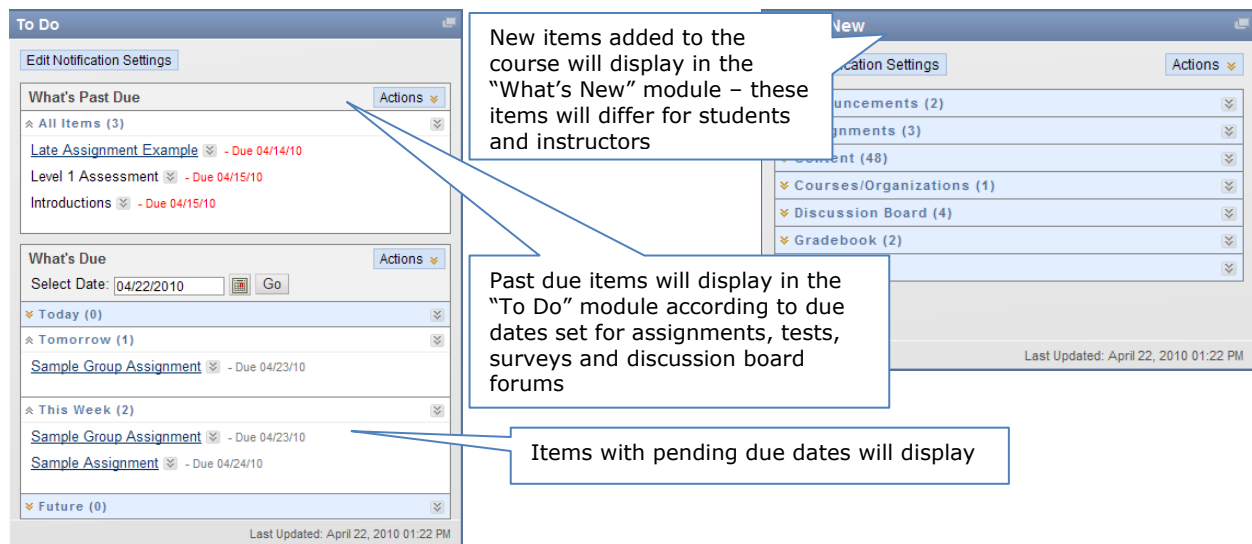


Course Home Pages, also known as Module Pages and the Student Dashboard, help students organize their course work and stay on track with due dates and new items added to the course. Students can set the notifications they wish to receive in the dashboard and via email (i.e. they can elect to turn notifications off). Instructors can use modules to keep track of submitted work, past due work and early warning system rules.

TIP: The Alerts and Needs Attention modules contain instructor-oriented information. If the modules are included, students will see them on the Home Page, but they will contain no information. To minimize confusion, you can create a separate Module Page on the Course Menu containing these modules. This Module Page can be made unavailable to students (Source: Blackboard 9 Instructor Manual).

Here is an example of home page modules that impact students (including To Do and What's New):



To Do

Edit Notification Settings

What's Past Due

⌵ All Items (3)

Late Assignment Example - Due 04/14/10

Level 1 Assessment - Due 04/15/10

Introductions - Due 04/15/10

What's Due

Select Date: 04/22/2010 Go

Today (0)

Tomorrow (1)

Sample Group Assignment - Due 04/23/10

This Week (2)

Sample Group Assignment - Due 04/23/10

Sample Assignment - Due 04/24/10

Future (0)

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What's New

Edit Notification Settings

Announcements (2)

Assignments (3)

Discussion Board (48)

Courses/Organizations (1)

Discussion Board (4)

