

Course Entry Point

Blackboard Learn Essentials

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All Blackboard Learn courses have a default course entry point. In Blackboard 7.3 the default course entry point was the Announcements page. Courses that were migrated over from Blackboard 7.3 will default to their previous course entry point. However, all new courses created in Blackboard Learn will have a Course Homepage as their course entry point. A Course Homepage or Module page can be added to courses that were migrated over from Blackboard 7.3. Instructors can customize each of their courses to contain a different Course Entry Point.

Customizing your Course Home Page

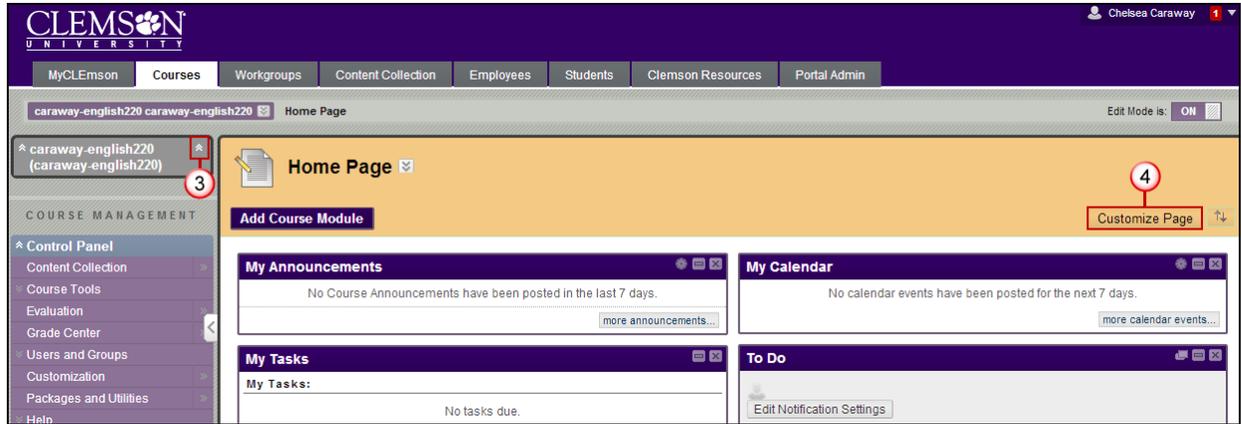
Each new course created in Blackboard Learn will have a course home page. The course home page includes new modules including “What’s New” and “To Do.” This provides students with information on what has changed in the course since that student last visited, what items require the students’ attention, and what items are past due or are due in the near future.

Customize your Theme

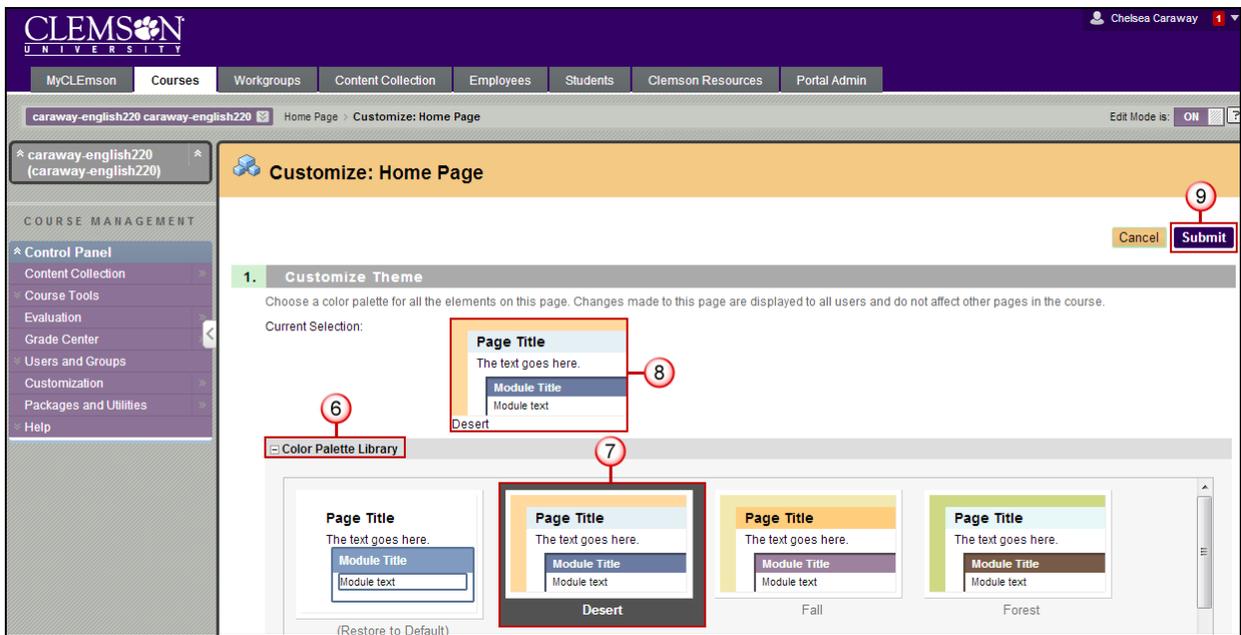
The theme of the home page determines the color palette for all the elements (module headers, text, links, etc.) on this page. Changes made to this page are displayed to all users and do not affect other pages in the course.

