Moodle: Hide/show sections and items

Moodle lets Teachers hide sections, activities, and resources, so that they are invisible to students, but still visible to any one with a Teacher or Non-editing Teacher role. If a course is guest-accessible, hidden items will be also be hidden from guests.

Before you start, you may need access to the following:

- a teacher role in a Bryn Mawr Moodle course (i.e., Instructor of record, Other editing teacher, Non-editing teacher)

Manually hide/show course elements

To hide sections, activities or resources on a course page from all students until you manually choose to unhide them:

1. Turn editing on in your course (use the button located at the top right of your course's main page).
2. Click the Edit link next to a visible item, and choose Hide to hide it.
   - Moodle places a “hidden from students” message beneath hidden items to remind teachers that they are invisible to students, as show below.
   - The message is not visible to students; click on your user name at the top of the screen, choose Switch role to ... and choose Auditor to view the page as a student.
3. When you are ready to unhide the item, turn editing on, click the Edit link next to that item and choose Show.

Set course elements to auto-hide/unhide at a specified time

You can use the Restrict Access settings to hide sections, activities, or resources invisible for a limited period of time and automatically unhide them outside of that period. For example, you might wish to hide later sections of a course until the dates when they become relevant or hide a study guide until the weeks before an exam. To do this:

1. Turn editing on if it isn’t already. (Click the gear icon (Actions menu) and choosing Turn editing on.)
2. Click the Edit link next to a visible item, and choose Edit Settings (if the item is an Activity or
Resource) or Edit Section/Topic/Week (if the item is a section within a course).

3. Scroll down and click **Restrict Access** to expand it.

4. Click **Add Restriction**.

5. **Click Date**.

6. Use the drop-down menus to configure the date restriction parameters:
   - Leave the first phrase to state “**Student must** match the following”
   - The **eye** icon determines whether you are creating a parameter for when the item will be visible (eye open) or hidden (eye with line through it).
   - The **from/until** menu determines whether the date that follows is the date on which that visibility setting **starts** (from) or ends (until).
   - So for example, if you wanted a course item to be visible starting at midnight on November 5, 2020, you would set the visibility to “**show**” (eye open) “from” 5 November 2020 00:00 as depicted below.

7. Click **Add Restriction** if you need to set additional parameters; in the example above, to re-hide the item on a certain date, you would add a restriction with parameters set to “**show**” “until” that date.
   - Don’t forget to click **Save** at the bottom of the page to finalize your settings.

8. When you use Restrict Access to hide elements from students, Teachers will see a **Restricted** message beneath that item with a summary of the restriction parameters. Students and guests do not see this message.
Questions?

If you have any additional questions or problems, don't hesitate to reach out to the Help Desk!

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