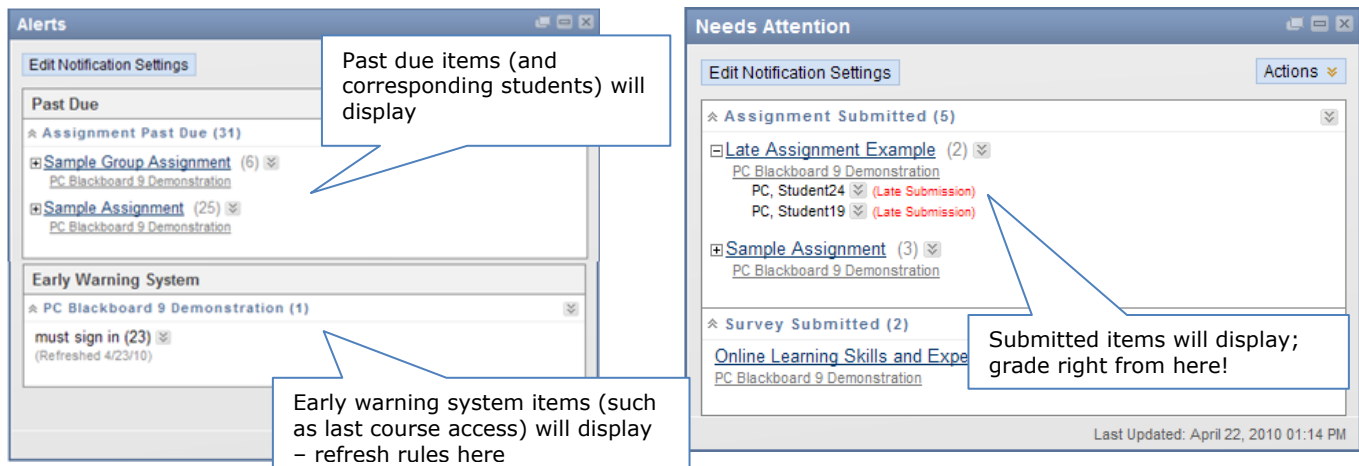
Gradebook (2)

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Callouts:

- New items added to the course will display in the "What's New" module - these items will differ for students and instructors
- Past due items will display in the "To Do" module according to due dates set for assignments, tests, surveys and discussion board forums
- Items with pending due dates will display

Here is an example of modules that impact instructors (including Alerts and Needs Attention):



Alerts

Edit Notification Settings

Past Due

⌵ Assignment Past Due (31)

Sample Group Assignment (6)

PC Blackboard 9 Demonstration

Sample Assignment (25)

PC Blackboard 9 Demonstration

Early Warning System

⌵ PC Blackboard 9 Demonstration (1)

must sign in (23)

(Refreshed 4/23/10)

Needs Attention

Edit Notification Settings

⌵ Assignment Submitted (5)

Late Assignment Example (2)

PC Blackboard 9 Demonstration

PC, Student24 (Late Submission)

PC, Student19 (Late Submission)

Sample Assignment (3)

PC Blackboard 9 Demonstration

Survey Submitted (2)

Online Learning Skills and Experience

PC Blackboard 9 Demonstration

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Callouts:

- Past due items (and corresponding students) will display
- Early warning system items (such as last course access) will display - refresh rules here
- Submitted items will display; grade right from here!

A variety of modules can be added to the Home Page. Use the table below to decide which modules are appropriate for your course.

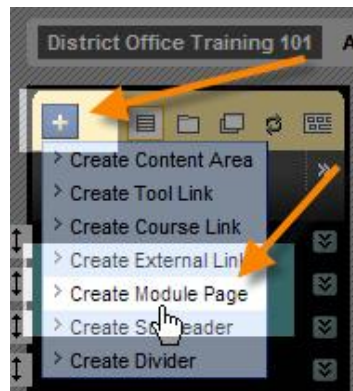
<i>If you want to...</i>	<i>Add</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive notifications of past due and early warning items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alerts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display current announcements with links to the Announcements tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Announcements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display current calendar events with links to the Calendar tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Calendar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display current tasks with links to the My Tasks tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive notifications of items needing attention, such as items to be graded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Attention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display the student's grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Card
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display items due and past due with links to the items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display items recently added with links to the items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's New

Your course may not have a Home Page; however, it is easy to create! Follow these steps to add a Home Page to the course menu.

