

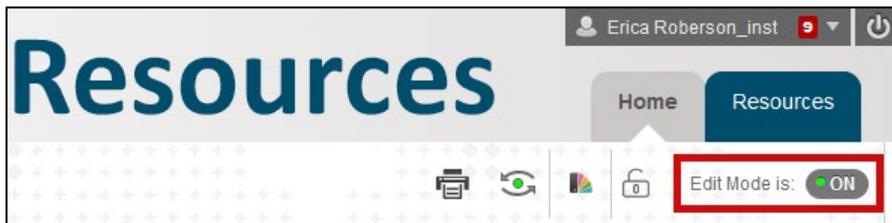
Course – Viewing Content – Edit Mode

Blackboard has two modes to help you know what students see and experience in the course, called the Edit mode and the Student Preview mode. Both modes are accessed in the top right corner of the screen.

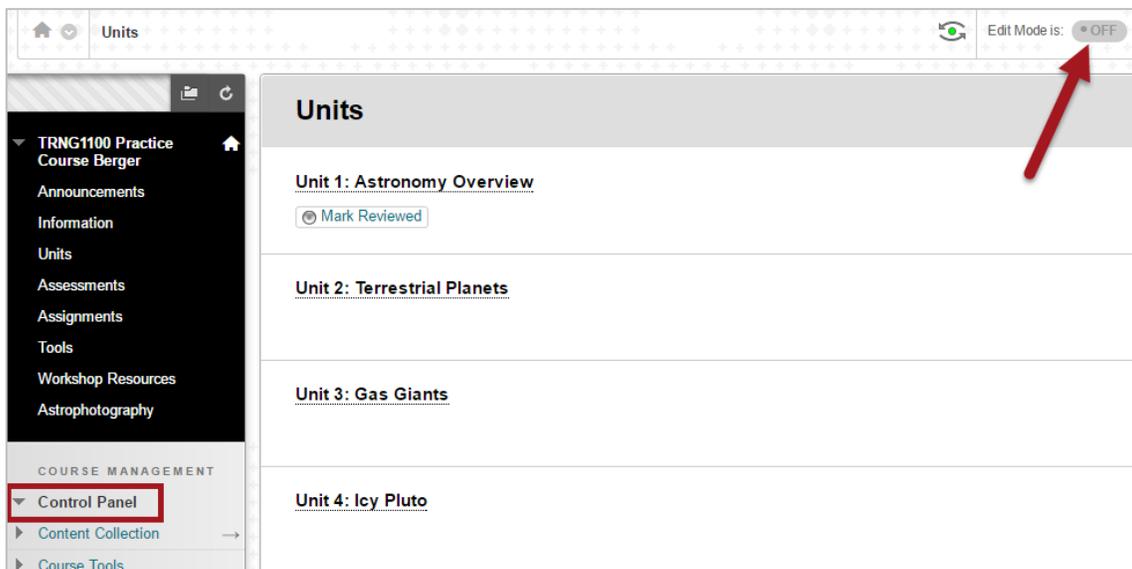
Edit Mode

This mode allows you to view the course from a student's perspective while still retaining limited editing functions and access to the Control Panel.

1. The Edit mode is ON by default, and gives you full editing and access rights in the course.



2. Select the Edit Mode toggle to turn the mode off. The course menu and the content frame (the main part of the screen) will appear as students see it, without the action bar buttons and the contextual menu icon (the item options menu), but the Control Panel is still available to you.



Student Preview Mode

This feature creates a temporary Student Preview User account in your name and shows you the course exactly the way students see it. You can submit work and take tests like students do, and check the My Grades page.

The account will have your name with the words PreviewUser added at the end, like this example for an instructor named Ann Berger: Ann Berger_PreviewUser.

