

How to Set the Entry Point for a Blackboard Course

Blackboard allows instructors to determine the content area students are taken to when they first access a course from the Course List.

From within your Blackboard course, select Customization from the Course Management menu. Choose Teaching style from the items that appear.

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Learn interface for a course titled "2016-Dowling-Practice". The left-hand navigation menu is expanded to show the "COURSE MANAGEMENT" section, with "Customization" selected. A large red arrow points from the "Customization" option in the menu towards the main content area. The main content area is titled "My Alerts" and contains several sections: "My Announcements", "My Tasks", "What's New", "Needs Attention", "To Do", "Alerts", and "Activity Alerts". The "What's New" section lists "Assignments (1)", "Content (3)", and "Courses/Organizations (1)". The "Alerts" section shows "Past Due" with "No Notifications" and "Retention Center Alerts" with "2016-Dowling-Practice (4)".

In the Teaching Style window that appears, go to item 1, Select Course Entry Point. In the dropdown menu, a list of Content Areas and Tools will appear as options.

Note: for a Content Area to appear as a selection in this dropdown menu, it must have content already added.

Select the desired Entry Point. In this example, it is Course Home Page. Once you have made your Entry Point selection, click Submit.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard Learn interface for configuring the Teaching Style of a course. The page is titled "Teaching Style" and includes a sidebar with navigation options. The main content area is divided into four sections:

- 1. Select Course Entry Point**: This section includes a dropdown menu for selecting the entry point. A red arrow points to the "Course Home Page" option in the dropdown menu. Below the dropdown is a "Submit" button.
- 2. Select Course Theme**: This section includes a preview of the course theme. The theme is labeled "Color" and shows a preview of the course home page. The theme is labeled "Citrus".
- 3. Select Menu Style**: This section includes a preview of the menu style. The menu style is labeled "2016-Dowling-Practice (NI-2016-Dowling-Practice)" and shows a preview of the menu items. The menu items are labeled "Menu Item 1", "Menu Item 2", and "Menu Item 3".
- 4. Default Content View**: This section is partially visible at the bottom of the page.

To test your selection, click on Go To Student View, which will take you to the Entry Point for the course.

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My Institution My Courses Community Content Collection

Course Home Page

Return To Teacher View

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Course Home Page

Week 1

My Alerts

My Grades

Tool Panel

Blackboard Help

Tegrity Classes

Communication

Course Messages

Email

Announcements

Course Home Page

Welcome to Class

It is great to have you in class. I hope this semester is a good experience for you.

Day 1 Notes

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