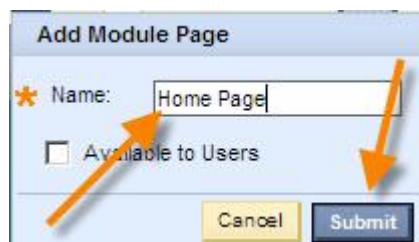
1. With Edit Mode on, mouse over the Create Item icon on the course menu.



2. Select **Create Module Page**.



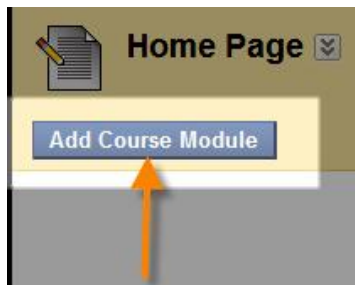
3. At the **Add Module Page** menu, type in **Home Page** and click **Submit**.



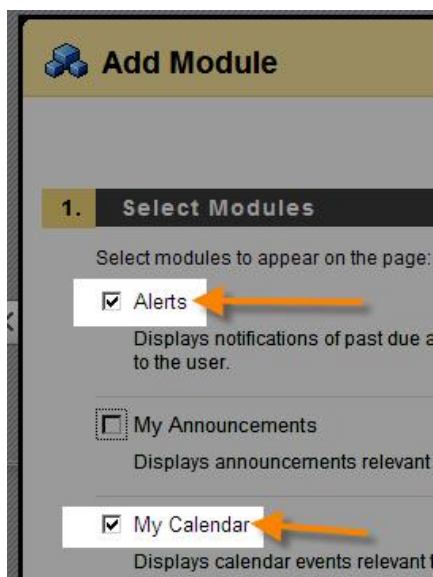
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4. A Home Page link will appear in the Course Menu. Click the **Home Page** link.



5. On the **Home Page**, click the **Add Course Module** button.

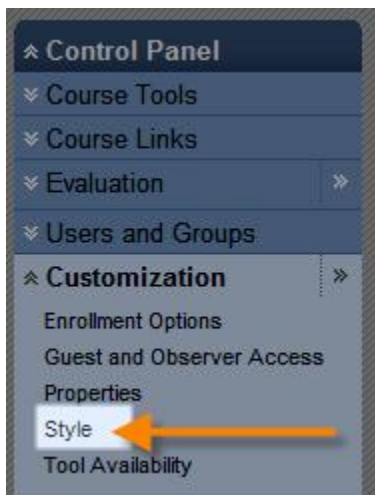


6. On the **Add Module** page, select the desired modules.

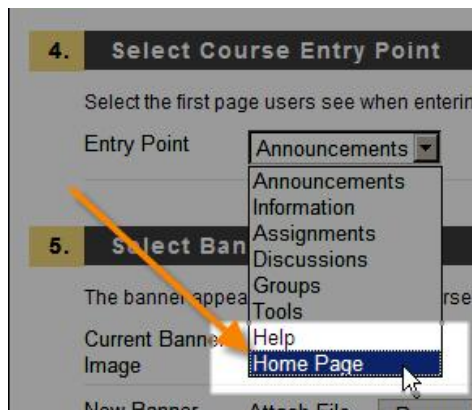


7. Click the **Submit** button.
8. Once the course **Home Page** has been created, you need to set it as the course entry page.
9. Make sure the home page is visible to course users. From the Home Page link on the course menu, select "Show Link" from the item's double down arrow menu.

10. From the expanded Control Panel, select the **Customization > Style**.



11. From the *Select Course Entry Point* area, select **Home Page** from the **Entry Point** drop down menu.



12. Click **Submit**.