

WHY WOULD YOU USE THIS FEATURE?

Learning Units provide another way to organize your content. Learning Units enable instructors to set a structured path for progressing through content within a course. This allows students to view content in a paced manner. An instructor may set up the learning unit so that a student must view the information in a particular order or a random order. All types of content, such as items, assignments, discussion forums and assessments may be included in a learning unit. Content within a learning unit is added and managed just like content in a folder.

TO ADD AN LEARNING UNIT IN A BLACKBOARD CLASS

1. In the control panel, select a content area, such as course documents.
2. Select Learning Unit in the drop down list on the action (select) menu on the right side of the page and click go.
3. Complete the Add Learning Unit page and click Submit.
4. The instructor can select to have the learning units viewed sequentially. If sequential view is enforced, students will not be able to advance to a page within the unit without having viewed the previous page. If sequential viewing is not enforced, items in the learning unit may be viewed in any order from the contents page. When creating a learning unit in sequential order, the instructor ultimately is creating a sequence that a student must view the information.

TO ADD CONTENT TO A LEARNING UNIT

After a learning unit is added to a content area, content needs to be added within it.

1. In the control panel, open the content area that contains the learning unit.
2. Click the name of the learning unit to open it.
3. Select (+) Add File in the action (select) menu at the top of the page.
4. Follow the directions on the Add File page and click Submit. Instructor can link to files that are local. This option creates a slideshow presentation for the Learning Unit.
5. Use the numbers to the left of each item to order the contents.

POTENTIAL ISSUES FOR STUDENTS

Students may not understand how to access the material. If they click on the Content button in the upper left of the Learning Unit page, they will be able to view all of the contents the instructor has made available (if sequencing is not enforced). Also, students may need help to advance to the next chunk of information, which they do by clicking on the arrows on the right side of the page.