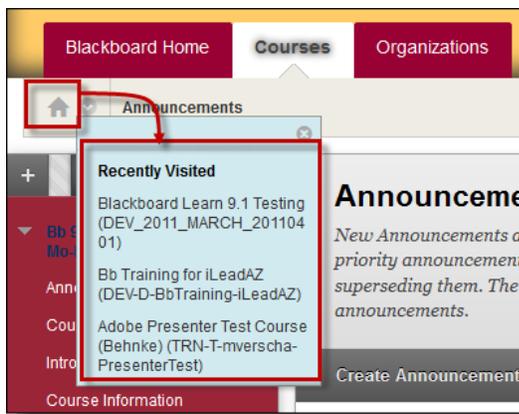
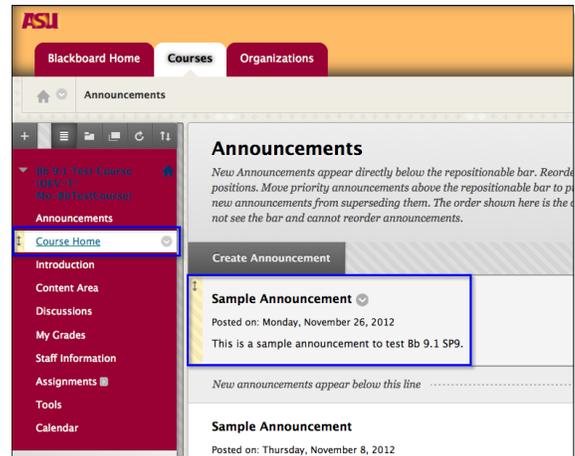


Interface Change

The default theme in Blackboard Learn has been updated to enhance usability, place more emphasis on content and actions, remove on-screen clutter, and increase usable screen space. With this approach, a few of the standard tools appear different as described below.

Editing Controls are hidden by default

You'll notice that editing menus and drag-n-drop handles are hidden in the new environment. This was done to help reduce clutter on the screen and create a cleaner look without having to toggle the Edit Mode off and on. You can see the editing tools by hovering over an item. *In our previous version, the editing tools were always visible with Edit Mode On.*

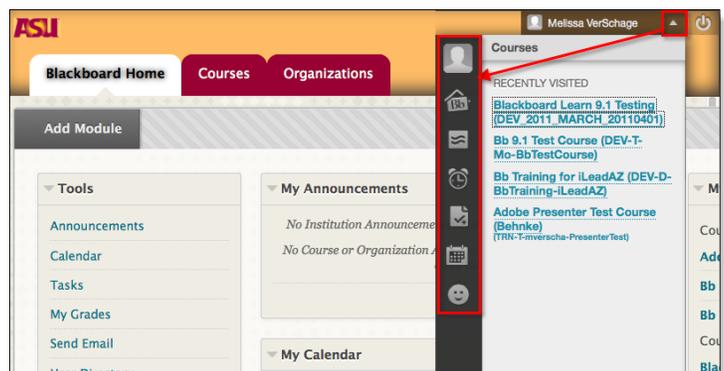


Course-to-Course Navigation

Allows students and instructors to jump from course to course while retaining the context of the page or task from the original page of any recently accessed course. This helps save excessive navigation. This feature wasn't available in the previous version.

Global Navigation

Global Navigation refers to the set of links that appears at the top right corner of the Blackboard Learn frame. This set of links is the entry point to My Blackboard, which aggregates information from across the Blackboard Learn system in one place to provide a consistent, quick, and easy way to find information.



Calendar

The calendar has been completely revamped:

Connected to Graded Items

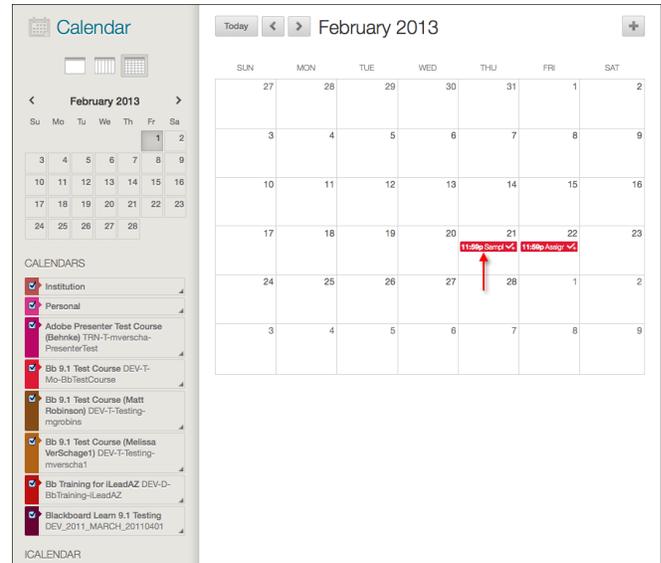
Gradable items with due dates automatically populate the calendar. This is new!

Interactive Functionality

Instructors can change due date/time using drag-n-drop...and it updates the grade center. You can also grade and edit assignments from the calendar view.