To customize your course home page theme:

1. Open your Blackboard Learn course.
2. **Edit Mode** is “ON”.
3. Click **Go to Course Entry Page**. This will display the course home page.
4. Then click **Customize Page**.



5. The **Customize: Home Page** screen is displayed.



- 6. Select the new **Color Palette Library**.
- 7. Select a color palette.
- 8. Once you've selected a new palette, a preview of that selected color will be displayed under Current Selection.
- 9. Then click **Submit** to apply the new Color Palette Library.

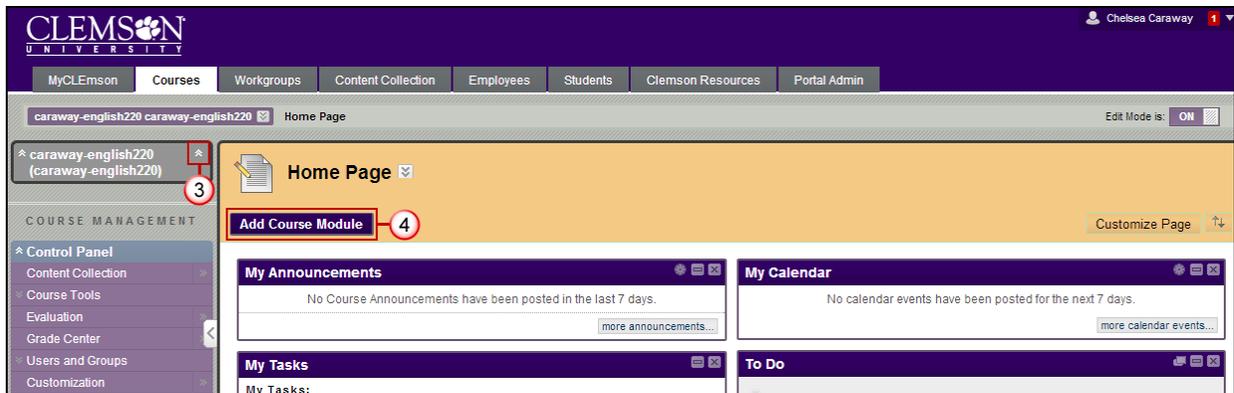
Managing Modules on your Course Home Page

There are 12 content modules that can be displayed on the home page. See the table below to see a brief description of what each module contains.

