

Set Availability and Due Dates for an Assignment

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Instructors have the option to hide assignment folders from students. If you select the **Hide from Users** checkbox, the assignment will not be visible from content pages or on the Assignment folders list page. You can also limit access to an assignment by setting availability dates on the Restrictions tab.

1. Click **Course Activities** on the navbar and choose **Assignments**.
2. Click on **New Folder**, or click on the context menu of any assignment and choose **Edit Folder**.
3. Click the **Restrictions** tab.
4. If you want to hide the folder completely, check **Hide from Users**.
5. In the **Availability** section, set the assignment folder's **Start Date**, **Due Date**, and **End Date**.
6. Click **Save and Close**.

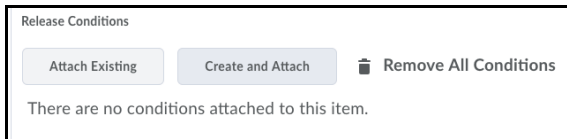
The screenshot shows the 'Restrictions' tab in the D2L interface. A red arrow points to the 'Restrictions' tab. The 'Hide from Users' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Below this, the 'Due Date' section has 'Has Due Date' checked, with date '10/17/2019', time '6:11 PM', and location 'United States - Chicago'. The 'Availability' section has 'Has Start Date' checked with date '10/10/2019', time '1:11 PM', and location 'United States - Chicago', and 'Has End Date' checked with date '10/17/2019', time '6:11 PM', and location 'United States - Chicago'.

- The **Start Date** is the date that the assignment opens for students to submit.
- The **Due Date** is the date you want the assignment to be due, but the folder will still accept submissions after the due date (these submissions will be flagged as late).
- The **End Date** is the date that the assignment closes and will no longer accept submissions. You can set an End Date without a Due Date if you do not want to receive late submissions.

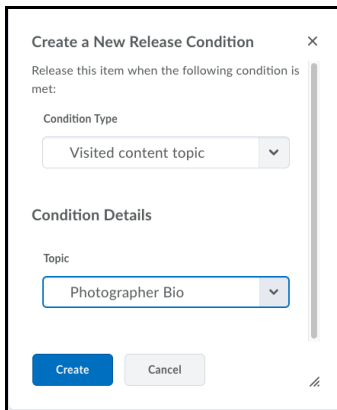
Set release conditions for an assignment folder

Release conditions allow you to associate an assignment folder with other items in D2L. For example, you can require that students meet some criteria, such as visiting a set of lecture notes in the Content tool, before they can submit their work to an assignment folder. Alternately, you can make submission to the assignment folder a criteria for accessing another item, such as a quiz.

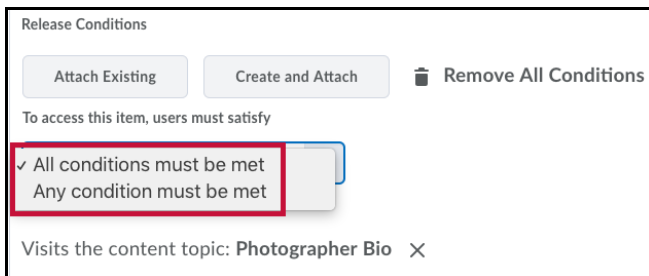
1. On the **New Folder** or **Edit Folder** page, click on the "Restrictions" tab.
2. In the **Release Conditions** section, click either **Attach Existing** or **Create and Attach**.



3. If creating a new condition, select a **Condition Type** and specify the **Condition Details**, then click on **Create**.



4. If you are attaching an existing condition, choose the condition that you want to apply. You may attach more than one condition.
5. Select from the drop-down list if **All conditions must be met** or leave the default, **Any condition must be met**.



6. Click **Save and Close**.

Best practices for creating release conditions

- Set up conditions before students access the course
- Avoid unnecessary conditions
- Avoid circular references
- Avoid impossible conditions
- Avoid contradictory conditions
- Release content based on learning ability and course performance
- Release content in stages
- Release content based on enrollment date
- Customize content for groups within a course
- Use a checklist to organize activities
- Use intelligent agents to monitor student activity or non-activity

See [Release Conditions \(https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/a150\)](https://vtac.lonestar.edu/help/a150) for more information.

