

## Announcements

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The features in the Announcements tool are very similar to those in previous releases of Blackboard Learn. While the announcements filter has been removed, faculty and administrators will enjoy a number of new flexible options for displaying announcements.

### Features Gained

#### + Multiple Display Options

Announcements can be displayed on both a Course Announcements page, a portal Announcements module and in a course specific Announcements module giving the instructors added flexibility over how the information is presented.

#### + Priority Ordering

Instructors have the ability to re-order the display of announcements so the most important information will appear first.

#### + Options to only Display Course Announcements

Instructors may select to only display course announcements in their course, and not display system announcements. This enables Instructors to reserve course announcements for pertinent information and reduces the noise level of announcements within the course.

#### + Login Page Announcements

Administrators can communicate critical information to users before they login by placing Announcements directly on the login page. Institutions should develop and communicate business rules for displaying announcements prior to login.

#### + Advanced Filtering Options

Advanced filtering options to display All, Course only, and System only announcements enable users to easily find important announcements and recover critical details.

#### + Notifications

Notifications of new Course Announcements will appear on users' dashboards and may be sent via email according to the users personal preferences.

### Features Lost

#### - Announcement Filter

Users are no longer able to view just the announcements posted from the current day. Communicate to the faculty the increased flexibility provided with new reordering capabilities to ensure that students are getting the most important information and are not missing announcements due to date filters.

#### - Announcement Text in Email

Email notifications for announcements include a link to the announcement, but do not include the full body of the announcement text.