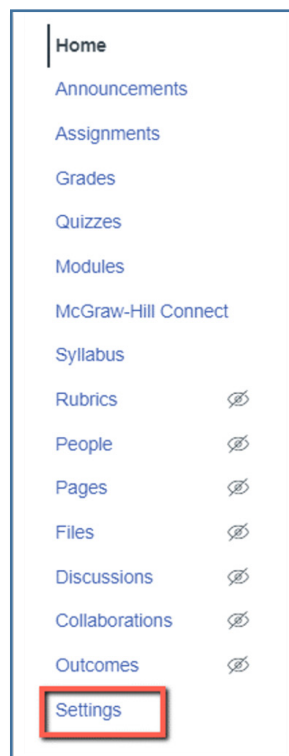


# Canvas: Making Courses Unavailable to Students

By default, students who are enrolled in a course receive an invitation to join the course (with access to all course content) once it's published, even if classes haven't started yet. And after a course ends, students continue to have access to content in a read-only state.

To keep students from viewing course content outside of the defined semester, you can restrict course participation to a specific start and end date. Students won't be able to view published course material until the date you specify, and they won't see the course in their Courses list after the course ends.

1. Open the course you want to make unavailable and click **Settings** at the bottom of the course menu.



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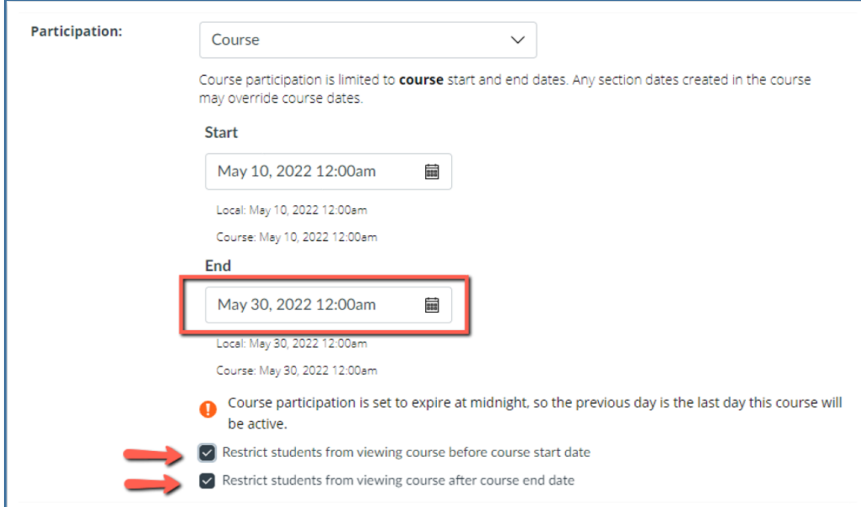
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2. If the course is published and you want to prevent student access before the start date, check **Restrict students from viewing course before course start date** in the Course Details tab.
3. To prevent student access to a course after it ends, check **Restrict students from viewing course after course end date**. (If you're restricting access to a course that has already ended, set the course's end date to any date in the past.)



Participation: Course

Course participation is limited to **course** start and end dates. Any section dates created in the course may override course dates.

**Start**

May 10, 2022 12:00am

Local: May 10, 2022 12:00am  
Course: May 10, 2022 12:00am

**End**

May 30, 2022 12:00am

Local: May 30, 2022 12:00am  
Course: May 30, 2022 12:00am

**i** Course participation is set to expire at midnight, so the previous day is the last day this course will be active.

Restrict students from viewing course before course start date

Restrict students from viewing course after course end date

4. Click **Update Course Details** at the bottom of the page to save changes.