

Aligning Outcomes to Assignments in Blackboard

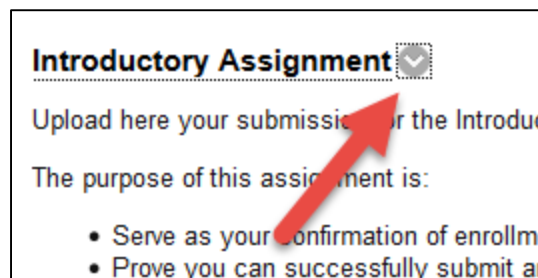
If you are assessing your program outcomes with Blackboard, you will need to align your individual Blackboard assignments to specific department outcomes. Outcomes can be applied to assignments created using the assignment tool, discussions, blogs, wikis, journals or tests. This document outlines the steps for aligning your assignments to outcomes in Blackboard.

Please note: Before aligning your assignments to outcomes, you will need to ensure that your department's outcomes are loaded into Blackboard. If you are unsure as to whether your department is using Outcomes Assessment in Blackboard, please contact your department chair for assistance.

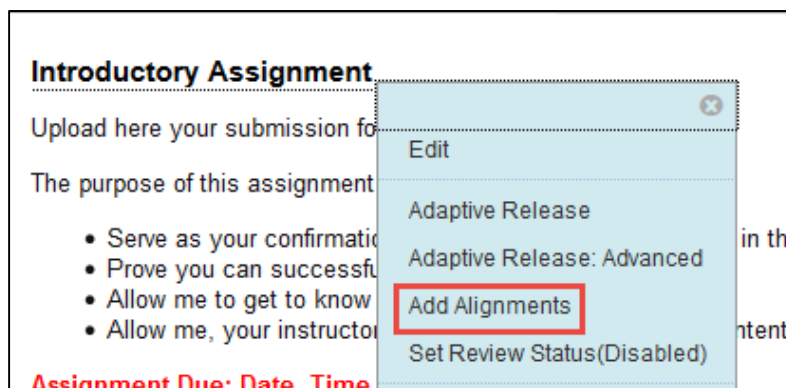
Adding Outcomes to an Assignment, Test, Blog, Wiki or Journal

Note: *If you are adding outcomes to a test, the outcomes will be assigned to the entire test. To assign outcomes to individual test questions, please see page 3 of this document.*

- Navigate to the section of your course where assignments are posted.
- Hover your mouse near the assignment name to make the drop-down menu button appear.



- Click on the menu button and select **Add Alignments**.



- The **Discover Goals** window will open. You will need to narrow down the list of goals to locate the ones specific to your department and program:
 1. Click on **View** to expand your options.
 2. Under **Goal Set**, select your department.
 3. Under **Category**, select the degree type (Bachelor's, Master's, etc.).
 4. Check the boxes next to the resulting goals that you would like to use.
 5. Click **Submit**.

Discover Goals

Align content items to Goals in order to report goals coverage information for this course. [More Help](#)

Browse Criteria

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Source

- System

Goal Set Type

- All Set Types
- Test

Goal Set 2

- All Goal Sets
- Outcomes Demo Discipline
- Outcomes Demo Gen Ed

Category 3

- All Categories
- Bachelors PSYCH
- Gen Ed Goals
- Masters MBA

Goal Type

- All Types
- AIC Core - Test
- AIC Outcomes Test

Criteria Summary


Source **System** + Goal Set Type **All Set Types** + Goal Set **All Goal Sets** + Category **All Categories**

+ Goal Type **All Types**

	Goal	Goal Set
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goal	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Test Goal Written Communication – 01: Write really GOOD! this is the description of the goal itself. Bb will alphabetize by this text. append with a number or letter, etc.	Outcomes Demo Discipline
<input type="checkbox"/>	TEST Critical Thinking 2014 – 01: Students will demonstrate critical thinking, which is a habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.	Outcomes Demo Gen Ed
<input type="checkbox"/>	TEST-Written Communication 2014 – 02: Students will demonstrate the development and expression of ideas in writing. Written communication involves learning to work in many genres and styles. It can involve working with many different writing technologies, and mixing texts, data, and images.	Outcomes Demo Gen Ed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outcomes PSYCH Critical Thinking 2014 – 01: Critical Thinking Skills in Psychology: Students will demonstrate respect and use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.	Outcomes Demo Discipline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outcomes PSYCH Research Methods 2014 – 02: Students will demonstrate understanding and apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.	Outcomes Demo Discipline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outcomes MBA Discipline Knowledge 2014 – 01: Students will demonstrate competency across business disciplines, specifically apply the essential elements of core business principles to analyze and evaluate problems and to construct and implement solutions in the business environment.	Outcomes Demo Discipline
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outcomes MBA Critical Thinking – 02: Demonstrate critical thinking, specifically employ appropriate analytical models and apply critical reasoning processes to evaluate evidence, select among alternatives, and generate creative options in furtherance of	Outcomes Demo Discipline

