

Goals Check-in

The new Goals Check-in feature in myFolio encourages active reflection and real-time iteration for faculty and staff. Grounded in psychological principles that tell us that “small wins” and ongoing accountability have the power to keep us motivated and on-track toward reaching longer-term goals, this new feature facilitates a monthly reflective practice during which users:

- Review each of their individual Goals;
- Update the associated Action Items by adding comments, marking as complete, or adding additional Action items;
- Detail their learnings in relation to each Goal since the last check-in.

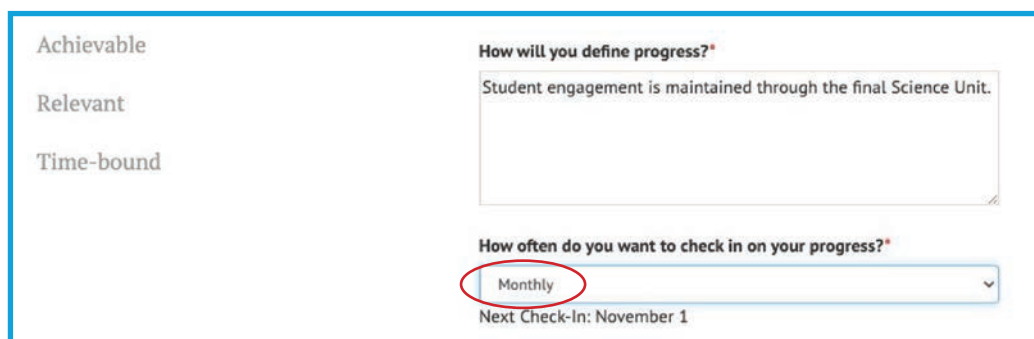
Why is this important?

myFolio is built upon the belief that growth matters. Research shows us that one of the best ways to encourage a growth mindset is to encourage faculty and staff to set meaningful, challenging Goals - and to provide opportunities along the way for folks to pause, reflect, and adjust their approach toward reaching these Goals. In this way, Goal-Setting moves away from a fixed or binary “I met my Goal or I didn't meet my Goal” experience and toward a true learning process in which challenges spur growth and nurture resilience. As [Angela Duckworth's work](#) shows us, challenging goals — coupled with intentional reflection — help us develop grit and persistence, both of which are particularly important for faculty and staff this year. When embedded within the Goals process, consistent reflection also allows us to “generate breadcrumbs” for ourselves. Using the Goals Check-in, faculty and staff are able to chronicle and refer back to those learnings over time, which becomes particularly important when faced with similar scenarios going forward. These breadcrumbs empower folks to “[trust their wise selves](#)” rather than relying on others' to solve their problems for them. And with increasing self-empowerment comes increasing self-confidence and self-efficacy, all of which are key determinants of performance and retention.

What does this look like in myFolio?

First, users must enable check-ins for their Goals.

- For existing Goals, they need to edit the Goal which will take them to the “Add Action Items” step of the Goal Wizard, where they can select “Monthly” from the Progress Check-In drop-down.
- For new Goals, on step 5 of the Goal Wizard - where users can add Action Items — users simply need to select “Monthly” from the Progress Check-In drop-down.

