The Student View feature in Blackboard allows an instructor within a course to view the content from a student’s perspective. The instructor does not need to log out of Blackboard and enter any alternate account credentials to access this view of their course. When an instructor activates the Student View feature they become a “Demo User” and will be able to access course and institutional sections of Blackboard as a student would – usually Announcement, Assignments, Course Content, Groups, Discussion Boards, Tools, and the Grade Center.

Best Practices for Using Student View

Use Student View for seeing your course as a student does.

- Student View can only be used when the course has been made available to students, since it is essentially a dummy student account. If it is accessed before the course has been made available to students, it will display an error because the course is currently set to be unavailable to all students.
- If you want a quick idea of what the students see before making the course available, instead toggle “Edit Mode” to “Off”. This will give a preview of what the students see.
- Student View is best utilized as a student account to test various functions in the course. You can submit assignments, take tests, submit discussions, etc. as a student. You can then see these test submissions as an instructor. The Student View account will show as ‘Demo User’ in the Grade Center.

View as a Student

From within a course, Student View can be accessed in one of two ways:

1. **Click** on Go To Student View in the upper right-hand corner of your Blackboard Learn window.

2. In the Course Management panel in the lower left hand corner:
   a. **Click** on Course Tools to open the Course Tools menu
   b. **Click** on Student View within the menu.
After you enter the Student View you will see all parts of your Blackboard Course that are available to your students. If you look at the top of your screen, you will see you are accessing the course as “Demo User”. As the Demo User you can select all items in the navigation menu as a student would. The only differences you will note between the Demo Student view and an actual student’s view of the course will be the **Return to Teacher View** button in the upper right hand corner, and the removal of the tabs at the top of your Blackboard window.

While in the Student View, you will be able to not only view content in the course in a similar way to students, but you may also complete assignments and assessments just like a student.
To return to the Teacher View, click the Return to Teacher View button in the upper right-hand corner.  **NOTE:** You will return to the course and land on the course entry page. If you were working within any other part of your course, you will not return to that location.

**Demo Student and the Grade Center**

As an instructor, you will also see the Demo User account listed within your Grade Center like the students who are enrolled in your course.
If you complete any assignments or assessments while in the Student View, you will see the results of your attempts within the Grade Center.

For More Information

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