# BLACKBOARD 9.1
University of Richmond

CREATING A HOME PAGE FOR YOUR COURSE

One of Blackboard 9.1's new features is the Home Page, an alternative course entry point to Announcements. It allows instructors to select and position Modules that notify students of assignments and new postings and may help them keep their coursework more organized.

Courses requested and created prior to the Blackboard 9.1 upgrade won't have a Home Page. You can create one in just a few easy steps.

CREATE THE HOME PAGE

Enter the course for which you'd like to create a Home Page. Hover your mouse over the + above the menu on the left-hand side of your course. Click "Create Module Page" and give it a name. (It doesn't have to be "Home Page"!) Check the box next to "Available to Users" and click Submit.
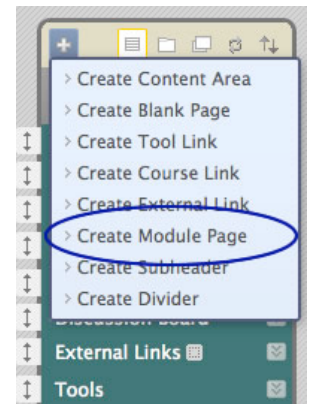
SET THE COURSE ENTRY POINT

Scroll down to the Control Panel on the left side of your course. Click Customization, then Style. Scroll down to #4, "Select Course Entry Point." From the drop-down menu, select your Home Page.

CUSTOMIZE THE HOME PAGE

Go back to your Home Page. Make sure Edit Mode is on, or you'll be unable to add Modules. Click "Add Course Module" and select from Alerts, Calendar, What's New, Needs Attention and more. Click Submit, then turn Edit Mode off to see how the students will view your course Home Page. If you need to edit the name of the Home Page, click the double-chevron next to Home Page and select Edit.

POSITION THE HOME PAGE

By default, the new Home Page will appear at the bottom of your course menu. If you are using it as your course entry point, you may want to move it to the top of the course menu. In Edit Mode, hover your mouse over the double-sided arrow next to Home Page. When you see the hand tool, click and drag the Home Page. When you see the dotted outline where you'd like your Home Page, release your mouse button to put it in place.