



## New Blackboard Features and Updates

### Discussion Boards

With the new update you no longer have to scroll through numerous posts to find unread posts or replies. The discussion board update filters discussion replies with unread posts and replies to me. This makes it easier to view new replies made by other members.

Discussion Board

*Discussions are a good way to encourage students to think critically about your coursework and interact with each others' ideas. You can create discussions around individual course lessons or for your course in general. [More Help](#)*

Create Forum Search

FORUM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL POSTS	UNREAD POSTS	REPLIES TO ME	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion Board Test	1	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion Board 2 <i>This forum is currently unavailable.</i>	0	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion Board 1	0	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	DB Practice 3 <i>This forum is currently unavailable.</i>	0	0	0	0

### More Efficient Grade Center Cleanup

Previously, instructors had to delete grade center columns one by one. With the new feature, you are now able to delete multiple columns at once through the Column Organization tab. You can do this by checking the boxes next to the columns you wish to delete and clicking the delete button.

<input type="checkbox"/>	final_2017_spring- Requires Respondus LockDown Browser	Shown in Selected Views Only	Test	None	Nov 13, 2017	104
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Survey 3	Shown in Selected Views Only	Survey	None	Nov 13, 2017	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assignment	Shown in Selected Views Only	Assignment	None	None	75
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assignment 2	Shown in Selected Views Only	Assignment	None	None	50
<input type="checkbox"/>	TETS	Shown in Selected Views Only	Calculated Grade		Nov 17, 2017	54.5 (may vary by student)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assignment 3	Shown in Selected Views Only	Assignment	None	None	50
<input type="checkbox"/>	End of semester survey	Shown in Selected Views Only	Survey	None	Dec 4, 2017	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assignment 23	Shown in Selected Views Only	Assignment	None	None	50
<input type="checkbox"/>	A1	Shown in Selected Views Only	Assignment	None	None	60

Show/Hide

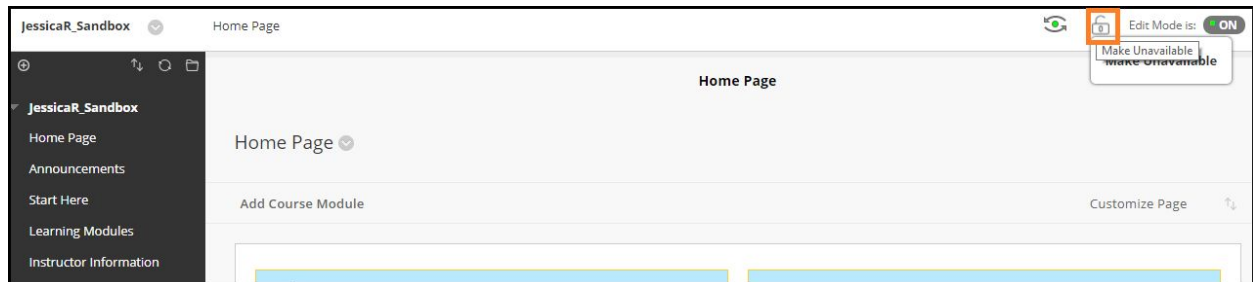
*Click **Submit** to proceed.*



## Course Availability Status and Update

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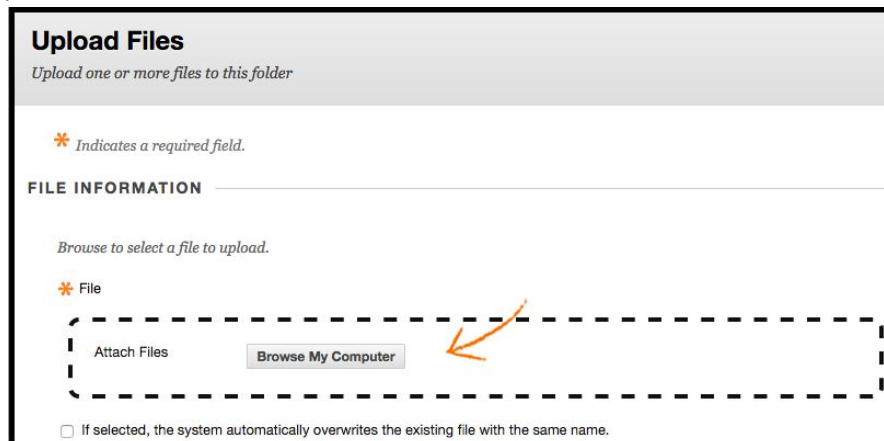
Course availability allows you to temporarily disable your entire course site to students. You can now change the course availability from your home page by simply clicking on the padlock. Open padlock indicates the course is available to students where a closed one indicates it is unavailable.



## Additional Drag-and-Drop Locations

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Drag and drop files make it easy for students and instructors to upload files. Now you are able to drag and drop documents in more areas. This includes content collection, content editor, blog, journal, and portfolio.





## Student Submission Receipts Enhancements

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When students submit an assignment, they receive a submission receipt indicating their submission was successful. Now, students can receive a notification email for each assignment submission. Students can also access submission receipts on the My Grades page.

The screenshot shows the 'My Grades' interface. At the top, there are four tabs: 'All', 'Graded', 'Upcoming', and 'Submitted'. The 'Submitted' tab is highlighted with an orange border. Below the tabs is a table with two columns: 'ITEM' and 'LAST ACTIVITY'. The table contains one row with the following data:

ITEM	LAST ACTIVITY
Assignment Assignment	Feb 27, 2018 2:09 PM SUBMITTED

At the bottom of the page, there is a link labeled 'Submission Receipts' with a small icon and the number '1'. A blue arrow points down to this link.