades are determined by cumulative totals of Mastered exam questions, online homework completion, written homework Mastery, quiz mastery, and a sufficiently high final exam score.

The purpose for such a system is for students to understand the high standards being asked of them, give objective feedback, and require students to demonstrate proficiency in calculus at the end of the semester.

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