Course Design





Session Outcomes

By the end of this session, participants will be able to design a course that...

- Is informed by principles of good teaching
- Has outcomes that can be visible in student work.
- Allows the instructor to deliver content, offer support, and assess student learning in an online environment (BB), and
- Can be available to be offered remotely in a short period of time

Note: You, and the outcomes you identify, drive your course--not technology, which is simply a tool for delivery!

Overview

- Foundation: What are the Seven Principles for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education?
- Getting Started: What are our goals?
- Outcomes: How do we move from the invisible to the visible?
- Teaching and Learning: How do we help students reach outcomes?
- Assessment: How do we know what students can do/have learned?
- Encouraging Success: How do we support student progress?
- Teaching with Technology: How can we efficiently use BB to deliver good teaching?

Foundation: What are the *Seven Principles for Good Practice**?

- 1. Encourages contact between students and faculty.
- 2. Develops reciprocity and cooperation among students.
- 3. Encourages active learning.
- 4. Gives prompt feedback.
- 5. Emphasizes time on task.
- 6. Communicates high expectations.
- 7. Respects diverse talents and ways of learning. * Chic
 - * Chickering & Gamson (1987)

Getting Started: What are our goals?

When we start as instructors, we often think about what we want to **teach**.

Then we realize that what we need to focus on is what we want students to *learn*.

But to know that learning is taking place, learning has to be visible.

So we need to think about our goals in terms of what students can do.

These are our student learning *outcomes*.

Outcomes: How do we move from the invisible to the visible?

So, instead of thinking about wanting students to **know**, **appreciate**, or **understand** (things we can't see), let's think about what they can **do** to demonstrate what they know, appreciate, or understand.

Outcomes: How do we move from the invisible to the visible?

- Students will *learn* the features of a well-organized essay.
- Students will **know** how different sociological theories apply to different sociological phenomena.
- Students will *appreciate* art of the Impressionists.
- Students will understand meiosis and mitosis.

- Students will be able to **write** essays that are well-organized.
- Students will be able to *explain* sociological phenomena using different sociological theories.
- Students will be able to identify features of the Impressionists.
- Students will be able to compare meiosis and mitosis.

Another example?

Teaching and Learning: How do we help students reach outcomes?

Course Materials: The *content* of your course is transmitted through the materials you choose. While these may be already created or soon-to-be created by you, a google search will turn up many free-use, ready-made resources. Some examples of course materials are:

- Print Texts: Ready-made can include PDFs, Word documents, etc.
- PowerPoints: There are many publisher-generated PPs
- Videos: Ready-made include TED Talks, YouTube, etc.
- Lectures

Assessment: How do we know what students have learned?

Assignments and Exams: Assignments and exams help students demonstrate that they have achieved what you wanted them to. Again, these can be readymade (for example, some publishers offer test banks), already made by you, or newly-created by you.

Assignments	Exams	
Essays	Open-ended question	
Presentations	Short-answer (multiple choice, fill-in)	
Videos and Still Images		
Other?	Other?	

Encouraging Success: How do we support student progress?

Feedback, written and/or oral, can be given on assignments and exams by:

- The instructor
- Student peers

Teaching with Technology: How can we use

technology to deliver good teaching?			
at do you want students to be le to do (your outcome)?	What materials will you use to help them be	How can you use BB to deliver content?	How can you see how far they've gotten in achieving your outcome?

to BB

• Students submit an essay assignment

• Students submit a journal entry to BB • Students debate in a discussion forum

on BB and respond to each other

Posting in

Content area

Course

of BB

able to do that?

Readings

Videos

How can you or

other students

offer feedback?

