

Visibility

This guide aims to unpack the myths about module/course visibility for you.

1. Course Visibility

- In MedMoodle or HSMoodle, the convener and administrator need to make sure that the module or the course is visible (shown) to others. Otherwise, students and staff outside the teaching team will not be able to access the course.

- To show/hide a course, go to 'Administration' block and click 'Edit Settings'. In the next page, change 'Course Visibility' to 'Show' and scroll to the end of the page 'save and display' (Figure 1).

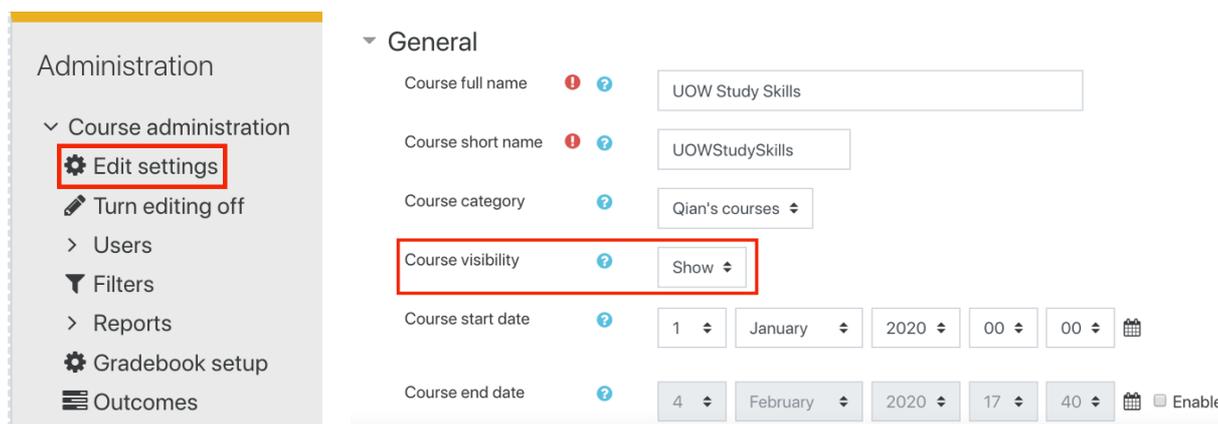


Figure 1. Show/hide the module or course

- It's easy to check whether a module or course is shown or hidden.

(1) Under the course category ('All Courses'), hidden modules/courses have a dark grey background (Figure 2).

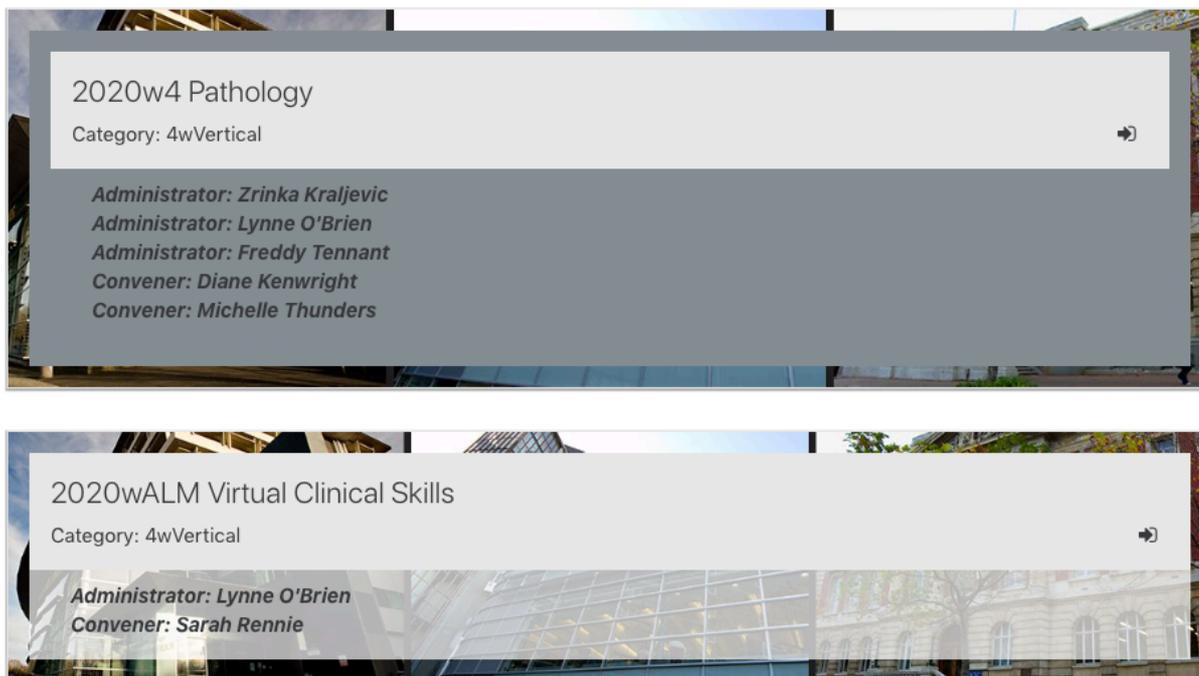


Figure 2. Hidden vs. visible modules/courses under the course category view

(2) Within the module/course, the course short-name of the hidden courses is dark grey (Figure 3).