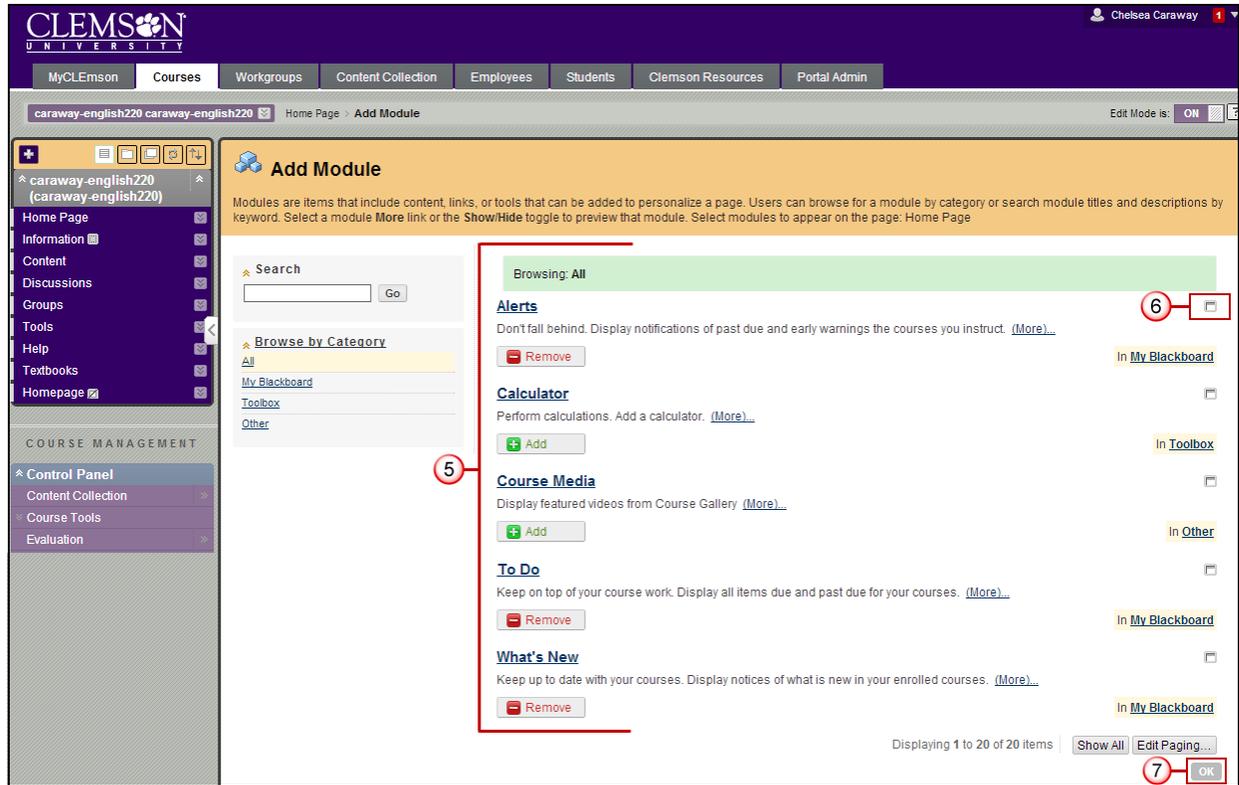
Content Module	Description of Module
Alerts	Displays notifications of past due and early warning items for all the courses relevant to the user.
Calculator	Displays a calculator tool.
Dictionary	Displays a dictionary.
My Announcements	Displays announcements relevant to the user.
My Calendar	Displays calendar events relevant to the user.
My Grades	Displays the user’s grades.
My Tasks	Displays tasks relevant to the user.
Needs Attention	Displays items in all the courses in which the user is enrolled that require attention.
Textpad	Displays text that a user can edit using HTML formatting.
Thesaurus	Displays a thesaurus.
To Do	Displays the status (Past Due/Due) of relevant course work and tasks.
What’s New	Displays a list of new items in all relevant courses.
Report Card	Displays the students grades.

To add/remove modules from your course home page:

1. Open your Blackboard Learn course.
2. **Edit Mode** is “ON”.
3. Click **Go to Course Entry Page**. This will display the course home page.



