

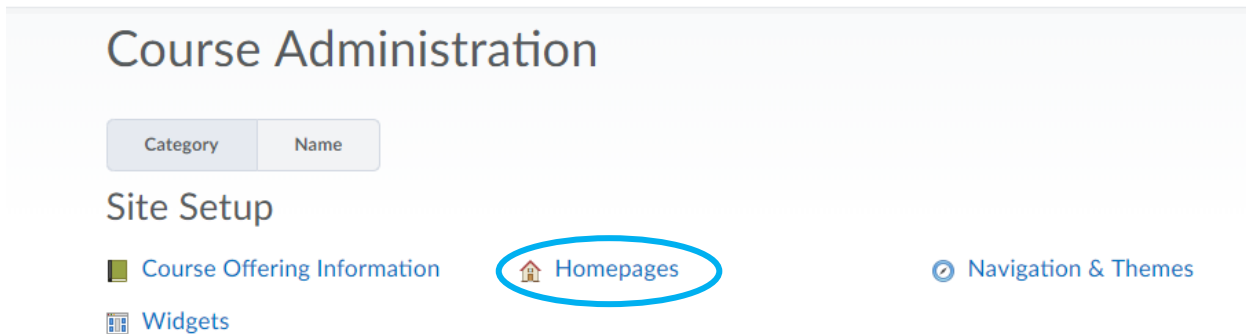
Customize a Course Home Page in D2L

This tutorial will teach you how to customize your Course Home Page.

1. First, log in to D2L and navigate to the course section you want to upload the banner to.
2. Then, find the “Course Admin” button on your D2L toolbar at the top of you page.

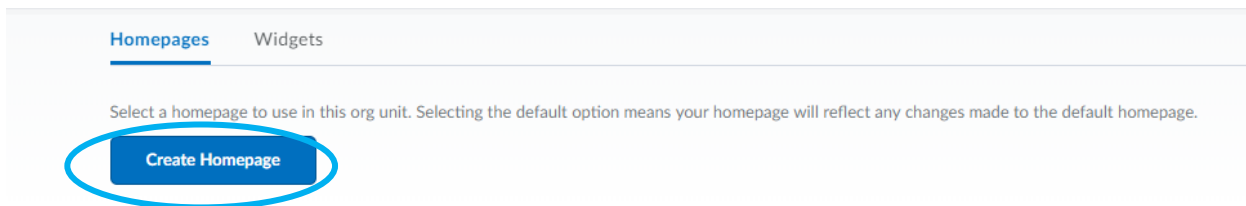
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3. Next, click the “Homepages” button.



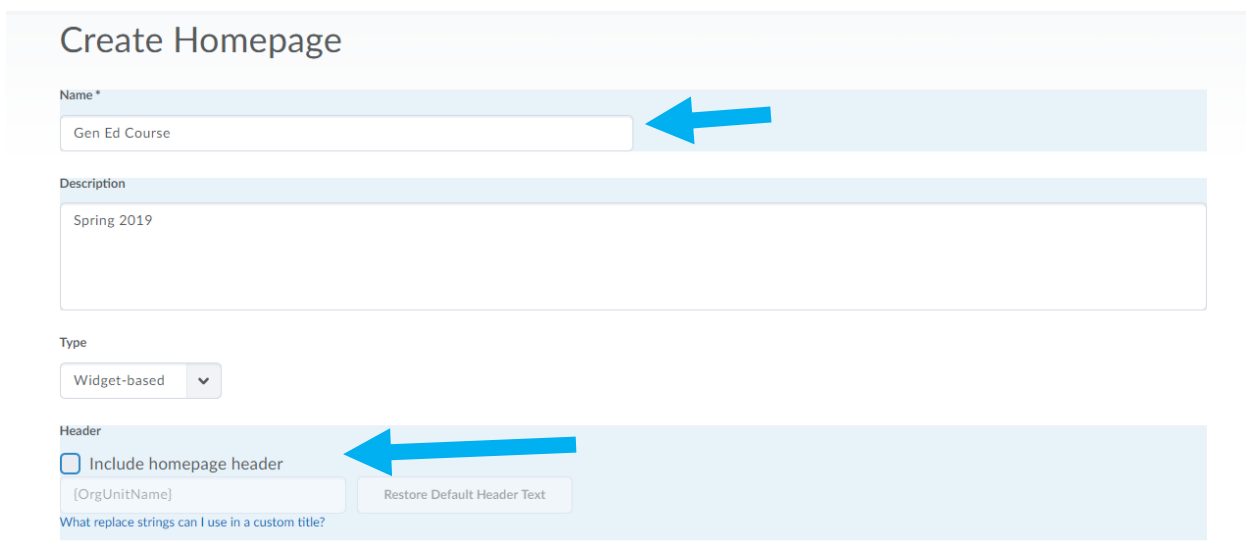
The screenshot shows the 'Course Administration' page with a 'Site Setup' section. Under 'Site Setup', there are three buttons: 'Course Offering Information', 'Homepages', and 'Navigation & Themes'. The 'Homepages' button is circled in blue. Below these buttons is a 'Widgets' section.

