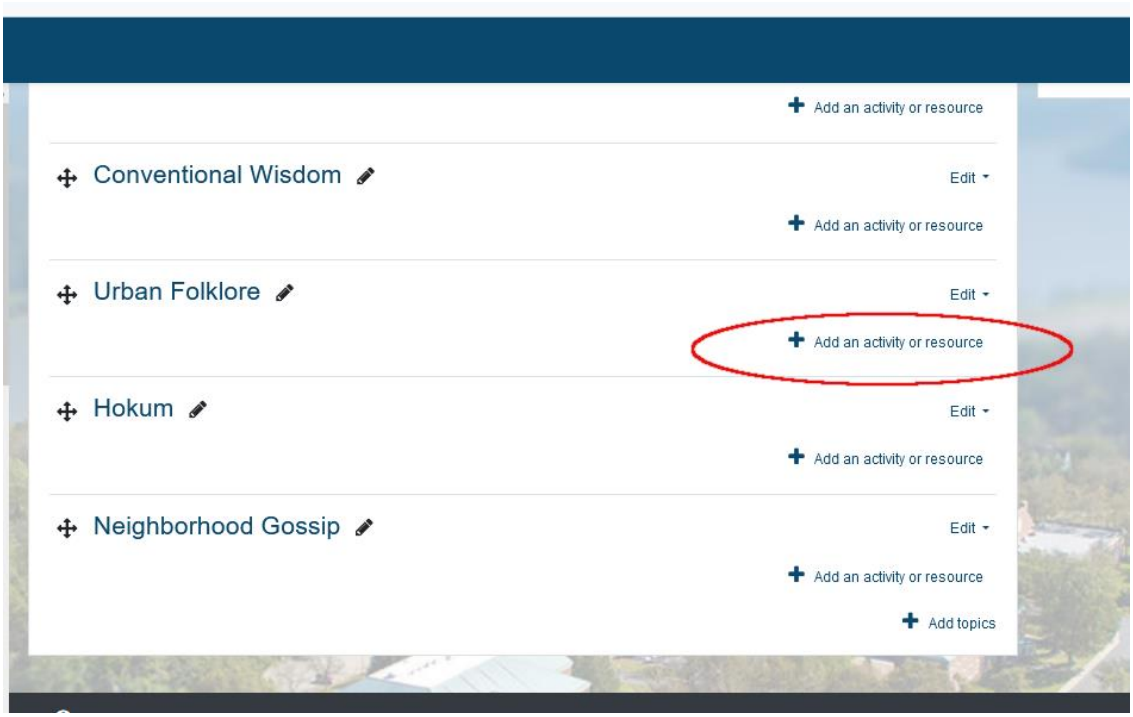
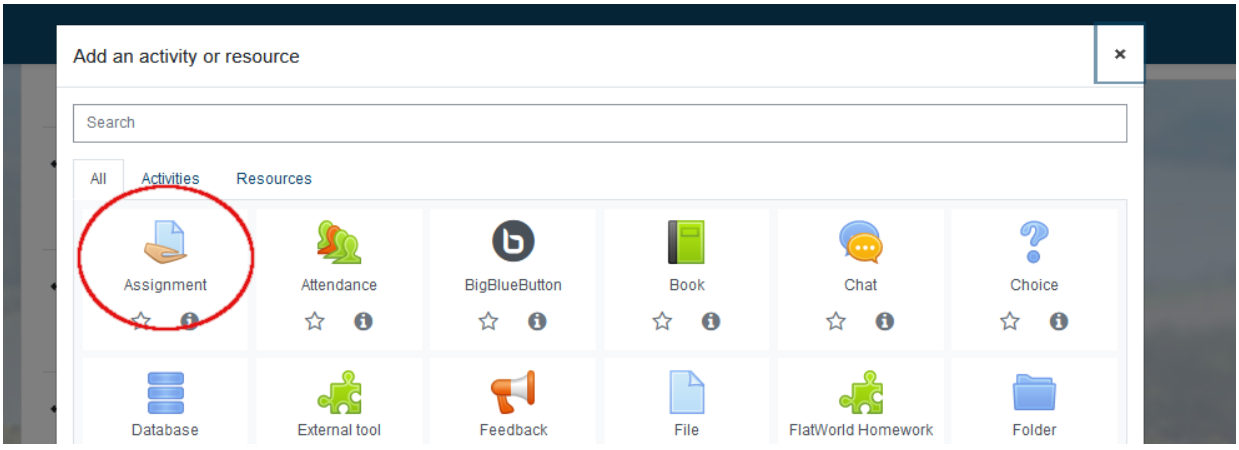
Creating Pass / Fail Assignments

You can easily create assignments that are graded as pass / fail rather than as a percentage.

