

Preparing an ANGEL Course

When preparing an ANGEL course it may be necessary to block students from viewing the ANGEL course for a short period of time. While disabling this course seems like a viable option it actually causes confusion for the student. When a student logs on to ANGEL and sees a missing class he/she then assumes that they have been dropped from the class. Below are some other options for blocking student access for a short period of time.

Hiding Tabs

If content is being added or modified, the gradebook is being setup, or the syllabus is posted and it is not ready for students to view, the tabs associated with these files can be hidden from the students. This will allow the student to enter the course and see any announcements but not access any of the other information.

To hide any tab:

1. Click on the Manage tab
2. Click on the link for Tab Settings
3. Find the tab that should be blocked for students and change the Viewable By menu to Course/Group Editor
4. Press Save

Any tab can be hidden this way. You may also want to post a message in Course Announcements explaining that material will be released in time for the course.

Change the Course Start Date

By changing the start date the students will receive a message when he/she tries to access the course. It will alert them that the course will be available on the date that was chosen.

To Set a Course Start Date:

1. Click on the Manage tab
2. Click on the link for General Course Settings
3. Change the date and time in the Course Begins option
4. Press Save

With both of these options, all of the steps must be reversed in time for the course to start.