

# Courses

## Creating a Course

1. In the backend, navigate to "Courses" under the Components tab.
2. At the top of the Courses panel, click the (+) sign to add a new course.
3. Fill in the details of the course. (See below for field/option descriptions.)
4. Click on the drop-down section under "Publishing", and determine if you want your course to be a "Draft" or "Published".
5. Click on "Save" to save the work that you have completed. You can only further edit your course, such as add an image or managers, after you have saved the initial details.
6. Under the Managers area, add course administrators (Instructors, Managers, etc.).
7. Under the Image area, add a course image by dragging an image file into the upload box.
8. Click "Save & Close" to save all the details of the course and to go back to the Courses main page, where your course will now be listed.

## Field/Option Descriptions

*Course Alias:* Your course alias. This will be part of the URL.

*Course Title:* The official name of your course. This name will be what users see when browsing the hub.

*Interests (tags):* Helps categorize your course in search results. These tags can help your course be discovered more effectually.

*Blurb:* A short description of the course.

*Description:* A longer description of the course. Here you can personalize what the goal or concept is in further detail to your students.

*Unpublished:* The course is taken off the front end of the hub.

*Published:* The course can be found in the front end. Anyone can find the course through searches.

*Draft:* The course is being drafted. The course is accessible only to course administrators. This allows instructors and managers to build a course before it is available to students.

*Deleted:* The course is deleted permanently. Once a course is deleted nothing can be retrieved from the course after this action.

### Creating Course Overview Pages (tabs)

1. In the backend, navigate to "Courses" under the Components tab.
2. Find your course in the list. Under the "Pages" column, click on the (+) sign to add a new page.
  1. If there are already existing pages, you will see a number in place of the (+) sign.
3. Enter the title, URL, and content into the page details. In the published parameters choose "Yes" to make the page active on the Course Overview.
  1. Note: A new page must be saved before files can be uploaded.
4. Click "Save & Close" and your new page will appear in the course pages list in the backend. On the front end, your new page will show as another tab in the Course Overview.

### Opening up Enrollment into a Course

1. In the backend, navigate to "Courses" under the Components tab.
2. Locate the course and click the number of offerings for that course in the "Offerings" column.
3. Locate the offering and click the number of sections for that offering in the "Sections" column.
4. Click the section's title.
5. Under the "Details" tab, locate "Enrollment" and select a response from the drop-down.
  - a. Open (anyone can join): Any user on the Hub can join this section of the course.
  - b. Restricted (coupon code is required): Only users with a coupon code can gain access to this section of the course.
  - c. Closed (no new enrollment): This section of the course is closed and cannot be accessed by new students.

### Adding Parameters to an Offering

1. In the backend, navigate to "Courses" under the Components tab.
2. Locate the course and click the number of offerings for that course in the "Offerings" column.
3. Locate the offering and click the title.
  1. Locate the "Parameters" section and select the parameters for "Progress Calculation".
4. "Inherit from course defaults" means that all of the parameters preset on the hub will be the same for this offering.

5. Click “Save & Close” to save the parameters for that offering.

### Adding Parameters to a Section

1. In the backend, navigate to "Courses" under the Components tab.
2. Locate the course and click the number of offerings for that course in the “Offerings” column.
3. Locate the offering and click the number of sections for that offering in the "Sections" column.
4. Click the section's title.
5. Under the “Details” tab, locate the “Parameters” section and select the parameters for “Progress Calculation”.
  1. “Inherit from course defaults” means that all of the parameters preset on the hub will be the same for this section.
6. Click “Save & Close” to save the parameters for that section.

### Changing Discussion Parameters

1. In the backend, navigate to "Courses" under the Components tab.
2. Find the course and click the number in the "Offerings" column.
3. Locate the offering and click the number of sections for that offering in the "Sections" column.
4. Click the title of the section that you would like to change the discussions settings in.
5. Under the “Details” tab, locate the “Discussions Parameters” area. In the drop-down, choose “All sections” to show discussion threads across all sections in this offering, or choose “This section only” to show discussion threads only by this specific section.
6. Click “Save & Close” to save the changes to the parameters.