4. Click **Add Course Module**. This will display the Add Module page.



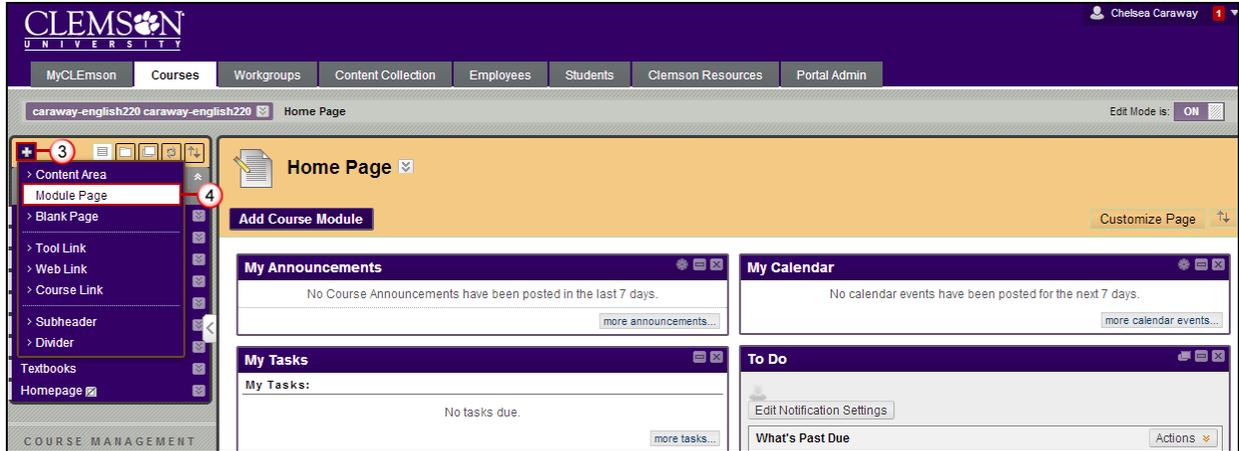
5. Select the Add/Remove toggle to either add or remove the modules to the course home page.
6. Selecting the far right white window will generate a preview of the corresponding module.
7. Then click **OK**. The changes to the home page are displayed.

Adding a Module Page to an existing course

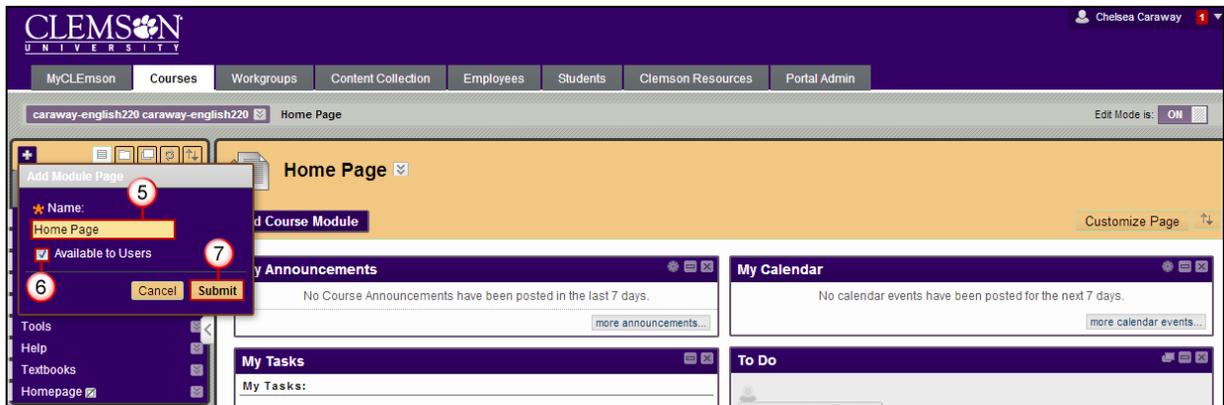
Module pages are used to display content modules.

To add a module page to an existing course:

1. Open your Blackboard Learn course.
2. **Edit Mode** is “ON”.
3. Use your mouse to Hover over or click (**Add Menu Item**).



