

Organizing Your Class on bCourses Using the Core Template

Something we've heard consistently from faculty and students is that they wanted a model course site that exemplified good course design, both from a pedagogical and accessibility perspective.

Faculty felt they had to spend a lot of time recreating their online course materials each term - which is true because newly created course sites are essentially a blank slate - and students felt like they had to relearn how each instructor organized course content.



This need for an easy-to-use and reproducible model was the inspiration for this course template.

Benefits of the Core Template for Your Teaching

bCourses Pages serve to host your instructional content in an organized outline to deliver your lessons. You can add text, video, links, files, and other pages to it. Other template features included:

- A templated syllabus designed for accessibility;
- An Orientation Module for your students, including the Academic Integrity Policy and Pledge; and
- Customizable sections for class-specific engagement, such as practice assignments and an introductory activity with which your students can get to know you and your GSIs.

Activity

You can review the Core Template Workshop materials here:

 [Designing Your bCourses Site with the Core Template](#)

Import the Core Template from Canvas Commons, located on the global navigation bar with the C icon. Directions are provided in the link below.

Resources

Read the following resources for more information:

- [Core Template Getting Started](#)
- [Getting Started with bCourses](#)
- [RTL Learning Paths](#)

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