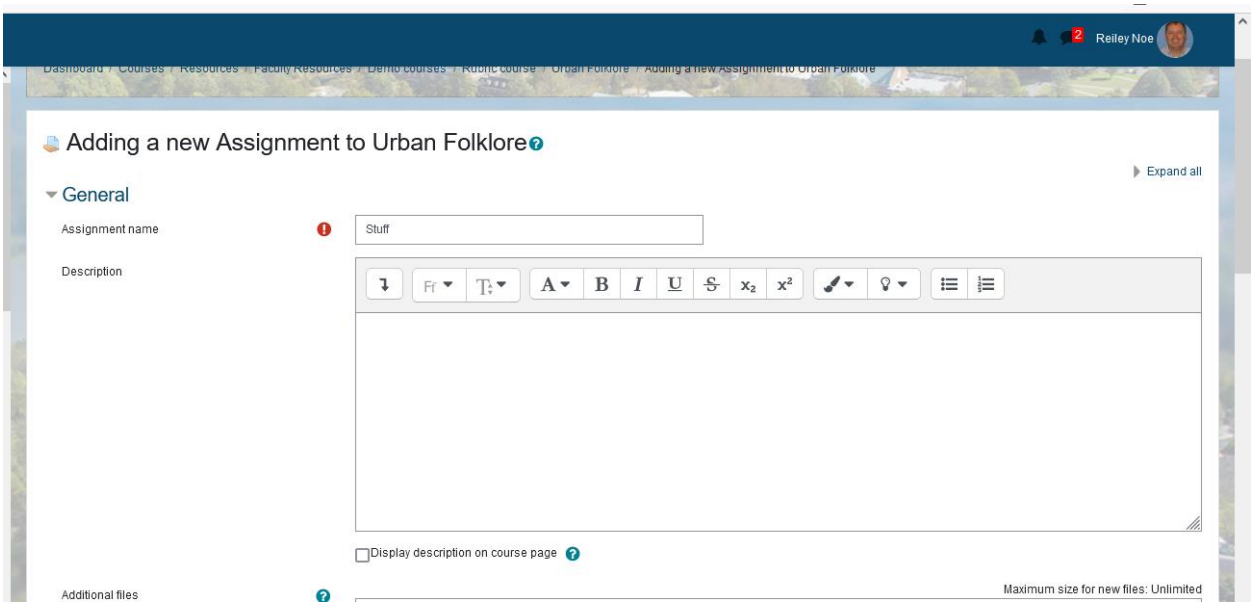
1. Create an assignment as you would do. Click on the Turn Editing On button. Click on **Add an Activity or Resource** on the course page.



