



## Merge and Master course shell alternatives

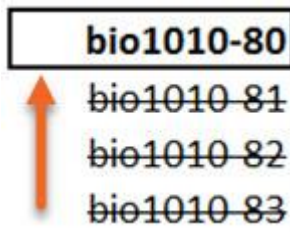
### Learning Objective:

Enrollments in cross-listed and multi-section courses can be manipulated in Blackboard to best suit the teaching needs of instructors. After reviewing the short document below faculty should be confident in selecting the appropriate means of deploying students within the learning management system.

### Merge

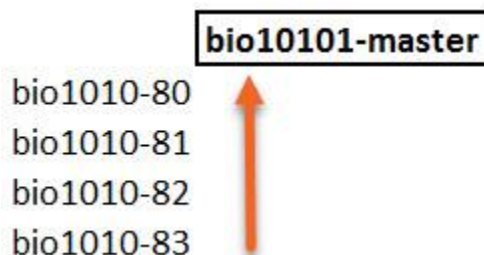
1. Students from the client sections -81, -82 & -83 are **diverted** to the *parent* section -80.
2. Client sections are *inactive and are unavailable* to students. All course activity takes place in the parent shell.

Merge is a good option for a multi-section courses taught by a single instructor or a team-taught course in which all the content is in a single shell.



### Master

1. Students from client shells are added to a master section. The master section exists apart from the shells from which the students are drawn.
2. The client course shells are autonomous and can be used to host content and interaction apart from that which takes place in the master shell



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