Multiple Calendars

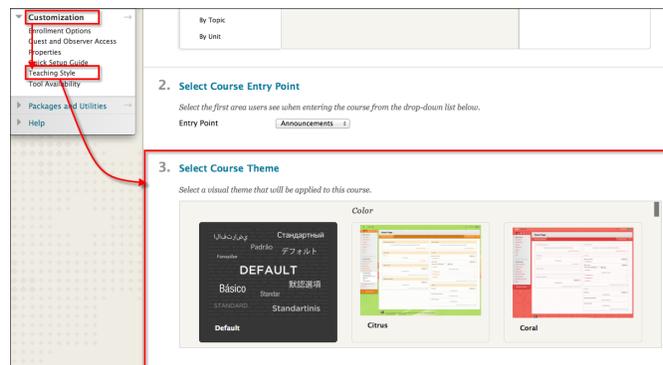
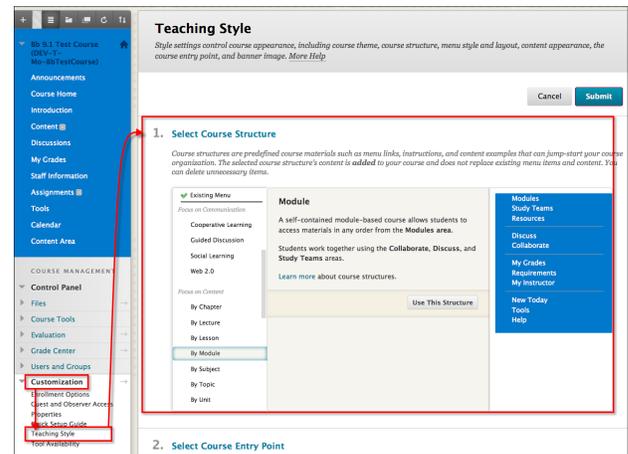
You can choose to view individual, multiple or all course calendars in one calendar.



Course Design & Structure

Course Structures

Course structures are predefined course materials such as menu links, instructions, and content examples that can jump-start your course organization. Course Structures focus on specific aspects of a course including Activity, Communication, Content, Systems, and Time-based organization. This is new.



Course Themes

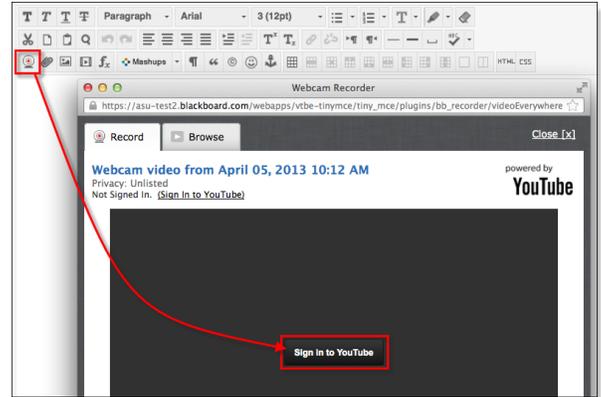
Course Themes are pre-built designs that Instructors can select to match their design preferences and teaching methods. Course Themes add a background image to the course display and change the color of the user interface. This is new.

Content Editor

The Content Editor has been updated and expanded.

Record from Webcam

This is a new feature available on the **Content Editor** in every text box inside of the Blackboard environment, except for Safe Assignments. This tool uses your YouTube account to record and store your video, and embeds it into the text box inside of Blackboard. You can use your ASU or personal account. The video is stored in your account as **Unlisted** and embedded into the text box. This is new.



Discussion

Students Must Post Before Seeing Threads

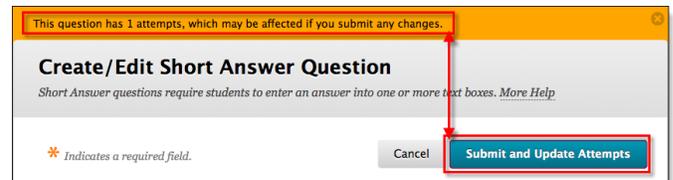
Instructors now have the option of requiring students to post their initial thread to the forum before they are able to see other student threads. This setting helps eliminate plagiarism of other student work. This is new.

Grading Improvements

The Grade Center organization and tools have not changed, but a few enhancements were made with the addition of the following new features:

Automated Regrading

Instructors can now edit active tests and Blackboard will recalculate the score of all submitted assessments that included the updated question(s). This is new.



Negative Marking

Allows Instructors to apply negative point values for incorrect answers on assessment questions. This is useful in penalizing students for guessing answers by giving negative points rather than zero. This is new.

Ignore Attempt

Instructors can now choose to **Ignore Attempt** with multiple attempts, which doesn't remove submissions from Blackboard, but does remove it from **Needs Grading** and the grade calculation. In the previous version, ungraded attempts left an exclamation point in My Grades, hiding the graded attempt. This setting eliminates the issue. You can reverse it at any time by clicking **Do Not Ignore Attempt**.