Comment

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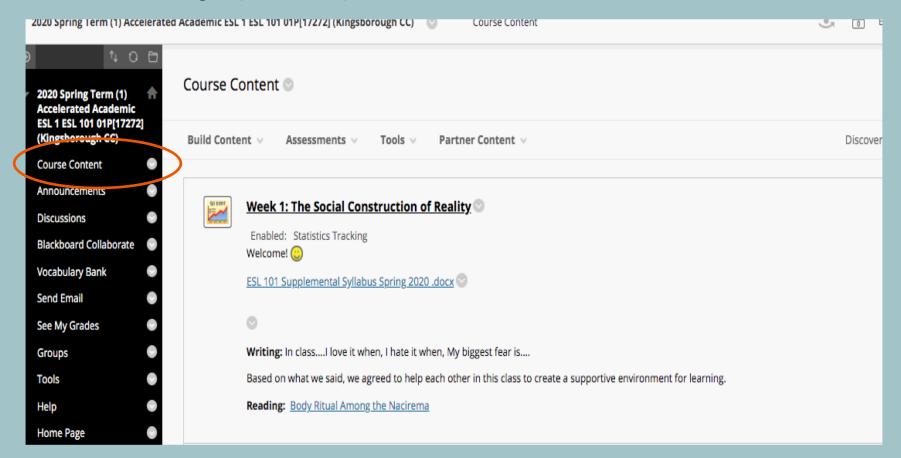
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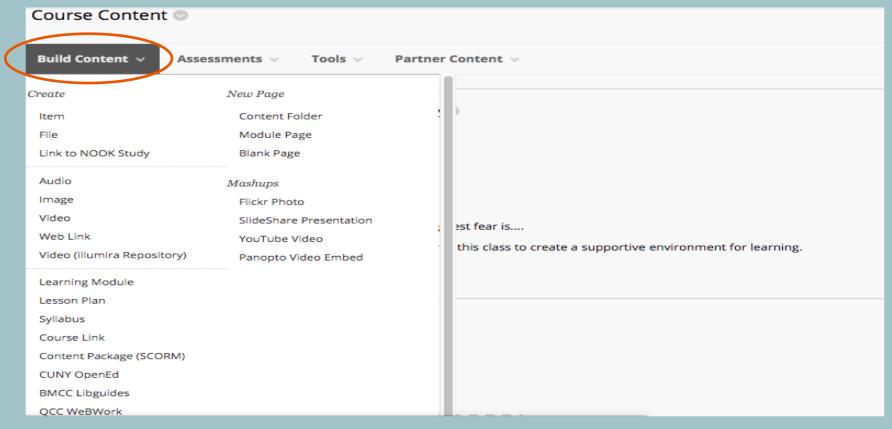
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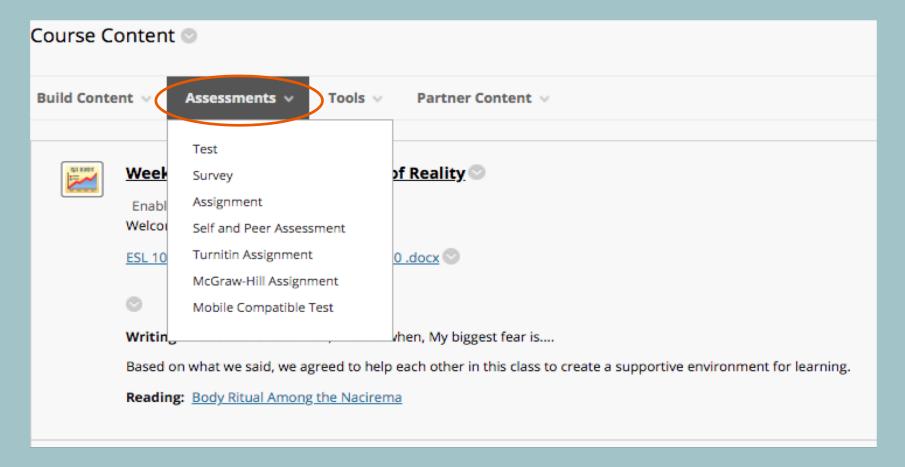
The **Course Content** area is a great spot to place and organize much of your course, and can go up in a hurry!



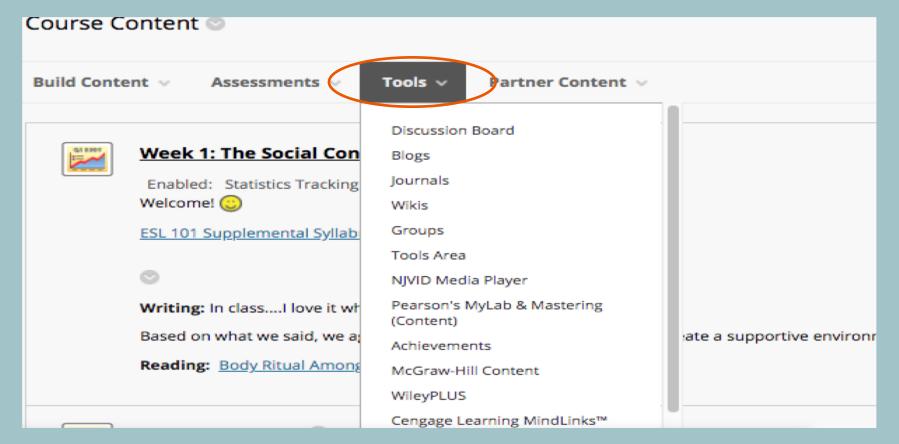
The first dropdown, *Build Content*, allows you to add, for example, Learning Modules or Content Folders, that you can use to organize your course; we suggest week by week.

