Create a Link on a Moodle Course to a Lecturecast Section

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This task is typically performed by Moodle Course Administrators or Tutors at the beginning of academic sessions, but can be done at any time, as required.

This task is required so users can access relevant Lecturecast content directly from a Moodle course.

A video guide is also available via the following link - Moodle Lecturecast Connector - Video: Create Link to Lecturecast Section

Introduction

This task is required so users can access relevant Lecturecast content directly from a Moodle course.

It involves:

1. Mapping the Moodle course to the section in Lecturecast where the recordings will be stored
2. Adding a Lecturecast activity to your Moodle course and linking the content

1. Map the Moodle course to the section in Lecturecast

1.1 Navigate to the Moodle course
In this example, the 'Introduction to Economics' course will be linked to a Lecturecast section.

Click on the 'ECON1001: Introduction to Economics' course hyperlink to display the course details.

1.2 Turn Editing On
Click the 'Turn editing on' button to access the Lecturecast Connector block.

1.3 Create a mapping via the Lecturecast Connector block

⚠️ MOODLE SHORTNAMES

When you create a mapping, the Lecturecast section name overwrites the Moodle shortname and is displayed in the Moodle breadcrumb trail. The Lecturecast support team are aware of this issue and are working to resolve it.

In the interim, once you have created your link and added the Lecturecast activity, we recommend you edit the Moodle shortname to reflect the original name, to prevent any confusion. Make a note of the current shortname prior to going any further. Note changing the short name back will cause the Lecturecast Connector block to report that no mappings exist this is a bug the mappings made continue to exist.
Click the 'Create mapping' hyperlink located within the Lecturecast Connector block.

1.4 Enter the module shortname on the Lecturecast Section Mapping page
Enter the module shortname (or code) of the Lecturecast section you wish to map to.

Matching results are displayed after the third character is typed.

⚠️ A message will be displayed if no matching section names are available. Check you have entered the Lecturecast section name correctly and contact lecturecast@ucl.ac.uk if required.

1.5 Select the relevant Lecturecast section
Select the relevant Lecturecast section from the list. In this example, select ‘ECON1001’.

1.6 Create the mapping
Click the 'Create mapping' button to complete this task.

2. Add a Lecturecast activity to the Moodle course and link the content for the new mapping

2.1 Add an activity
Click on the ‘Add an activity or resource’ hyperlink to add an activity to the Moodle course.

2.2 Find the Lecturecast activity
Items are listed alphabetically. Scroll through the list to locate the Lecturecast activity.

2.3 Select the Lecturecast activity from the list
2.4 Add the activity to the Moodle course
Click the 'Add' button.

2.5 Enter a meaningful name for the activity
Enter a meaningful 'Activity name'. The Activity name should be relevant to the Lecturecast section content it is linking to.

Choose a meaningful name so that it can be easily identified by students and other users.

You can change the Lecturecast display settings from this screen via Show more > Launch container. Refer to the Change Lecturecast Display Settings training guide for more information.

2.6 Save the new activity and return to the course
Click on the ‘Save and return to course’ button.

2.7 Create the link to the mapped section
Click the activity hyperlink to create the link to the mapped Lecturecast section.

2.8 Link the content
Ensure the mapped section is highlighted and the 'Link to the Section Home' is also selected.

Then click the 'LINK CONTENT' button.

The link within the Moodle course can now be used to access the relevant Lecturecast section

Students and other users with access to the specific Moodle course can now use the link created to access the relevant Lecturecast section and content.