4. Next, click the blue “Create a Homepage” button.



The screenshot shows the 'Homepages' tab selected. Below the tab, there is a text prompt: 'Select a homepage to use in this org unit. Selecting the default option means your homepage will reflect any changes made to the default homepage.' Below this prompt is a blue button labeled 'Create Homepage', which is circled in blue.

5. Enter a name for your homepage and write a description that will help you remember what the page looks like. Ensure the “Header” box is unchecked so you can add your own banner later. (View the tutorials for creating a banner and uploading a banner to D2L.)



The screenshot shows the 'Create Homepage' form. It has several sections: 'Name *' with a text input field containing 'Gen Ed Course' and a blue arrow pointing to it; 'Description' with a text area containing 'Spring 2019'; 'Type' with a dropdown menu set to 'Widget-based'; and 'Header' with an unchecked checkbox labeled 'Include homepage header' and a blue arrow pointing to it. Below the checkbox is a text input field with '[OrgUnitName]' and a button labeled 'Restore Default Header Text'. At the bottom, there is a link: 'What replace strings can I use in a custom title?'.

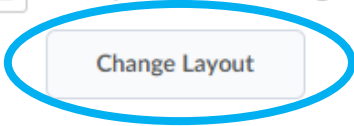
6. Next, scroll down and click “Change Layout” to customize the format of your page.

Layout

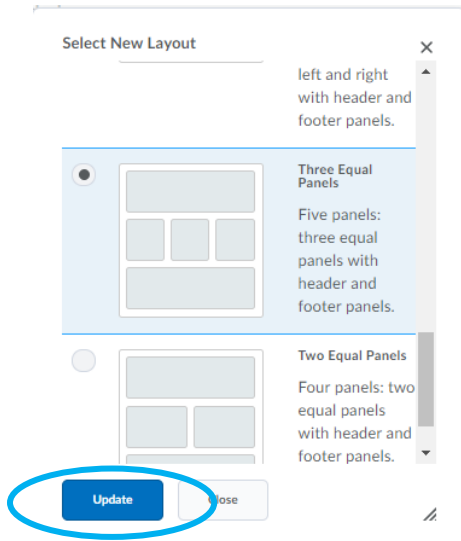


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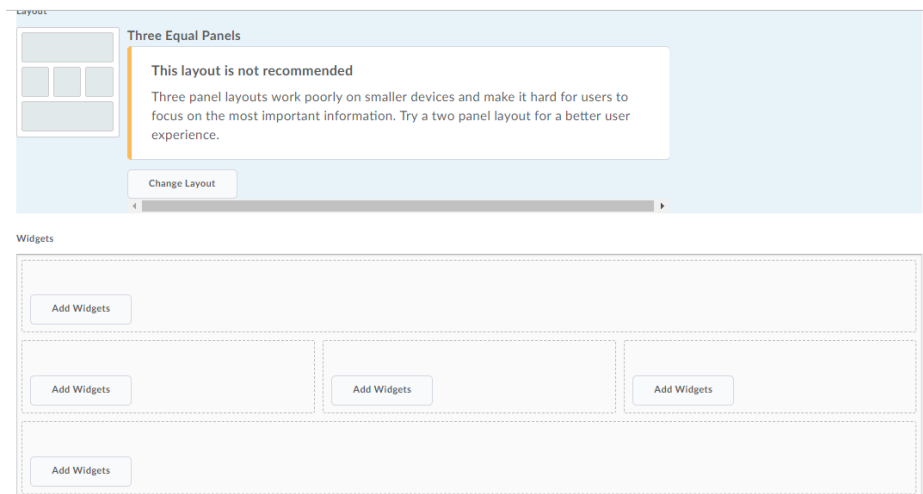
Two panels: one large panel on the left and one smaller panel on the right.



