

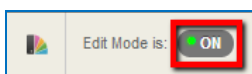
Creating a Blog

A blog (web log) is a communication tool similar to a journal, but more public in scope. Bloggers may present facts, analysis, opinions, embedded media, or any combination of those elements. The blog may have one or more authors contributing entries and provide space for comments from all readers with access to it.

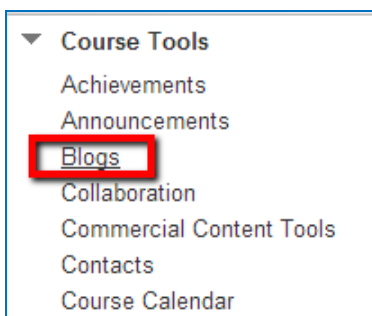
Unlike blogs typically found on the Worldwide Web, these postings do not appear in a continuous scroll on a page, but in a table listing all blog entries for the course. Users can sort the entries in the table by Name (title), Type, Last Modified Date, and number of Entries.

To create a Blog:

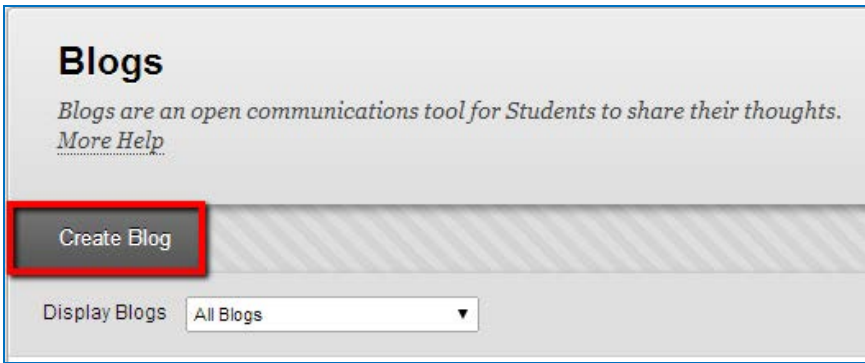
1. Log into Blackboard, and select your course.
2. Make sure that Edit Mode is ON.



3. Click the **Blogs** link from the **Course Tools** section of the Control Panel.



4. Click **Create Blog**.



5. Enter a **Name** and **Instructions** for the Blog. The Name is required.

BLOG INFORMATION

* Name: My Economics Blog

Instructions
Press Tab to enter the content editor. For the toolbar, press ALT+F10 (PC) or ALT+FN+F10 (Mac).

Post daily links to articles on economics news and analyze the possible implications.

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6. Click **Yes** to make the Blog available. Use the **Display After** and **Display Until** date and time fields to Limit Availability of the Blog. Click both the **Display After** and **Display Until** checkboxes in order to enable the date and time selections.

BLOG AVAILABILITY

Blog Availability: Yes No

BLOG DATE AND TIME RESTRICTIONS

Limit Availability

Display After 08/25/2014 08:00 AM
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Display Until 10/17/2014 11:59 PM
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

- Under Blog Participation, select **Individual to All Students** or **Course**, and uncheck the checkbox next to **Allow Anonymous Comments** if you do not want users to have that permission.

BLOG PARTICIPATION

Blog Type Individual to All Students Course

Allow Anonymous Comments

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Allow Anonymous Entries and Comments

- Choose between Monthly and Weekly index entries. The index appears on the right pane of the Journal window and provides links for easy navigation to a specified week or month of entries. Click the checkboxes to **Allow Users to Edit and Delete Entries** and **Allow Users to Delete Comments** as desired.

BLOG SETTINGS

Index Entries Monthly *Indexing will organize entries by the chosen time-frame.*

Weekly

Allow Users to Edit and Delete Entries

Allow Users to Delete Comments

- To create a Grade Center column for the Blog, select **Grade** and assign points possible. If grading is enabled, optionally select the Needs Grading criteria, and set the Due Date and time.

GRADE SETTINGS

If a Due Date is set, submissions are accepted after this date, but are marked late.

Grade Blog No grading

Grade : Points possible : 100

Show participants in "needs grading" status after every 5 Entries

Due Date 09/05/2014 11:59 PM

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

10. Click **Submit**.

