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Mastery grading and its effect on student resilience and determination

Mastery grading is an approach to grading that involves three key features: a clear list of learning objectives, assessment of mastery of those learning objectives instead of points or partial credit, and multiple attempts for students to demonstrate mastery. In this talk I will discuss my implementation of mastery grading in a differential equations course, how mastery grading might help build student resilience, and how my students surprised me with their determination to succeed.