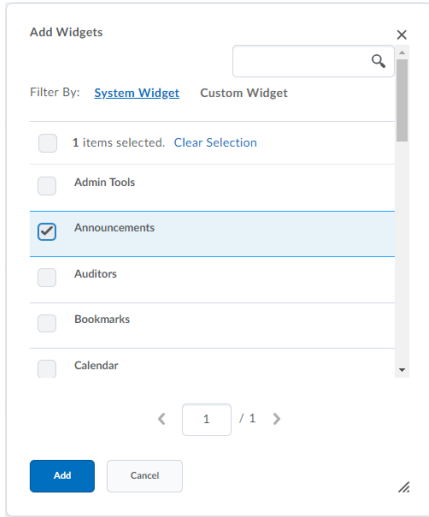
7. For the purpose of this tutorial, scroll down and select the “Three Equal Panels” option. Then, select the blue “Update” button.



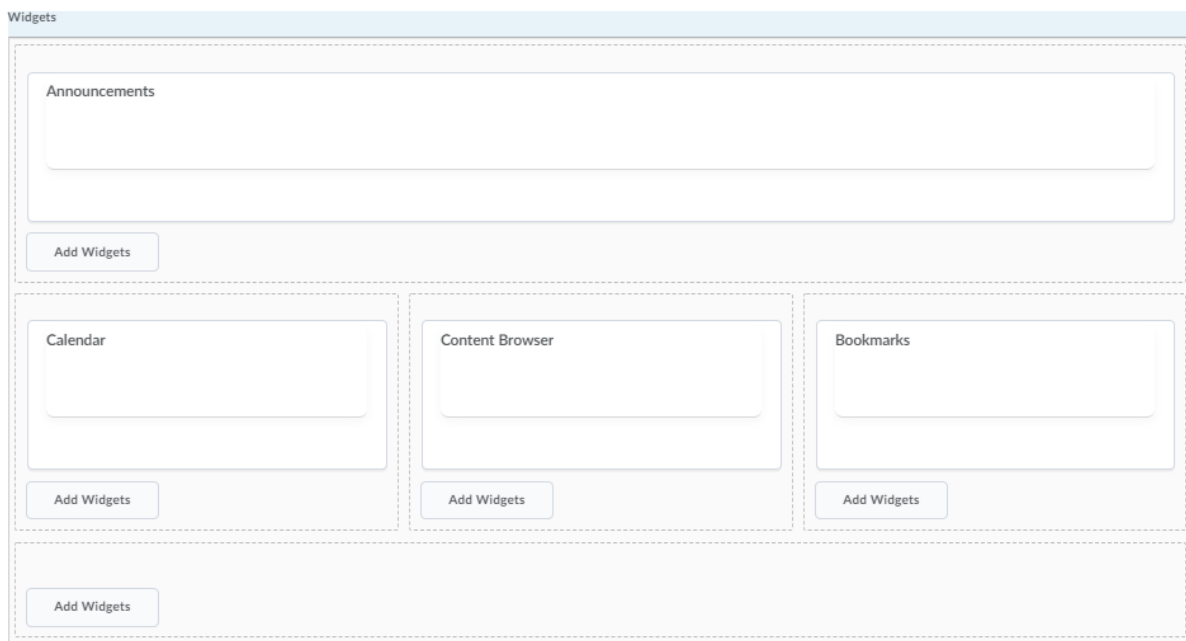
8. Scroll down and select “Add Widgets.”



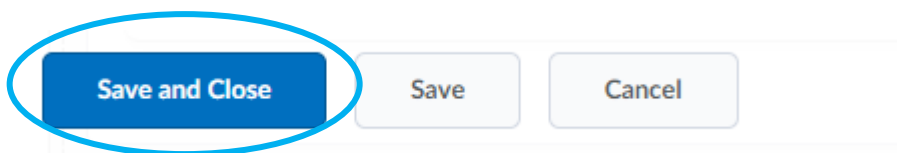
9. Find the widget you would like to add in that section and check the box. You can select multiple widgets for one section if you would like to. After making your selection, click the blue “Save” button at the bottom of the window.