4. Select **Module Page** from the available menu. The Add Module Page will be displayed.

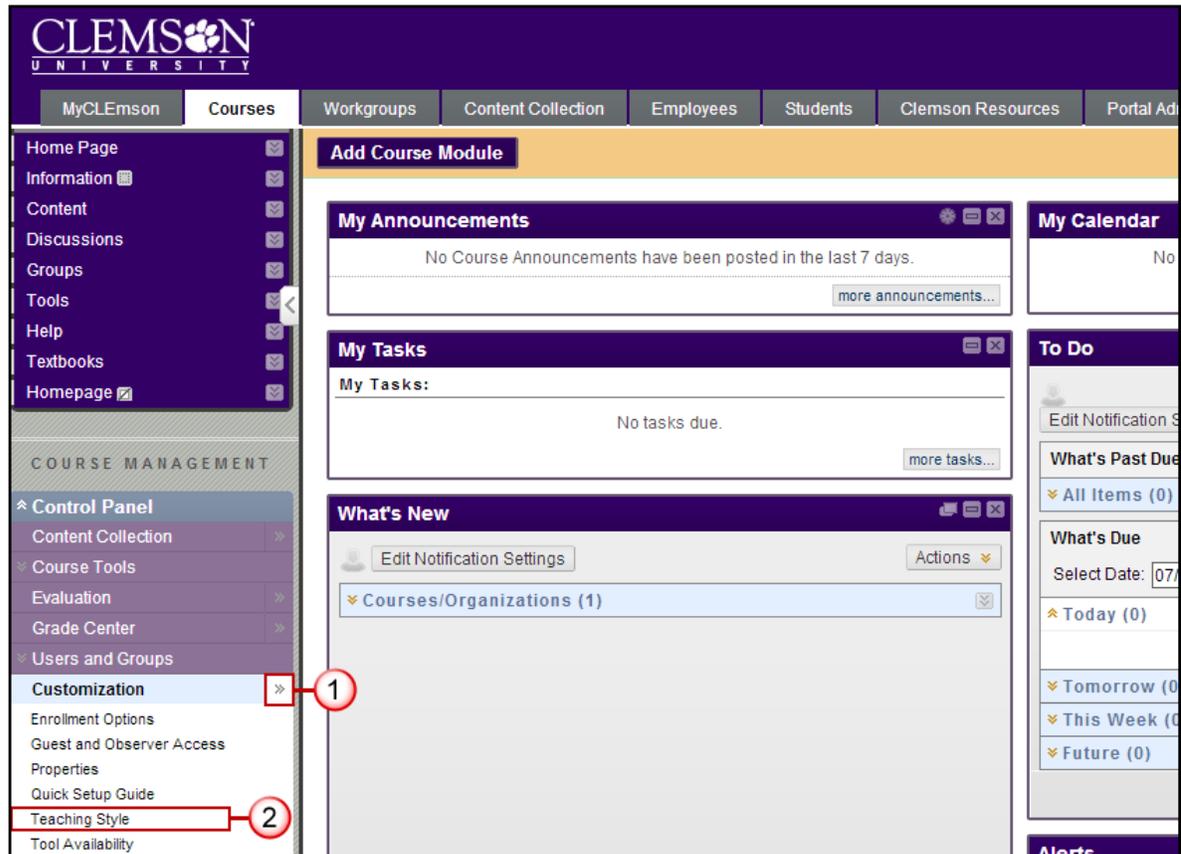


- 5. Enter a **Name** for the Module Page.
- 6. Select the **Available to Users** checkbox, to make this menu item available to students.
- 7. Click **Submit**.
- 8. The new Module Page will be displayed at the bottom of the menu.
- 9. Hover over the  (arrow icon) to the left of the menu item. Then drag and drop the item to the top of the menu.