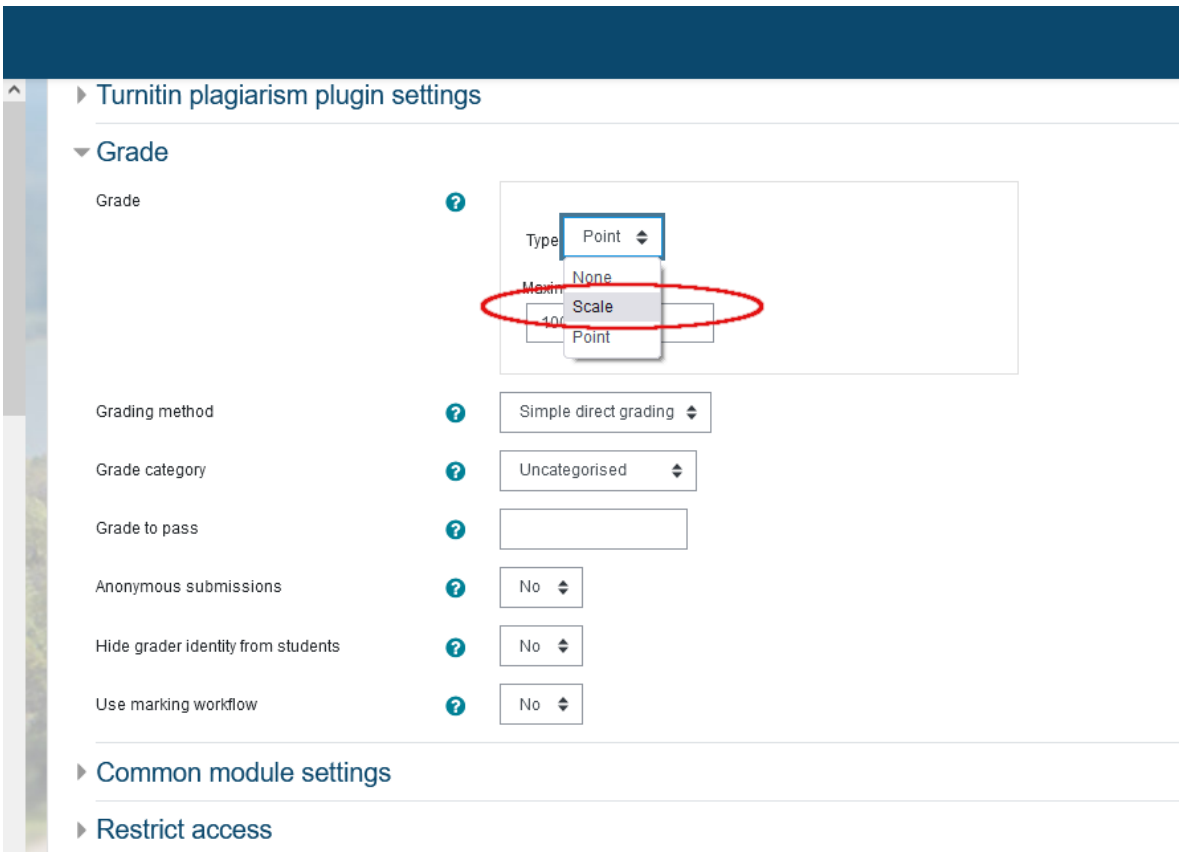
2. Click on **Assignment** in the popup for **Add a Resource or Activity**.



3. **Name** your activity as you would in the Assignment Name field and scroll down to fill out the description and the rest of the settings germane to what you want to do in the assignment.

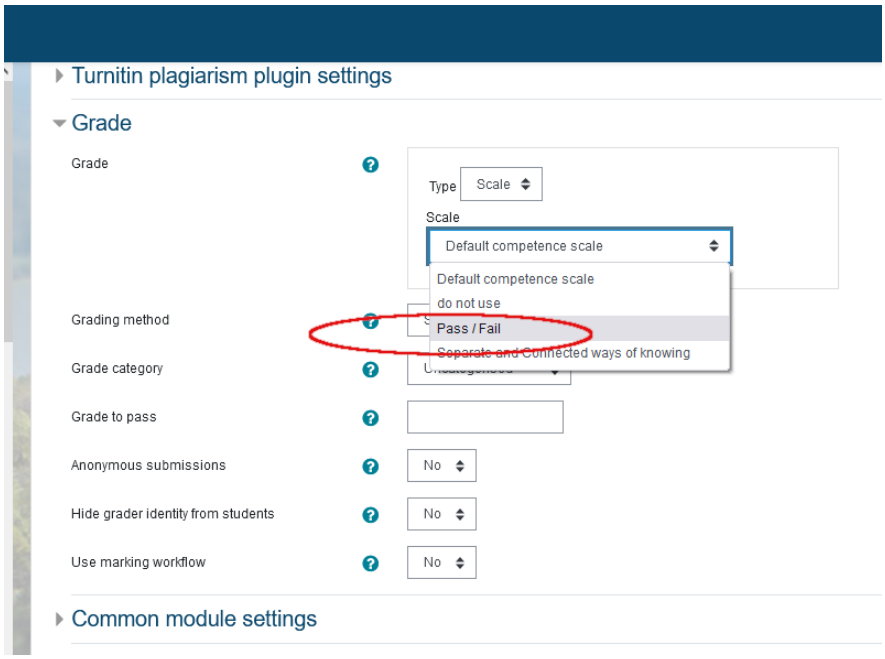


4. Click on the link for Grade. Once you have, that there is also another setting called Grade. Across from it, you'll notice a drop-down menu for Type that defaults to Point. Change the value in Type from Point to Scale.

