



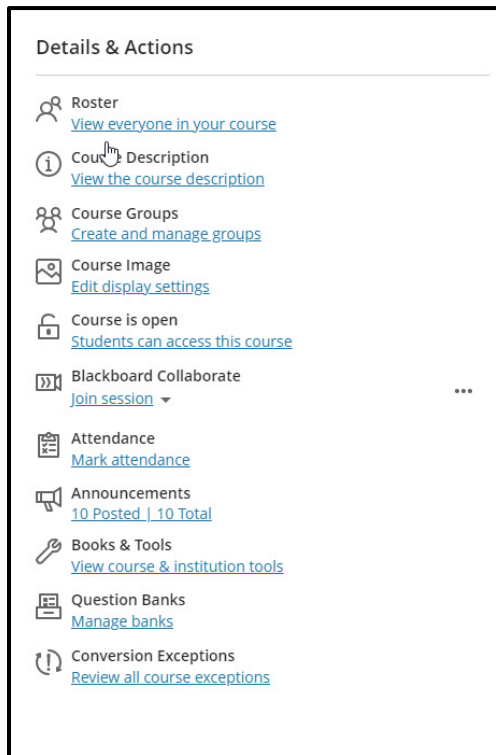
Course Announcements and Messaging

Messaging a Student or Class



You and your students can send messages to each other, multiple people, or an entire class. Messages activity remains inside the system, and you don't have to worry about email addresses that may be incorrect or outdated.

As an instructor, you can quickly send messages to all students about important deadlines and schedule changes. From anywhere in a course, you can access messages on the navigation bar. The course messages page displays all the messages that are specific to the course you are in.



Course Menu - Details and Actions

Roster. Use the Roster link on the **Course Content** page to view your class list, connect with your students, and match faces to names. You can also send messages to anyone involved with your course.

Users can upload a picture of themselves on their **Profile pages**. If they don't add pictures, a generic silhouette appears in the roster. Users' profile pictures also appear in the gradebook, groups, discussions, conversations, and messages next to their activity. Your profile picture also appears on the **Course Content** page.

Attendance. Use this link to mark daily attendance in the class setting.



Create an Announcement



Use the announcements feature to communicate with your students (i.e. post time-sensitive material such as assignment due dates, changes in the syllabus, corrections or clarifications of materials, and exam schedules).

1. From within a course, click the **Announcements link on the Course Menu**. Click the **Create Announcement** button.
2. Under **Announcement Information**, type a **Title** (name for announcement) and a **Message** (text of the announcement).
3. Under **Schedule Announcement Options**, set the **Duration**, **Select Date Restrictions**, and check the **Email Announcement** check box to send a copy of the announcement immediately. To permanently display the announcement, select **Not Date Restricted**.
4. Optionally, to link content in the course to the Announcement, click the link button under the message body title and then click then choose your option.
5. Click **Save** to complete the **Announcement**.