Make your Blackboard course available to students

Action

Your Blackboard course is your virtual classroom and YOU hold the key.
When you are ready to enable student access to your virtual classroom, simply "unlock" it by making it available.
When you do so, the course will be available to students beginning 2 weeks before the first day of classes for the term.

Course availability for students is relative to the start and end dates of each semester/term. Provided that you make it available following the steps below, students can access your course as early as two weeks before the first day of the term. Available courses automatically become unavailable to students four weeks after the last day of classes for the term. You (instructors) have access to all of your Blackboard courses.

Instructions

1. **Log in** to your Blackboard course (through **MyUAlbany** or at http://blackboard.albany.edu);
2. **Go to your course** link under **My Courses**;
3. On the **Control Panel menu at lower left**, click **Customization > Properties**
4. For item #2 **Set Availability**, select **Yes**;
5. Click the blue **Submit** button located at the top-right or bottom-right of the page.

   Watch video on how to...

![Course "Go Live" Date is Two Weeks Before First Day of Class](image)

   - Once you "unlock" your Blackboard course it will be available to your enrolled students beginning two weeks before the start of the semester.
   - If you make your course available prior to the Go Live date, it will be designated on the **My Blackboard** page as "unavailable" (see figures below). This is intended to ensure your awareness of whether or not students are able to access the course.
   - If you make your course available after the Go Live date, then it will be immediately available to your students.

![Fall 2013-Community and Public Service Program II (unavailable)](image)

![Fall 2013-History of the Civil Rights Movement (unavailable - will be available Monday, August 12, 2013)](image)

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