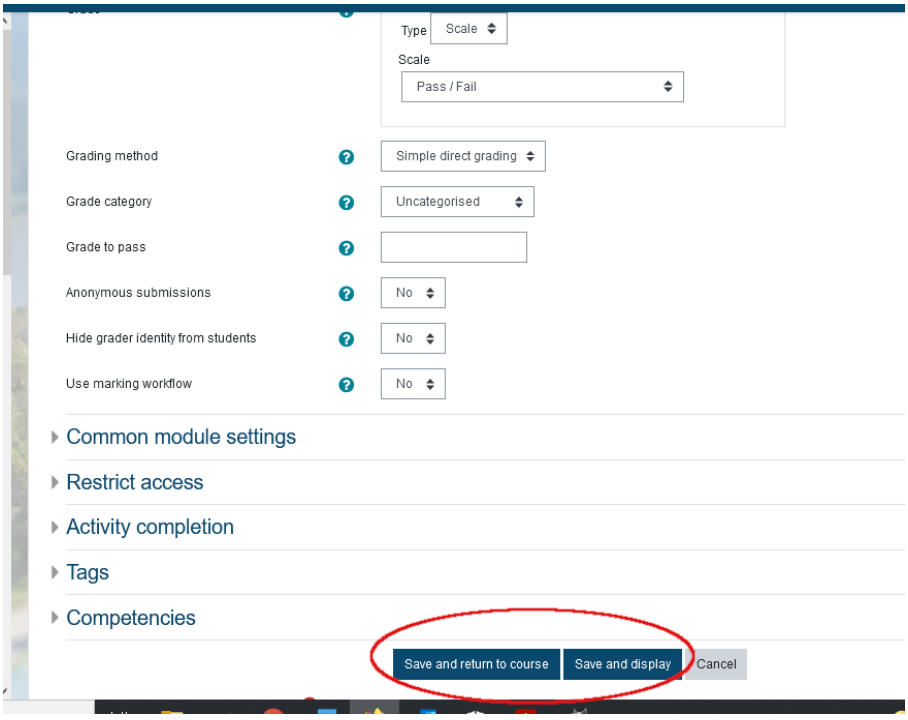


5. In the drop-down menu under **Scale**, you'll see some site-wide grading scales that have been set up. Choose the **Pass / Fail** scale and it will be applied to your activity after you finish setting up the activity and save it.

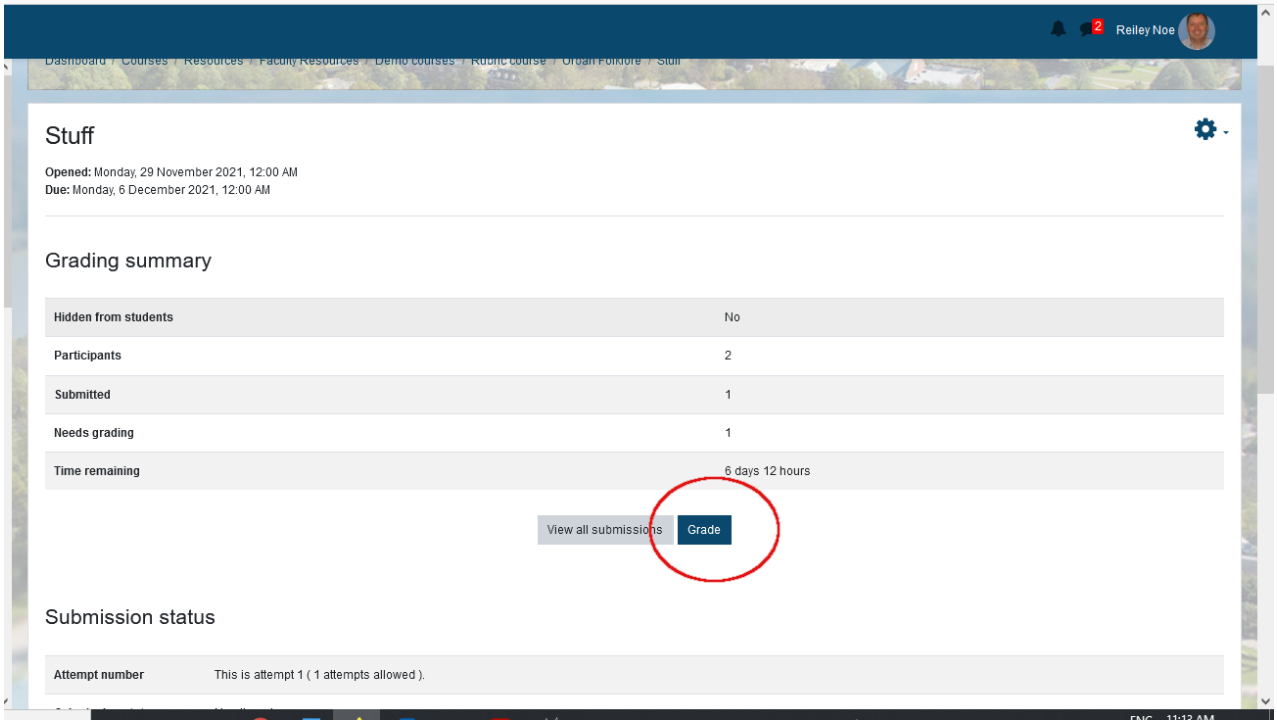
   You see above Pass/Fail, you'll see the **Do not Use** scale. This is a scale with an error that cannot be deleted. Consider it the '**forbidden scale'**



