

How can I add course content to my Moodle?

A course in Moodle is basically a space on your Moodle site where one or more teachers can add learning content for their students.

What the course might look like as a teacher will depend partly on the theme and settings which you as the admin define. This course uses the Boost theme although it can be changed to Classic as shown in another video. With the Boost theme teachers can expect to see a collapsible navigation drawer on the left and a cog menu on the right.

By default, editing teachers can edit the course settings by clicking the cog icon and then Edit settings. Other course features are available from here too including a More link which takes you to further settings including reports, badges and quiz questions.

The main content area here is where the actual teaching and learning resources will be added. In this course they are numbered topics which can be renamed but if we look at a different course on adifferent Moodle site you can see that these are divided into weekly sections and there are some blocks on the right. In order to add learning content you need to have the editing turned on and with the Boost theme you do this by clicking the gear top right and then clicking the link Turn editing on. This then displays an edit menu next to any existing content for editing the settings, hiding, duplicating deleting, etc. There is an Announcement forum here and if the teacher wishes to move it into a different section she clicks the crosshairs icon to move it by dragging and dropping. In order to add new files documents or activities for learners the teacher needs to click the link Add an activity or resource in the section where she'd like them to appear. It's always possible to move them afterwards. An activity involved input from learners such as submitting an assignment or posting in a forum. A resource is static content such as a video or page of text.

With the editing turned on, a teacher can also add blocks to the side of the main learning content.

For more information on how courses work for teachers, see our Learn Moodle Basics playlists on our HQ YouTube channel and join our twice yearly Learn Moodle Basics MOOC.

To summarise:

- Courses hold learning content
- Resources are static
- Activities require input from learners
- Blocks may also be added to the side.