

Alternate Start Pages in Blackboard Course Shells

A common recommendation for adding interest to the opening page of a Blackboard course is to insert an image (such as a textbook cover) in the Course Banner space above Announcements. We have been known to follow this recommendation occasionally. But more often, we use course icons from locally produced CD courseware, or we change the start page for the course so that students first see a Content Area page.

We use original artwork, University-approved photographs (accessed through the Marketing & Communications Department), and photographs from our own digital cameras. On the following pages, find instructions for changing the start page of a course and a number of examples from our Bb shells.

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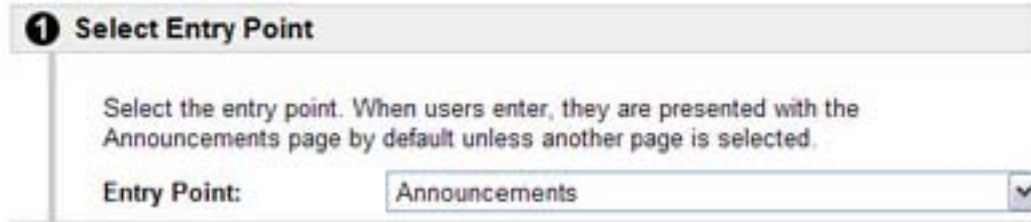
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Bb-style Announcements are the default start page but another can be set.

1. From the Bb Control Panel, select **Manage Course Menu** and then **Add a Content Area** (name it “Welcome”) to serve as the start page.



2. From the Bb Control Panel, select **Settings > Set Course Entry Point**
3. Use the pull-down text box to locate the name of the Content Area (“Welcome”) you created to serve as the start page.



4. The course shell will not immediately open to the new entry point. You will have to close all browser windows first (even those not associated with Bb).

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New Months Posted on Menu

March -- It's at the top of the menu and it contains a list of the month's activity. New Trochim boards will go up this weekend. In your group spaces, you'll soon have new boards loaded, also. One will be for checking Qualtrics feedback. As I hope you learned in February, feedback

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February 26, 2006 - March 05, 2006



Wed, Aug 17, 2005 -- Semester closing week!

Posted by Sadguna Anasuri

Hello everyone. The BB course space will be left available for another week until

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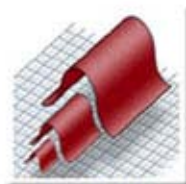
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FS 5903.50 Stats
with Dr. Mary Bold
and Dr. Jan Colvin

13 August 2005: Grades are posted...

The gradebook now has 2 columns added: Semester Letter Grade (e.g., B88.35 meaning that the letter grade of B represents an overall percentage of 88.35% according to weighting indicated in the syllabus) and Final Exam (e.g., 80 meaning that the percentage grade on the final exam was 80%).

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February 25, 2006 - March 04, 2006

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