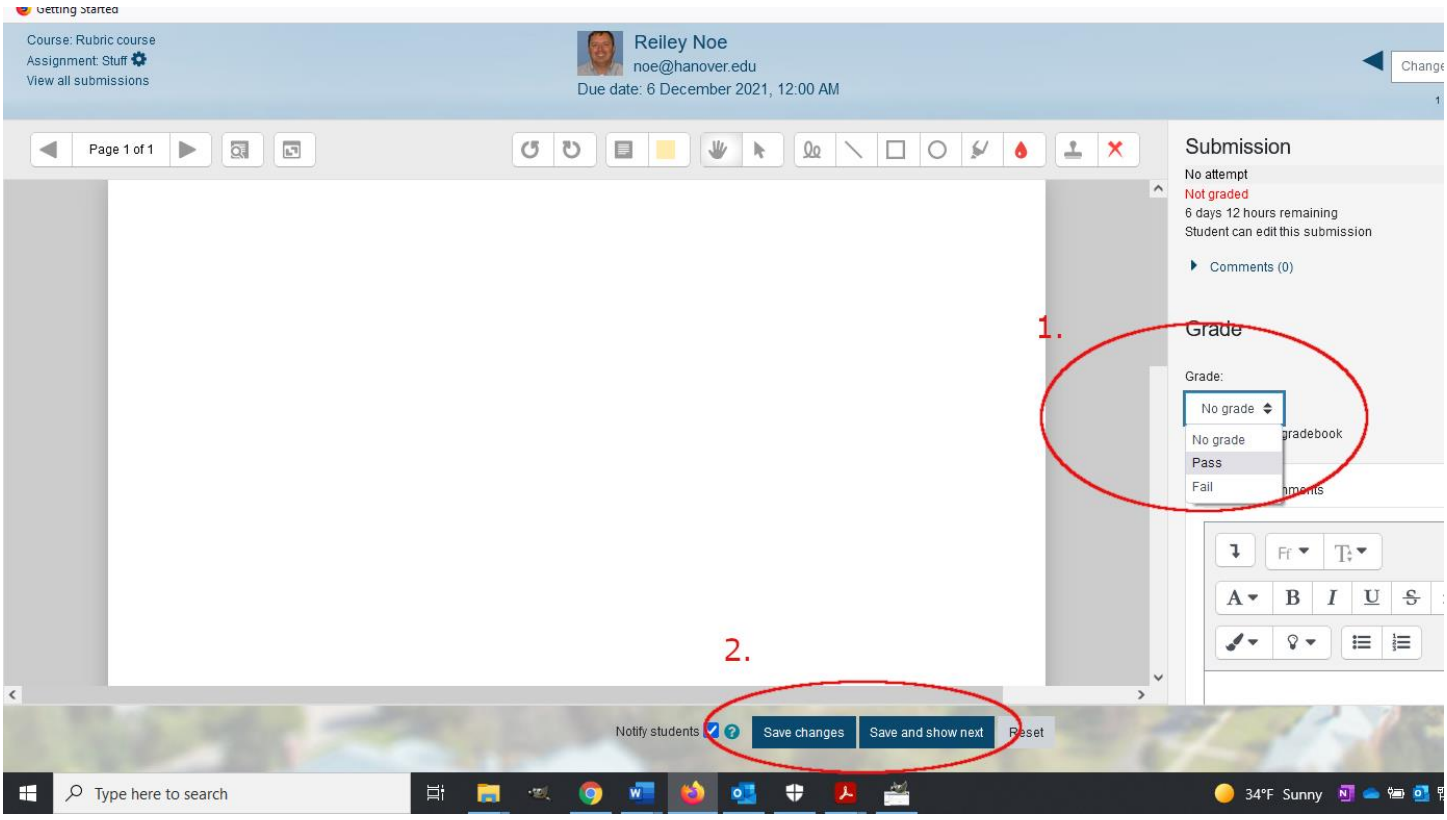
6. After you've filled out the rest of the settings, click on one of the **Save** buttons at the bottom of the screen.