Selected Goals 0

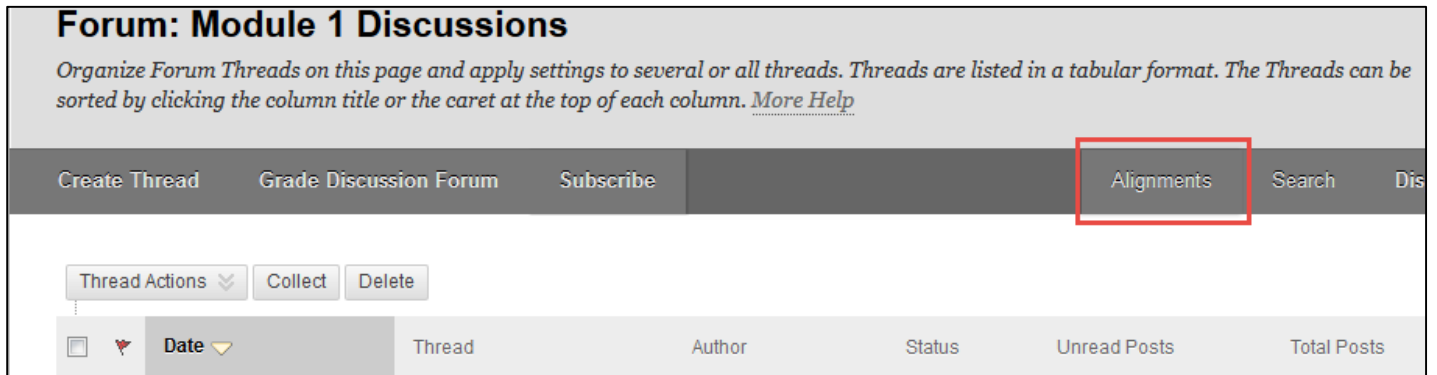
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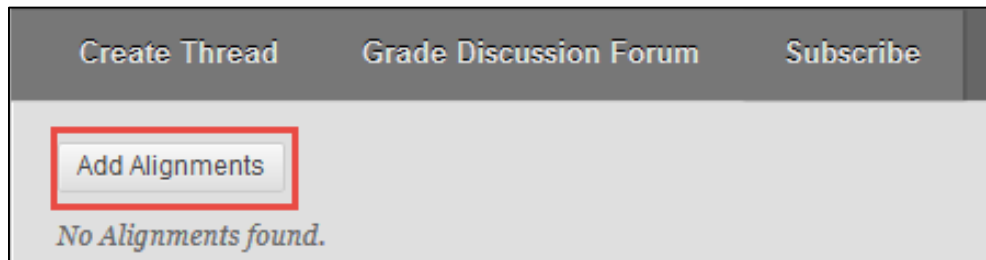
If you have a Blackboard assignment that allows multiple attempts, it will not work with Outcomes Assessment. You will need to set up a separate assignment where students submit **only** their final attempt at the assignment, and align your outcomes here.

Adding Outcomes to a Discussion Forum

- Navigate to the discussion forum where you would like to add alignments.
- Click on the name of the forum to open it.
- On the right side of the forum page, click on the **Alignments** button.



- On the left side, click on **Add Alignment**.



- The **Discover Goals** window will open. Follow the steps on page 2 to select goals to align.

Adding Outcomes to Individual Test Questions

- Navigate to the section of your course where you have posted the test.
- Hover your mouse near the name of the test to make the drop-down menu button appear.
- Click on the menu button and select **Edit the Test**. The Test Canvas will open.
- Hover your mouse over the question where you would like to add an outcome.
- Click on the drop-down menu button next to the question title and select **Add Alignments**.
- The **Discover Goals** window will open. Follow the steps on page 2 to select goals to align.

