



Importing (Copying) Course Content from one Sakai Site to another [Sakai to Sakai]

In Sakai training, each participant was given a practice course. If you developed content in your practice course that you want to use in your actual course site, it is possible to “import” content from one Sakai course into another Sakai course.

IMPORTANT:

- The “import” process works best if you are importing into an empty Sakai course site. Therefore, if you want to import content into a Sakai course site, it is recommended that you do so while the Sakai course is still empty – i.e. before you begin adding other content to the site.

STEP 1 – ADD TOOLS to the Receiving course in Sakai

Content can be imported only into tools that are currently available in the new Sakai site. Therefore, before you begin the import process, you must add the Sakai tools into which the content will be placed.

To add tools to the receiving course in Sakai:

1. Log in to Sakai and go to the new course that you want to import content into.
2. Choose **Site Info > Edit Tools**.
3. Click to place a check mark beside any tools you will be using.
4. At the bottom of the page, click **Continue**, then click **FINISH**.

STEP 2 – IMPORT CONTENT from the Source course in Sakai

Once you have added any needed tools to the site, you will be able to import content into them from another Sakai site in which you have instructor privileges.

To import content into the Sakai source course:

1. In the Sakai course where you want to import content, go to **Site Info > Import from Site**.
2. Select the **Replace data** method. **Replace data** is the recommended method for importing course content into an empty site.
***Warning:** Choosing this option will erase any content currently in the site!*
3. Select the site that contains the content you wish to import and click **Continue**.
4. Click to place a check mark beside each content area you wish to import, then click **FINISH**.

Tips for working with content that has been imported from another Sakai site.

Sakai Tool	Tool Import (Copy) Information
Announcements	Announcements are saved in draft mode. Go to the Announcements tool and click the Edit link associated with a particular Announcement to change the availability of Announcements. For more info about Announcements , see Announcements
Assignments	Assignments are saved in draft mode. Go to the Assignments tool, Assignments List and click the Edit link associated with a particular Assignment to change dates . Also, update Grading options to add the Assignment to the Gradebook. Then, choose a Gradebook Category for the item from the drop down menu. For more info about Assignments , see Assignments
Forums	Forums are saved in draft mode at the Forum level. Go to the Forums tool to change the dates of individual topics by clicking the on Topic Settings of each topic first. Only after you do that, go to the Forum settings and click Save . To release Forum Gradebook Items to students, go to the Gradebook and click Edit beside the grayed out item, change the due date , and check the box to release the item to students . For more info about Forums , see Forums
Gradebook	The Gradebook Setup, Categories, and Weighting will copy. Gradebook Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manually added Gradebook items (for discussion postings, attendance, extra credit, etc.) will copy but are not released to students. • Created by associating with the Assignments and Tests & Quizzes tools will need to be updated by going to the tool first. To release Gradebook items to students, go to the Gradebook tool and click the Edit link associated with the items. Then, change the due date and check the box to release this item to students . For more info about the Gradebook , see Gradebook
Lessons	Lessons subpages and content will copy. If your files or images don't display to your students (and/or to you), relink to your files/images in Sakai. For more info about Lessons , see Lessons
News	Links to RSS feeds will copy.
Resources	All hidden and unhidden Resources folders and files will copy. Hidden Resources folders will remain hidden. For more info about Resources , see Resources
Syllabus	Syllabus items and attachments will copy. For more info about Syllabus , see Syllabus

Tests & Quizzes	<p>Tests & Quizzes will copy into Working Copies. Go to the Tests & Quizzes tool and select Settings from the drop down menu associated with the test to update the Delivery dates, Feedback dates, and Grading options. Click Save Settings and Publish, to publish the test.</p> <p>Note: There is NO warning prompting you to update the test dates. Students will not be able to take the test and see test feedback until the Delivery dates and Feedback dates have been updated.</p> <p>If you choose to send test grades to the Gradebook, go to the Gradebook to assign the test a category. Click the Edit link associated with a particular test, then choose a category from the drop down menu. For more info about Tests & Quizzes, see Tests & Quizzes</p>
Web Content	Web Content links will copy. For more info about Web Content , see Web Content
Wiki	Instructor added wiki pages will copy.

Sakai Tools (that will not import (copy))	Tool Import (Copy) Information
Site Info	The Site Info Participant List of students will not copy.
Site Information Display (Home page)	The Site Information Display area (Home page) will not copy. For instructions on how to edit your course's home page, see: Site Info
Roster	The Roster will not copy.
Schedule	Due dates assigned with the Schedule tool will not copy.
Sign-up	Appointments created with the Sign-up tool will not copy.
Meetings	Meetings created with the Meetings tool will not copy.

Test the Import (Copy) Process

It's a good idea to make sure your content copied correctly from your source course into the receiving course. To test this from a student point of view, remove your Sample Student from the source course and add your Sample Student to the receiving course.

1. Remove your Sample Student from your source course in Sakai
Go to the **source course** and click on the **Site Info** tool. Go to the **Participant list** and check the **Remove** box beside your Sample Student and click **Update Participants**.
2. Add your Sample Student to the receiving course in Sakai.
 - **Instructions:** [Sakai Sample Student](#)
3. Log in to your receiving course as your Sample Student
 - **Instructions:** [Sakai Sample Student](#)