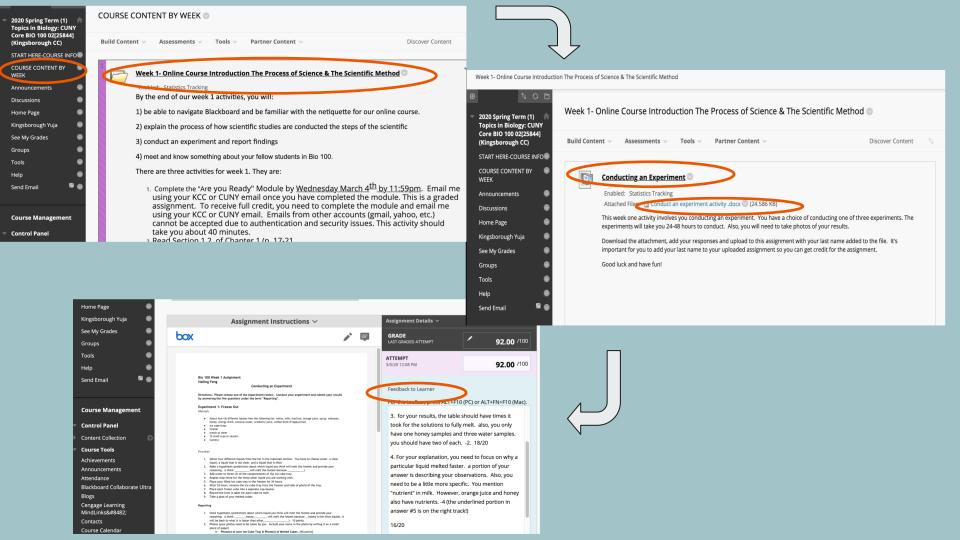


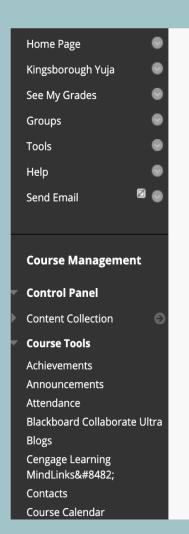
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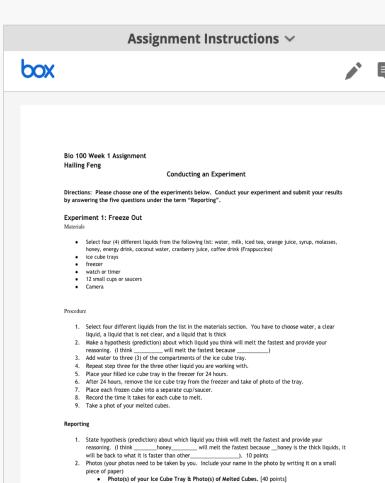


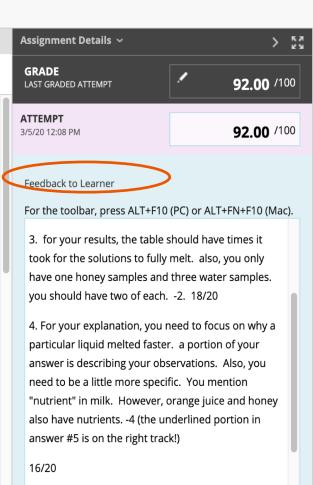
The third dropdown, **Tools**, includes things such as a discussion board, blogs, journals, wikis, groups, etc. that can be used to encourage active learning and interaction.



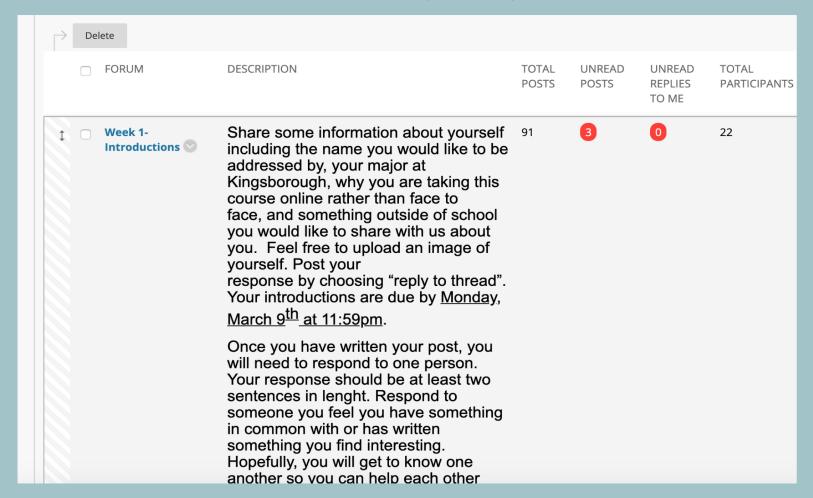








Discussion Board and allows students to respond to you and each other.



How can we use BB as a tool to...

- 1. Encourage contact between students and faculty?
- 2. Develop reciprocity and cooperation among students?
- 3. Encourage active learning?
- 4. Give prompt feedback?
- 5. Emphasize time on task?
- 6. Communicate high expectations?
- 7. Respect diverse talents and ways of learning?

Thank you! 😊

More Sessions to come!

Seven Principles for Good Practice

- 1. Encourages contact between students and faculty.- announcement, emails, discussion board, short BB collaborate sessions
- 2. Develops reciprocity and cooperation among students.- discussion board, email, blog
- 3. Encourages active learning.- team projects with bb groups feature
- 4. Gives prompt feedback.- feedback within BB uploaded assignments and exams
- 5. Emphasizes time on task.- quality and quantity of BB activities students use
- 6. Communicates high expectations.- instructor presence in the form of multiple BB tools (email, announcements)
- 7. Respects diverse talents and ways of learning.- (BB is versatile students can demonstrate their abilities in multiple ways