



Using Goals in eLearning

The Goals tool in eLearning allows you to record the goals for a course and associate course activities with those goals. Students can click on any goal that is visible to them to see a list of all course activities that contribute to the accomplishment of that goal.

ADDING GOALS TO YOUR COURSE

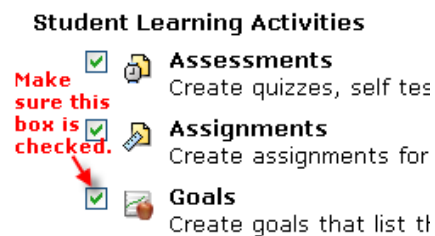
1. To begin, click the **Build** tab.



2. Under **Designer Tools**, click **Manage Course** and select **Tools**.



3. Scroll down until you see **Student Learning Activities** and click to place a checkmark in the box next to **Goals**. The **Goals** tool should now be included in your list of **Course Tools** on the left side of each page.



4. In order to make sure that students can utilize the **Goals** tool, click **Manage Course** again.

5. Click **Settings**.

6. Click **Goals**.

7. Make sure that both radio buttons are selected and click the **Save Values** button.

Goals Tools

Title	Value
Enable Goals tool *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> true / <input type="radio"/> false
Allow Students to see content that has been associated with Goals *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> true / <input type="radio"/> false

Click when finished.

8. Under **Course Tools**, click the newly added **Goals Tool**.



9. If you would like to group your goals in categories, click the **Create Category** button. Otherwise, skip to step 12 below.

10. In the fields provided, enter a title and brief description of your category.

Create Category

* Title:

Description:



11. Click the **Save** button when finished.

12. To enter a new goal, be sure you have selected the **Goals** tool from the **Course Tools** menu and click **Create Goal**.

13. Enter a title and description in the provided fields.

14. In the **Item Visibility** field, click **Show Item** if you want the goal to be visible to students or **Hide Item** if you wish to hide the goal from students.

15. In the **Category** section, you can use the dropdown list to assign your new goal to an existing category, create a new category or choose not to use a category.

Create Goal

* Title:

* Description:

Item Visibility: Show Item
 Hide Item

Category (Goals can be organized into categories.)

Select Category:

- None
- Create New Category
- Personal Website**

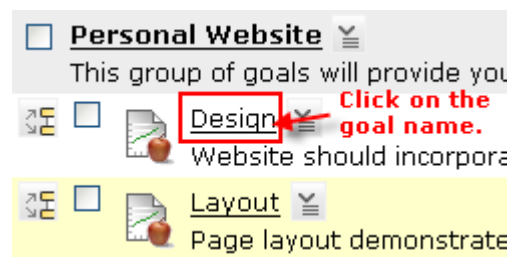
16. Click the **Save** button when you have finished.

ASSOCIATING GOALS WITH CONTENT

Once you have created goals in your course, you can associate them with content through the **Goals** tool or while creating various items in your course. You must be working in the **Build** tab to associate goals.

To associate a goal with a course item in the **Goals** tool complete the following steps.

1. Make sure the Build tab is selected and click the **Goals** tool under **Course Tools**.
2. Click on the name of the goal you wish to associate with a course file or other course item.



- If you would like to associate the goal with existing course content, click the button and you will be able to choose content from a list of existing items in your course.

- If you would like to associate the goal with an individual file, click **Associate File**. You will be able to choose a file located in any of your eLearning courses, on your local computer, in a **Repository** or in your **My Files** space.

Once you have associated items with a goal, they will appear in list form each time you click the goal name in the **Goals** tool.

Design

Description:
Website should incorporate good design principles

Associate File Associate Content

Order	Title
1	Module 2
2	Quiz 2 (conditional)

Remove

To associate a course item with a goal, as you create the item, look for the **Goals** section in the properties of **Assessments, Assignments, Chat, Discussions, Learning Modules** and **Web Links**. Click the **Select Goals** button and choose the appropriate goal from the list that appears.

Goals

Associate goals with this assessment.

Select Goals

Once a goal has been associated with an eLearning item or activity, it will appear under the **Goals** section of the properties for that item or activity.

Goals

Associate goals with this assignment.

Layout

Select Goals

Associated goal appears under properties of this assignment.

STUDENT VIEW OF COURSE GOALS

Once you have created and associated goals for your course, students can view them by clicking **Goals** under **Course Tools**. The first screen they view will present a list of goals organized by category.

Goals

Student view of course goals.

Create Goal Create Category

Personal Website
This group of goals will provide you with informati

Design
Website should incorporate good design

Layout
Page layout demonstrates all requireme

Meets Deadlines

Importance of Deadlines
Meets all project deadlines. It is importar
be costly if missed.

Uncategorized

There are currently no Goals in this Category.

When a student clicks on one of the goal names, they will be presented with a list of course content that is associated with the goal and designed to help with the accomplishment of that goal.

The screenshot shows a user interface for managing course goals. At the top, there is a 'Design' goal with a dropdown arrow. Below it is a 'Description:' field containing the text 'Website should'. To the right of the description, a red text box states: 'Clicking on the Design goal reveals a list of course items that will help to accomplish the goal.' Below the description are two buttons: 'Associate File' and 'Associate Content'. Below these buttons is a table with two columns: 'Order' and 'Title'. The table contains two rows of content:

Order	Title
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Module 2
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiz 2 (Conditional)

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