Figure 3. course shortname differences between hidden vs. visible modules/courses

2. Course Content Visibility: Hide and Show

- For most of the items (e.g. PDF files, assignments, quizzes etc) within a module/course, you can choose to show or hide them from students. Staff will be able to see though.

- A quick way to show/hide an item: 'Turn Editing On', click the 'Edit' button attached to the item, then choose 'Hide' or 'Show'(Figure 4).



Figure 4. Hide or show an item

- An alternative approach: click 'editing settings' (Figure 7), scroll down to the section 'Common module settings' and choose from the 'Availability' tag.

- either way, you will have 3 options:

(1) Hide the item from students

(2) Show the item to students

(3) Make available but not shown: choose this when you don't want students to see the item but allow them to access it via a URL /hyperlink.

3. Course Content Visibility: Restrict Access

- The feature 'Restrict Access' is relevant to both Visibility and Access

- It allows you to restrict the item by activity completion, date, grade, student group, user profile, or a set of nested restrictions. Users will not be able to access the item unless they meet the conditions (Figure 5).

- To use this feature, click 'Edit settings' (Figure 4), scroll down to the section 'Restrict Access' and 'Add restriction...'

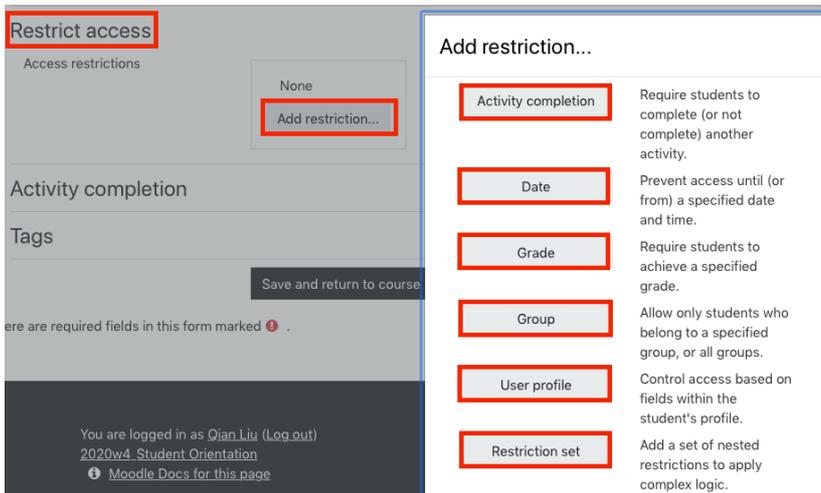


Figure 5. Restrict access – restrictions

- Note when you apply multiple restrictions you need to specify if students need to meet all the restrictions (AND) or any one of the restrictions (OR) (Figure 6).

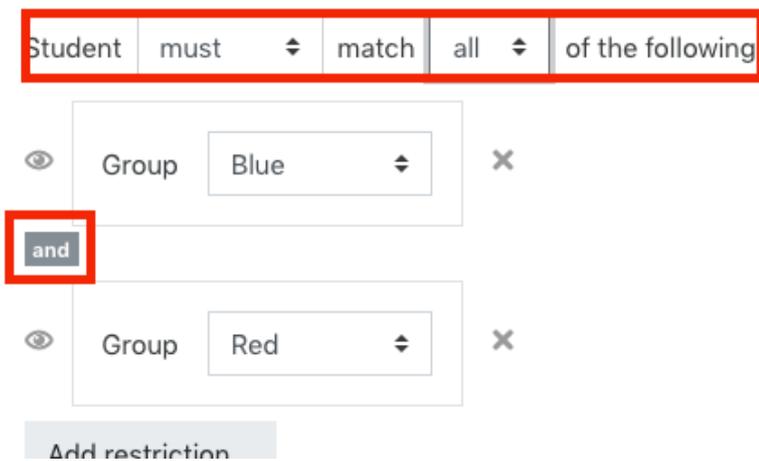


Figure 6. Restrict access – multiple restrictions

- Restrict access *visibility*: you can choose whether to show these restrictions to students.

- To do this, cross off the 'eye' when setting up the restrictions (Figure 7).

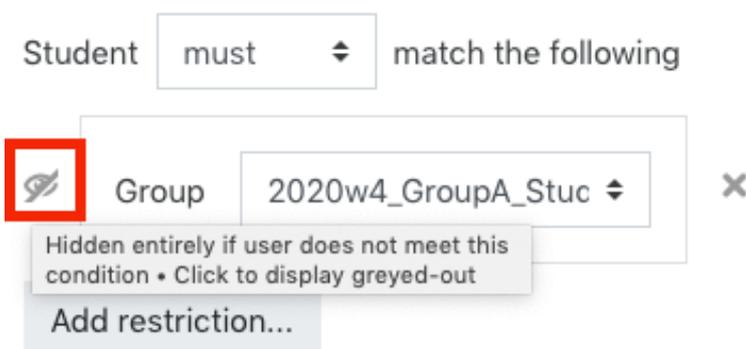


Figure 7. Restrict access – visibility

*Note: hiding restrict access conditions from students would be particularly useful if you are trying to have a student submit a remedial assignment but don't want others to identify the student.