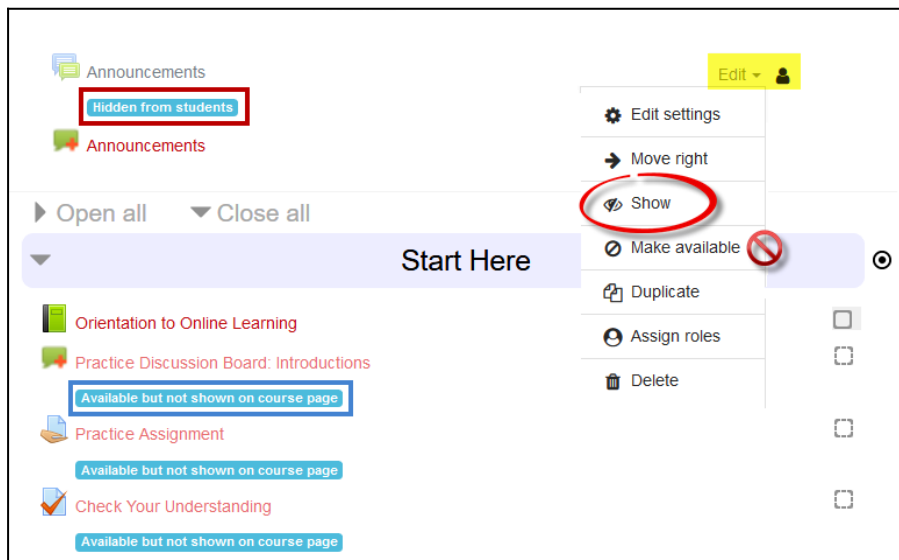




## Faculty: Items "Available But Not Shown"

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What's up with

this "Available but not shown on course page" option? It's a nice feature, but a little confusing!

The example on the right shows an **Announcements** link that is hidden from students. To make an item visible to students, be sure to click on **Show** in the **Edit** options. If you click on "**Make available**," that would enable students to interact with that item **only** if you linked to it from somewhere else.

If you've selected **Make available** by mistake, open the item in edit view and open the **Common module settings** options area. In the **Availability** field, select **Show on course page** and **Save**.

Why would you want to hide something and still make it available? Let's look at an actual use case for this new feature.

We've crafted a book resource with orientation materials for online students. We want to be sure that they: a) read the book and b) do some practice activities. "Available but not shown on course page" enables us to link to these activities from the book while at the same time preventing students from skipping the book and going straight to the practice activities. Providing a link back to the book from the practice activity makes going from the book to the activity and back to the book a seamless transition.

See these instructions for [setting up an item that's available but not shown](#). [This 6-minute video](#) describes how to do this and offers examples of when you might like to use it.

**Start Here**

- Orientation to Online Learning
- Practice Discussion Board: Introductions
  - Available but not shown on course page
- Practice Assignment
  - Available but not shown on course page
- Check Your Understanding
  - Available but not shown on course page

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## Orientation to Online Learning

### Guide to Online Communication

#### Discussion Forums

Much of the academic work you will do in this program will center around discussion forums. Generally, you will be expected to make an initial response to a discussion prompt by Thursday evening and reply to at least two other students by Sunday evening.

Besides large group discussions, you'll also use forums to work in small groups on class projects and case studies. To add formatting, links or images to your post, use the "advanced editing" option to display the text editing toolbar.

[Introduce yourself in this sample forum.](#)

Link to forum that is "Available but not shown on course page"

## Practice Discussion Board: Introductions

Discussion forums are for sharing thoughts and ideas about course content and its application. For each discussion, the course main page displays the total number of posts and the total number of unread posts.

Click on **Add a new topic** to introduce yourself to practice using the forum tool. Feel free to reply to others while you're at it.

[Return to where you left off in the Orientation book.](#)

Link back to book

Contact the CIS for assistance with this new feature!