

## Navigating your Blackboard Course for Students

After completing the steps in this lesson, users will be able to perform the following:

- Access the Course News page
- Navigate within their Blackboard course site

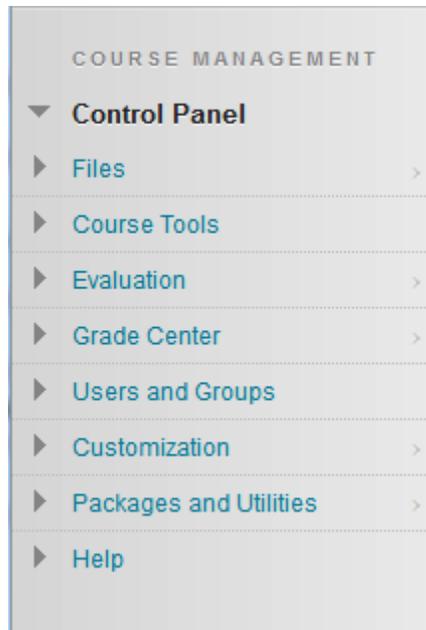
### Navigating the Course News page

The screenshot displays the 'Course News' page in Blackboard. At the top, there is a header with 'Course News' and a dropdown arrow. Below the header are two buttons: 'Add Course Module' and 'Customize Page'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- My Announcements:** A green header with the text 'No Course Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days.' and a link 'more announcements...→'.
- My Calendar:** A green header with the text 'No calendar events have been posted for the next 7 days.' and a link 'more calendar events...→'.
- My Tasks:** A green header with the text 'My Tasks: No tasks due.' and a link 'more tasks...→'.
- What's New:** A green header with an 'Edit Notification Settings' button and an 'Actions' dropdown. The text below reads 'No Notifications' and 'Last Updated: March 7, 2012 2:46 PM'.
- Needs Attention:** A green header with an 'Edit Notification Settings' button and an 'Actions' dropdown.
- To Do:** A green header with an 'Edit Notification Settings' button and an 'Actions' dropdown. It contains sections for 'What's Past Due', 'What's Due', and a date selector set to '03/07/2012'. The 'What's Due' section is expanded to show 'Today (0)' with the text 'Nothing Due Today', and 'Tomorrow (0)', 'This Week (0)', and 'Future (0)'.

The first page that users usually encounter when logging into Blackboard is the Course News page. This page displays information about new course content, announcements and due dates. The information on this page can be customized by the instructor or students, if the instructor enables this feature

## Navigating the Control Panel



Below the course menu is the Control Panel. The control panel gives instructors access to managing course tools, accessing the Grade Center and managing course settings.