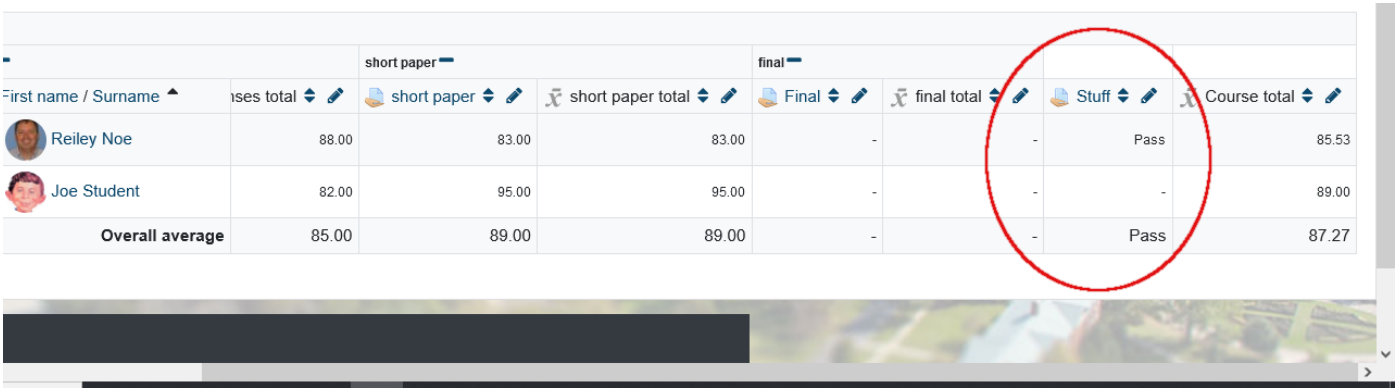
7. When it is time to grade the activity, click on the link for the activity on the course page, and click on **Grade**. You can also click on **View Submissions** to see a list of all students and then click on the **Grade** button across from their name.



8. To the right side of the screen, under the **Submission** area, you typically see a **box** where instructors can add a numerical grade that will be applied to a submission. When you have selected the Pass/Fail scale, you will instead see a **drop-down menu for Pass or Fail.** Choose the appropriate one and then click **Save**.



9. This is what it looks like in the Gradebook for the student under your user report. Reiley's grade for the assignment shows up as Pass rather than a numerical value.



		short paper		final			
First name / Surname	ises total	short paper	short paper total	Final	final total	Stuff	Course total
Reiley Noe	88.00	83.00	83.00	-	-	Pass	85.53
Joe Student	82.00	95.00	95.00	-	-	-	89.00
Overall average	85.00	89.00	89.00	-	-	Pass	87.27

How is Pass / Fail scored numerically in a gradebook.

How a Pass / Fail grade is scored in the Moodle Gradebook depends on the type of aggregation that you've chosen for the gradebook.

Moodle starts a scale with 0 or 1, depending on the gradebook, and adds 1 numerical value for each of the categories in the scale.

For Natural Gradebooks, Moodle will give 1 point for a fail and 2 points for a pass grade.

For Simple Weighted Mean of Grades gradebooks, Moodle gives 0% for fail and 1% for pass.

California College of Arts website does a great job of describing how pass and fail are aggregated numerically in the Moodle gradebook. The chart below is derived from their website.

How Moodle Calculates Scales			
Sample Scales		"Pass Fail"	
What you see when grading		Fail	Pass
What Moodle sees and calculates	Weighted Mean of Grades & Simple Weighted Mean of Grades	0 (0%)	1 (100%)
	Natural	1 (50%)	2(100%)

Using Scales When Grading for Faculty – California College for the Arts.

Scales – Moodle Docs