Banners

Note: The utilization of the following may vary depending on the delivery subject matter.

The banner is generally the first thing a student sees when entering your course, at the very least a banner graphic should contain the course name so that the student knows they’ve found your course. A simple place to create banners is at Cool Text – Graphics Generator (http://cooltext.com). Even though this is a good way to identify the course, a banner graphic can provide an opportunity to excite your students about the current topic of study. By placing a descriptive picture each week for your banner graphic, you can illustrate or highlight specific ideas or topics that will be the focus of discussion or their assignments. Banner graphics can also be used as the basis for extra credit assignments. By rotating the banner regularly you can reflect current class events or have an additional “teaching/learning” tool.

Tip: When using graphic for a banner, the image needs to be a small enough in size so a student does not have to have to scroll to read the first announcement. Note: Blackboard cannot display Bitmap (.bmp) files.

To resize an image, or convert an image from one file type to another, you may need a graphic converter program such as Irfanview if you do not already have one on your computer. Irfanview can be downloaded from http://www.irfanview.com.

Examples of banner use:

![English 241](image)

Simple banner used to identify a course.

![metacognition](image)

Banner used a teaching tool.
The students were asked to explain the banner for extra credit.