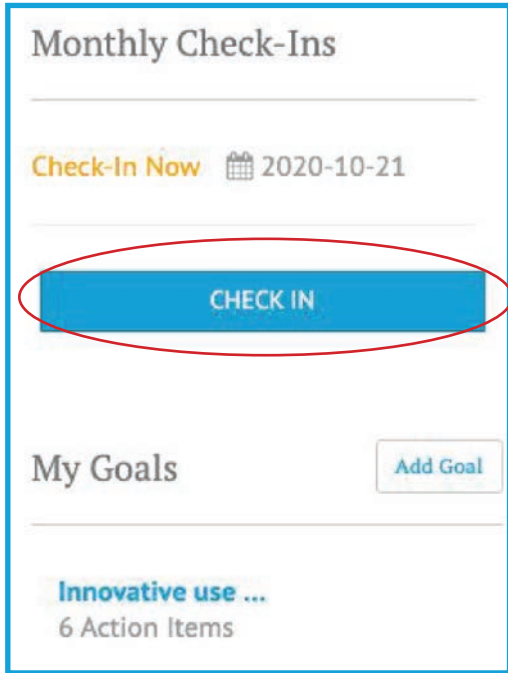


The screenshot shows a form for defining a goal. On the left, there are three criteria: 'Achievable', 'Relevant', and 'Time-bound'. The main form area has two sections. The first section is titled 'How will you define progress?*' and contains a text box with the text 'Student engagement is maintained through the final Science Unit.'. The second section is titled 'How often do you want to check in on your progress?*' and contains a dropdown menu with 'Monthly' selected. Below the dropdown, it says 'Next Check-In: November 1'. The 'Monthly' option in the dropdown is circled in red.

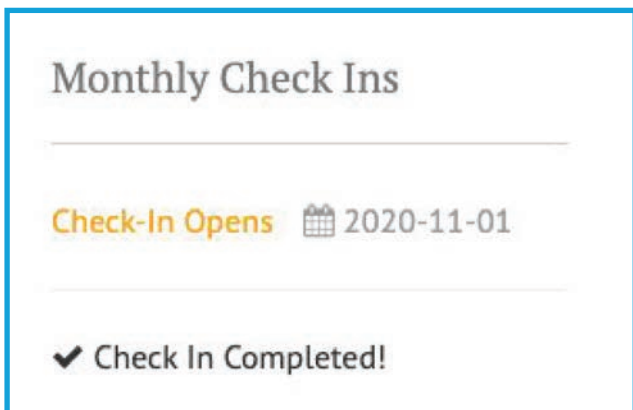
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Next, once the Goals Check-in has been enabled, the Monthly Check-in widget will be visible on the right hand side of the myFolio Home Page; users will be able to check-in once per month, beginning on the first day of every month.

- Users will click on the “Check In” button and be taken to a Check-in page to complete the Goals Check-in process.



- By clicking on the “Next Goal” button, users will be able to complete Check-ins for each existing Goal, one at a time. Each Check-in includes opportunities to mark any completed Action Items, leave notes pertaining to your progress on those items, add New Action Items, and leave an overall reflection on your progress toward each individual Goal.



On the last Goal there is a Complete button; once the Check-in is completed, the user is taken back to their Home Page.

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Try this!

The new Goals Wizard and the Goals Check-in feature in myFolio allow users a greater degree of flexibility over their Goal-Setting process than ever before. Here are a couple of ways to take advantage of this flexibility!

- Instead of planning out action items for the entire year, start small: keep a running list of “action items” to plan out the work for the next month or so. Check these action items off as completed and add more “bite-sized” steps along the way:



Add new action items to complete by next check-in:

Next Check-In: 2020-11-01

Add Action Items

• Add Action Item

Save & Finish Later NEXT GOAL

- Who says that Goals need to span the entire school year? Think about setting semester or cycle Goals instead; once completed, be sure to add new Goals, aligned with your school’s big picture priorities or Themes.



Select a Theme

Select a Theme:

Social Justice

Online Learning and Teaching

Folio Academy has defined these themes as strategic priorities for collective focus this school year.



Welcome!

This is the start of a new Goals experience in the myFolio platform. By answering the coaching questions outlined in this Goals process, you will be able to brainstorm and examine your goals from all sides right within myFolio. This new design will guide you as you develop more meaningful professional goals and the action steps to help you get there.

Want to share your school's great Goal-Setting work with the Folio community? We'd love to hear from you! [Email Natika Stewart, Director of Member Success, today.](#)

Interested in learning more about Goal Setting in my Folio? Check out these great pieces from the Folio Insights and Tools collection:

- [Why Goal-Setting Matters More Than Ever](#)
- [Facilitating a Goal-Setting Faculty/Staff Meeting Using the myFolio Goal Wizard](#)
- [Racial Equity and Inclusion Goal-Setting Tool](#)

The Folio Collaborative team understands the number of plans you have had to design this summer. We are here to do this work alongside you. Let us help you create a concrete roadmap for strengthening your school's approach toward professional learning. Schedule a call with Natika Stewart, Director of Member Success, to discuss the new myFolio features and plan your school's implementation approach.

