Merged Courses

Introduction to Merged Courses

Instructor View - My Courses Module

Cross-Listed, **Televised**, and other **Multiple-Section** courses, such as Labs, are merged into a master course with the associated course(s) connected to it in Blackboard.

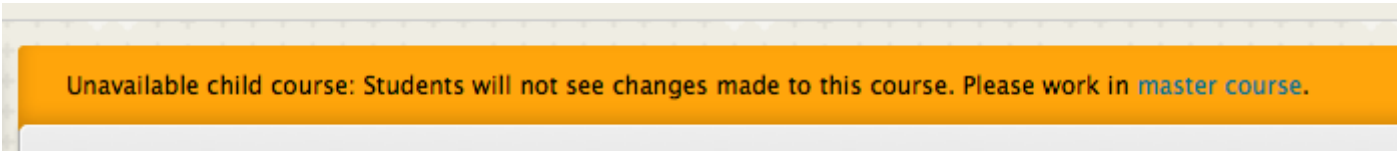
Merged courses are identified as *Parent* and *Child* sections.

The *Parent Course* is the first alpha-numeric ID.
In the example, the *2100* course is the *Parent* course, the *3100* course is the *Child* course.
Other merged sections could be with a different DEPT or different section number.

In the My Courses Module, merged courses use the standard naming protocol so instructors and students can easily identify the course by the ID:
(YEAR-TERM-DEPT####-SEC).
The *Child* course displays the comment ***(unavailable - Child course of YEAR-TERM-DEPT####-SEC)*.**

The instructor sees all sections, but enters and works only in the *Parent* Section.

Instructor View - Child Course



Upon entering a *Child* Section, the instructor sees this notice
Unavailable child course: Students will not see changes made to this course. Please work in master course.
The phrase *master course* is a link to the *Parent* course for that *Child* course.

Do not use a *Child* course. You may safely hide it from your *My Courses* module.
(See www.csustan.edu/Blackboard/FacultyHelp/Documents/ManageMyCoursesModule.pdf)

The *Parent* course roster displays all the users from all sections.
Student names are identified by section on the *Users* page and in the *Grade Center*.

Course enrollments are updated daily and are reflected in the *Parent* course roster.

In the past, combined courses on Bb had non-standard IDs, included alpha extensions, and did not always have numbers that matched the section.
This new merge process removes those non-standard naming protocols.

Student View

Students see the Name and ID of the course in which they are enrolled in their *My Courses* module.
In this example, the student is enrolled in course *YEAR-TERM-DEPT3100-003,* the *Child* course.
The student clicks that link to enter the *Parent* course and complete all work there.
The instructor sees all student work in the *Parent* course.
The student can participate with all users from all merged sections.