

Blank Canvas Course – Set Home Page

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The Course Home Page is the first view your students will see when they enter your course. For the Course Home Page, you can customize a page from your course Pages and have it display as the Course Home Page.

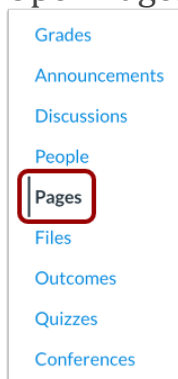
If there are no pages in a course – Step One will be to create or import page(s) into the course. The page then must be set as the Front page.

If you want to [change the Course Home Page](#) to a custom page, you must first set the page as the Front Page. The Front Page is a designation that shows Canvas which page can be used for the Course Home Page. Use this page to show a welcome message, links, images, or other information for students.

Notes:








- Before setting the Front Page, the page must be published.
- You can edit the Front Page, set a different page as the Front Page, or remove the Front Page.
- Before setting a Front page, the Pages link in Course Navigation will open to the Pages Index. However, once you have selected a Front Page, the Pages link will always open to the Front Page. To return to the [Pages Index](#), click the **View All Pages** button.
- The Pages Front Page can also be set to display [recent course announcements](#).

Open Pages



In Course Navigation, click the **Pages** link.

Set Front Page in Pages List

Page title ▲	Creation date ▼	Last edit ▼	To-Do Date ▼	
1 A Declaration by Committee	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	May 20 at 11:59pm	2 
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the Constitution	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	Oct 29 at 10:59pm	 Edit
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Confederation and Constitution Wrapup	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	Nov 14 at 11:59pm	 Delete
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill of Rights	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 20, 2019 by Doug Roberts	Sep 9 at 10:59pm	3  Use as Front Page
				 Duplicate
				 Send to...
				 Copy to...

Locate your published page that you want to set as your Front Page [1]. Click the **Options** icon [2] and select the **Use as Front Page** link [3].

View Front Page

Page title ▲	Creation date ▼	Last edit ▼	To-Do Date ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration by Committee 1 Front Page	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	May 20 at 11:59pm	2 
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the Constitution	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	Oct 29 at 10:59pm	
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Confederation and Constitution Wrapup	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	Nov 14 at 11:59pm	

The Front Page will be indicated by a gray **Front Page** tag [1].

You can change the Front Page to any other page in the course by selecting the page **Options** icon [2].

Set Front Page in Individual Page

Page title ▲	Creation date ▼	Last edit ▼	To-Do Date ▼	
<input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration by Committee	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	May 20 at 11:59pm	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the Constitution	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	Oct 29 at 10:59pm	
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Confederation and Constitution Wrapup	Aug 13, 2019	Aug 13, 2019 by Doug Roberts	Nov 14 at 11:59pm	

You can also set a page as the Front Page from any individual page in your course. Click the name of any published page that you want to set as your front page.

Use as Front Page

The screenshot shows a course page titled "Amendments to the Constitution". At the top, there is a "View All Pages" button, a green "Published" status indicator, an "Edit" button, and an options menu icon (three vertical dots) labeled with a red circle and the number 1. The options menu is open, showing "Delete", "View Page History", and "Use as Front Page" (which is highlighted with a red box and labeled with a red circle and the number 2). Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "The following amendments to 4th Article to the Constitution are considered... You may [sign up for a circle](#). Your circle will edit this page to add details for each heading. The first is completed as an example. Be sure that you provide the text of the amendment, and then adequately, succinctly, and correctly describe the amendment, as well as provide a reference for your information."

Click the **Options** icon [1] and select the **Use as Front Page** link [2].

Change default landing page from Modules to Front Page display

You can change your Course Home Page to reflect one of five layout options: the Recent Activity Dashboard, Pages Front Page, the Course Modules, the Assignment List, or the Syllabus.

Note: You must set a Front Page before selecting the [Pages Front Page](#) option. Additionally, only Published pages can be set as the Front Page.

Assure radial button is set to Pages Front Page and Save

Choose Course Home Page ×

Select what you'd like to display on the home page.

- ☐ Course Activity Stream
- ☒ Pages Front Page *Home Page* [\[Change\]](#)
- ☐ Course Modules
- ☐ Assignments List
- ☐ Syllabus

Cancel


Save

Choose Home Page


From Home menu you can change from default Modules view to the page you have designated as the Front Page.— look to right and select Choose Home Page button.

Course Status

 Unpublished

 Publish


 Import Existing Content

 Import from Commons


 Choose Home Page

 View Course Stream

 Course Setup Checklist

 New Announcement

 New Analytics

 View Course Notifications

Coming Up

 [View Calendar](#)

Nothing for the next week

If you want to select a Pages Front Page but the link is grayed out, you must first set a Front Page.

Choose Course Home Page ×

Select what you'd like to display on the home page.

- ☐ Course Activity Stream
- ☐ Pages Front Page*
- ☒ Course Modules
- ☐ Assignments List
- ☐ Syllabus

* [Front Page must be set first](#)

Cancel Save

Note: Only Published pages can be set as the Front Page. Make sure the page you want to set as the Front Page is published.

Course Status



Unpublished



Publish



Import Existing Content



Import from Commons



Choose Home Page



View Course Stream



Course Setup Checklist



New Announcement



New Analytics



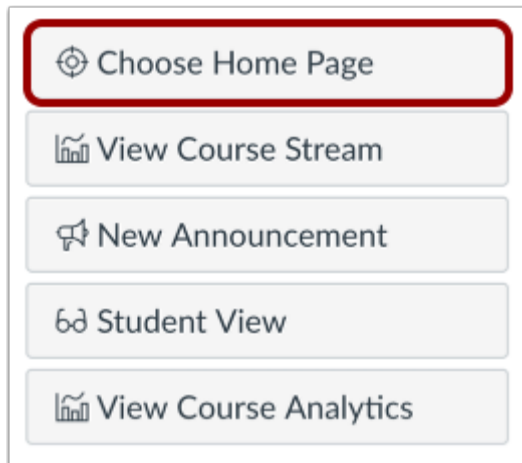
View Course Notifications

Coming Up



[View Calendar](#)

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In the Home Page sidebar, click the **Choose Home Page** button.

Select Home Page Layout

A dialog box titled 'Choose Home Page' with a close button (X) in the top right. Below the title is the instruction 'Select what you'd like to display on the home page.' followed by a list of five radio button options: 'Course Activity Stream', 'Pages Front Page History 101 [Change]', 'Course Modules', 'Assignments List', and 'Syllabus'. The 'Course Activity Stream' option is selected, indicated by a filled radio button and a red rectangular highlight around the first three options. At the bottom right are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

Click the radio button next to the Home Page layout you prefer.

Set Front Page

Choose Course Home Page ×

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☐ Pages Front Page*

☒ Course Modules

☐ Assignments List

☐ Syllabus

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CancelSave

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