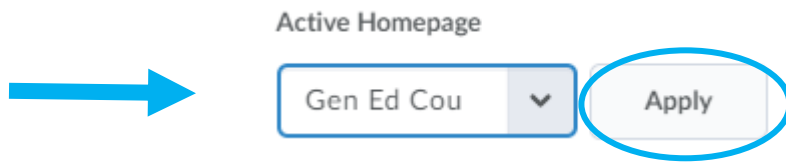
10. Repeat this process for the other sections until the layout matches what you want. (See example below)



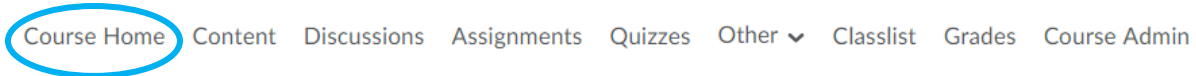
11. Click the blue “Save and Close” button.



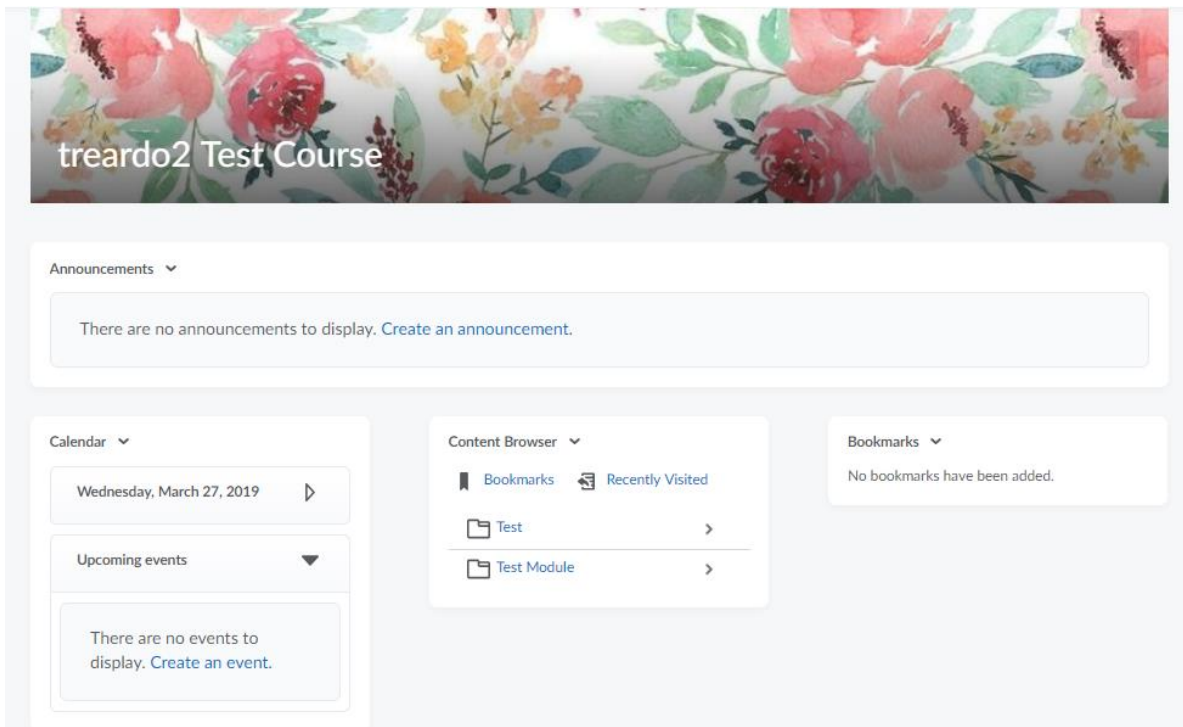
12. To activate your homepage, select the “Active Homepage” drop down menu. Select the homepage you created and then click “Apply.”



13. Navigate back to your “Course Home” to see your new course layout.



Page based on example layout:



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