



Merge and Master course shell alternatives

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

Merge

1. Students from the *child* sections -02, -03 and -60 are **diverted** to the *parent* section -01.
2. Child sections are inactive and are unavailable to students. All course activity takes place in the parent shell.
3. Merge is a good option for cross-listed course in which a course has two designations but takes place in one classroom. Another example is the case of multi-section courses taught by the same instructor.

Bio1010-01
Bio1010-02
Bio1010-03
Bio1010-60

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.
3. Master is a good option for lecture/lab courses in which separate course shells are needed for the differing needs of course content and delivery.

	Master
Bio1010-01	
Bio1010-02	
Bio1010-03	
Bio1010-60	

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