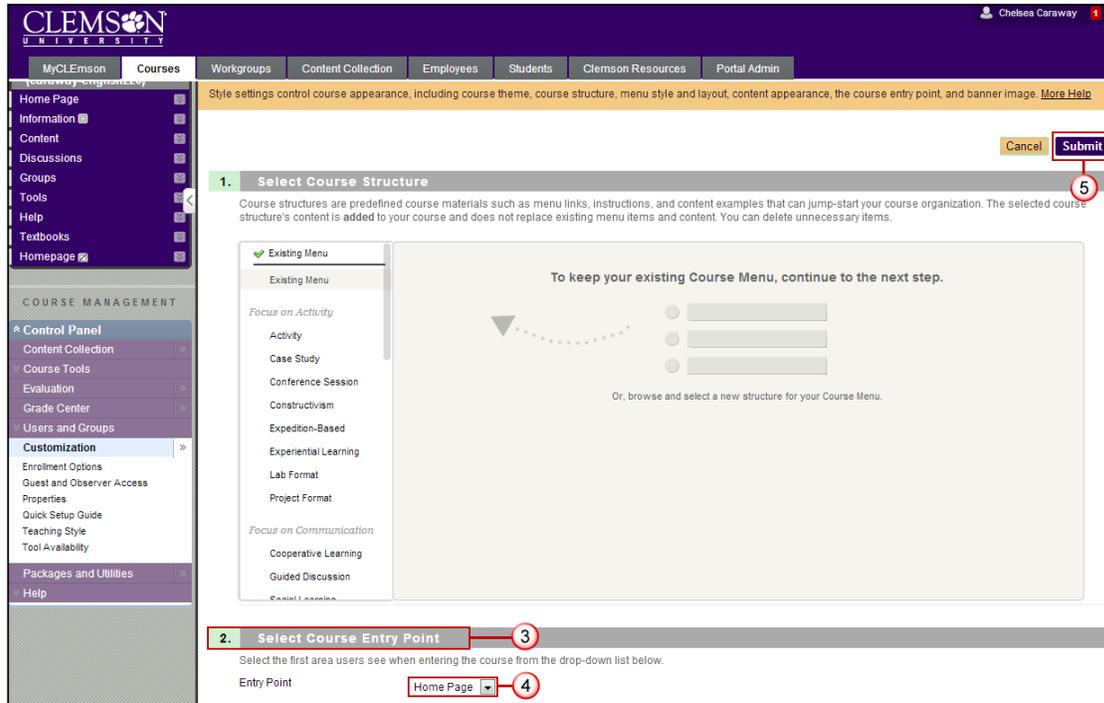
Changing your Course Entry Point

To change the Course Entry Point:

1. From the **Control Panel**, click the chevron to expand **Customization**.



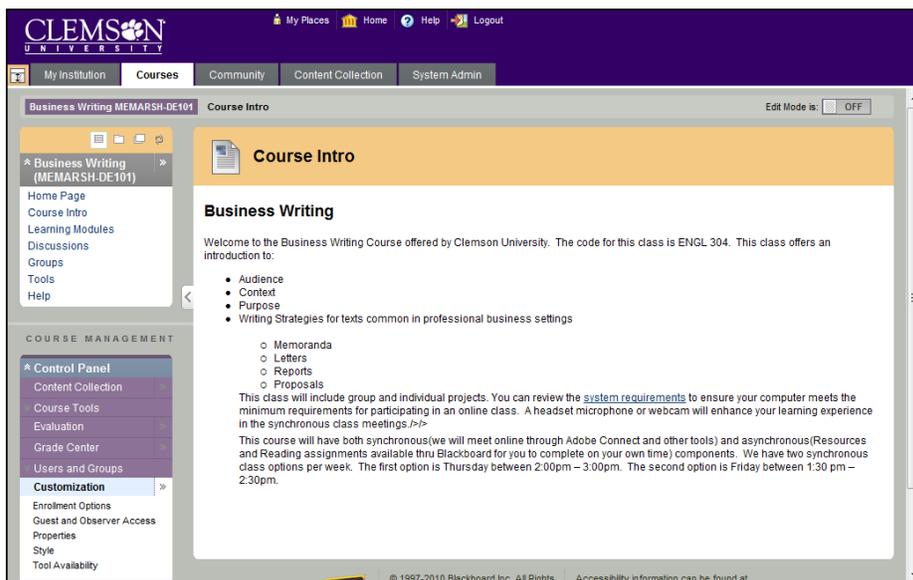
2. Click **Teaching Style**.
3. Then scroll down to the **Select Course Entry Point** section. Available Course Entry Points are areas displayed on the Menu.



4. Select the first page users should see when entering the Course from the **Entry Point** drop down menu.

NOTE: If the Course Entry Point is changed, the Instructor must refresh the browser to view the change. The user that sets the new Course entry point will not see the effect of the change until they log out of Blackboard Learn and log back in.

5. Then click **Submit**.
6. Log out of Blackboard Learn and then log back in.
7. Navigate to your course.



8. The new Course Entry Point is displayed.