

Faculty: Set Up Collapsed Topics Course Format

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In addition to the weekly and topics format, Moodle features "**Collapsed topics**" as a course format. This format is great for eliminating Moodle's famous "death scroll."

The screenshot shows the Moodle interface for a "Demo Course". At the top, there's a breadcrumb trail: Home / Courses / Public / Demo Course 3.3. Below this, a sidebar on the left lists course components: Syllabus, Course Q & A, Course Files, Announcements, Course Tools & Utilities, and Attendance. To the right of these is a "Your progress" section with checkboxes for each component. The main content area features a list of sections. The first four are "Week One" through "Week Four", each with a play button icon on the left and a "Topic" label on the right. The next three are "Section 5", "Section 6", and "Section 7", each with a play button icon on the left, a "Hidden from students" label below the section name, and a "Topic" label on the right. The final section is "Section 8", with a play button icon on the left and a "Topic" label on the right. Above the section list, there are buttons for "Open all" and "Close all", and an instruction: "Clicking on the section name will show / hide the section."

Clicking on the section name opens the area up and displays the section's content.

Demo Course

Home / Courses / Public / Demo Course 3.3

Syllabus

Course Q & A

Course Files

Announcements

Course Tools & Utilities

Attendance

Your progress

Open all

Close all

Instructions: Clicking on the section name will show / hide the section.

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Week One

Topic 1

Resources

Weekly Overview

Handout

Supplemental Reading

Charts

Chapter Resources

Additional Readings

Related Web Site

Homework

Weekly Discussion

Essay Assignment

Group Project

Chapter Quiz

Project Sign-up

Class Presentation Scheduler

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Week Two

Topic 2

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Week Three

Topic 3

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Week Four

Topic 4

To apply the collapsed topics format to your course, click on the course admin gear in the upper right corner of your course main page and select **Edit settings**. Open the **Format** options area and choose **Collapsed topics** from the Format pull-down menu.

▼ Course format

Format

Weekly format

Single activity format

Collapsed Topics

Topics format

Weekly format

Hidden sections

completely invisible

Course layout

Show all sections on one page

After you select this format, a series of fields will be displayed. You can safely ignore them and scroll on down to save changes. For assistance in customizing your collapsed topics settings, contact CATL.