Making Your Blackboard Course Available

After you have requested your Blackboard course, you’ll see the message “not currently available” following its name. While your course is unavailable, you (and any co-instructor, or teaching assistants you enroll) can access and modify the course, but students won’t be able to access it (in fact, it won’t even appear in their course lists).

During the course request process, if you enabled “auto-availability,” Blackboard will automatically make your course available on your chosen start date. However, if you did not enable auto-availability (or if you wish to make the course available earlier than the start date you chose), you will need to log into your course and make it available manually.

Begin by clicking on the course you wish to make available. Scroll down to the Control Panel, and open the “Customization” menu. Then click on the “Properties” link. On the Properties page, scroll down to the “Set Availability” section.

Next to “Make Course Available,” simply click on the “Yes” option, then click the “Submit” button at the bottom of the page. You should see a green success message at the top of your course, letting you know that the Properties have been updated, and your students can now access the course.

If you return to your course list, you can verify that your course is now available, because the “not currently available” message no longer appears next to it.