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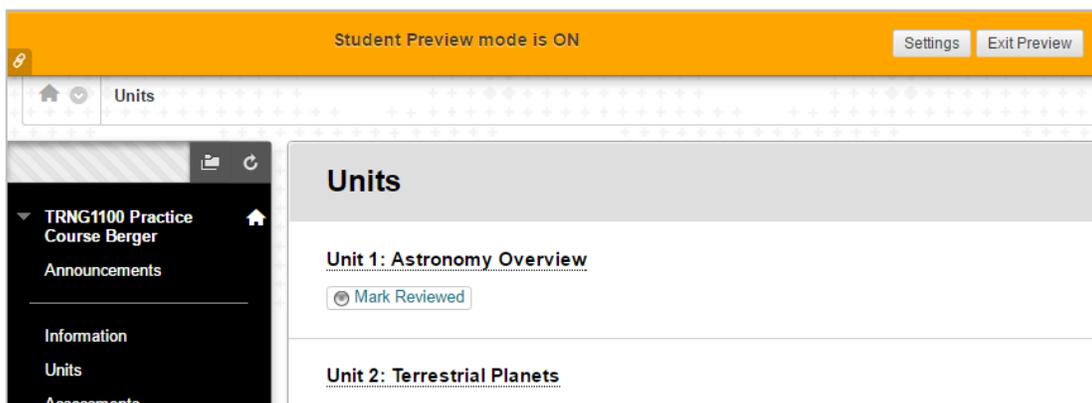
NOTE: your students can see the preview user's activity, such as forum posts and group emails, but they are likely to recognize that it is not a real student because of the name.

Activate the PreviewUser account

1. Select the **Student Preview Mode** icon located near the Edit mode icon. The icon resembles an eye.



2. A yellow bar will appear across the top of your screen that says Student Preview mode is ON, which means the preview user account has been created. You can now interact with the course as a student.



3. To exit the Student Preview mode, select **Exit Preview** on the right end of the yellow bar.



4. An Exit Student Preview window will appear and ask whether you want to keep or delete the preview user account and all its associated data. (If the pop-up does not appear, skip to step 5 below.)

Exit Student Preview

You are leaving student preview. Using student preview created a preview user in your course with all of your activity as that user. This user and the related data may impact the course experience for you and your students. What would you like to do?

- a** Delete the preview user and all data (Recommended)
If you are finished previewing the course as a student, delete the data and remove the preview user from your course.
- b** Keep the preview user and all data
If you are temporarily leaving the student preview to complete your task in your real account, keep the preview user and data. You can delete the user and data by returning to student preview and changing these settings.
- c** Remember this choice and do not ask me again
This can be changed in Student Preview Settings, located in the Student Preview control bar.

Cancel Continue

- a. *Delete the preview user and all data*: it is generally considered best practice to delete the preview user because otherwise the data will be included in course reports and statistics.
- b. *Keep the preview user and all data*: this can be useful when you're practicing grading submissions, creating reports, etc., or when you're working in a course that does not have any students in it.

NOTE: This setting is all or nothing- you can either keep all the preview user's submissions and data starting from the first time you activated the account, or none of it.

- c. *Remember this choice and do not ask me again*: checking this box will save your selection and prevent the pop-up from appearing again.

5. To change your selection later:

- a. Return to the Student Preview mode and select **Settings** on the right end of the yellow bar.



- b. In the Student Preview Settings window, use the radio buttons to change your selection for deleting the preview user data or keeping it, and select **Save**.

Student Preview Settings

Do not ask me about the preview user when exiting student preview.
Always take the following action:

Delete the preview user and all data (Recommended)
If you are finished previewing the course as a student, delete the data and remove the preview user from your course.

Keep the preview user and all data
If you are temporarily leaving the student preview to complete your task in your real account, keep the preview user and data. You can delete the user and data by returning to student preview and changing these settings.

Cancel Save

- c. On the yellow bar, select the **Exit Preview** button.

6. If preview user data exists in the course, the dot in the center of the Student Preview icon will be green.

