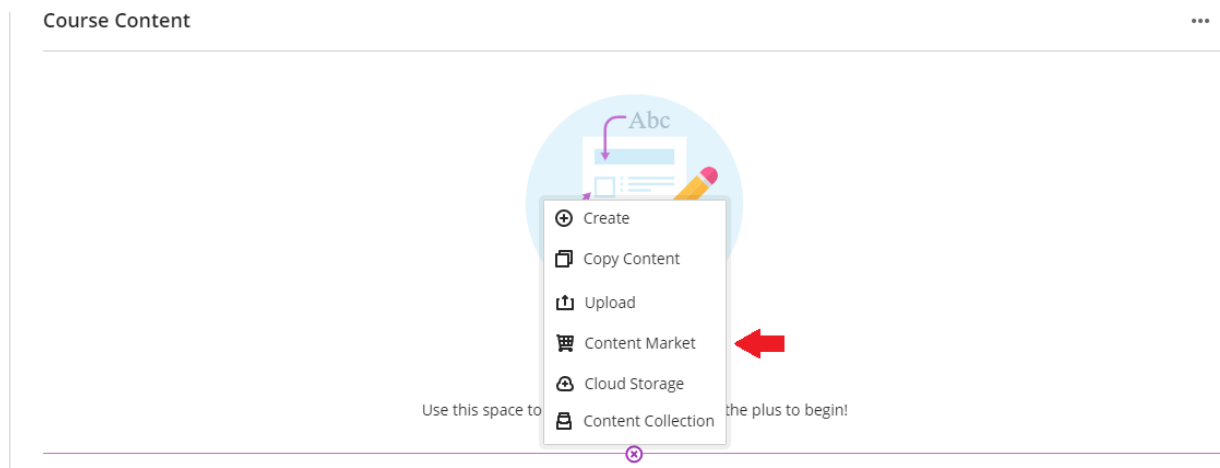
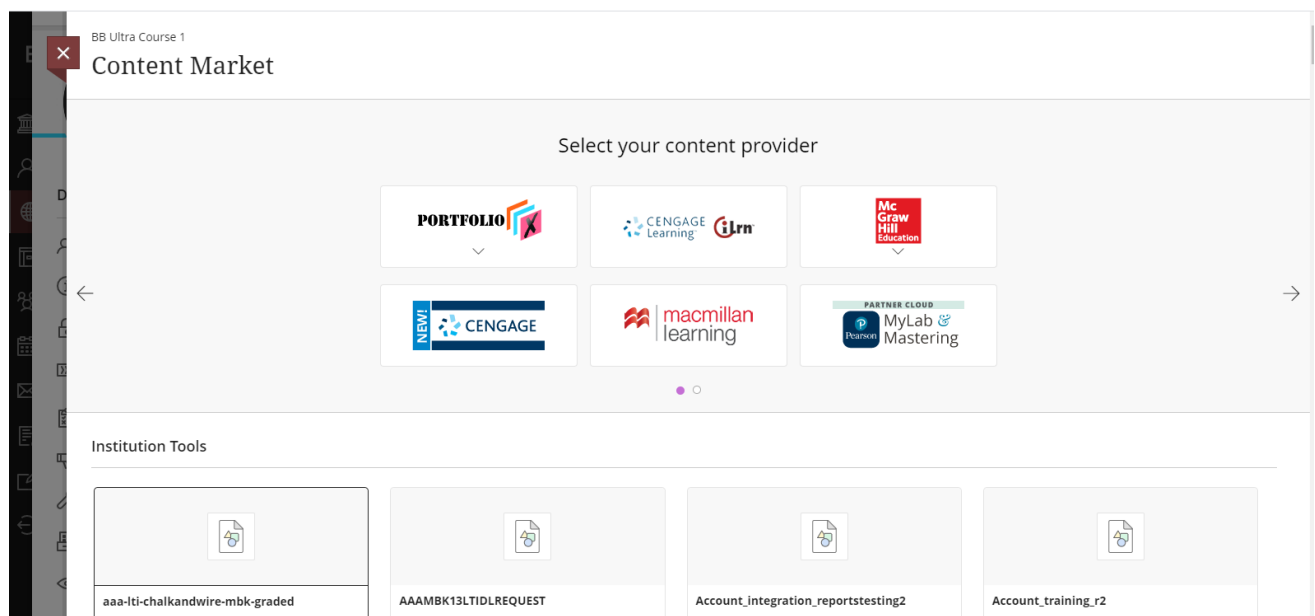


Instructor linking to VHL and Deep Linking (Blackboard Learn Ultra)

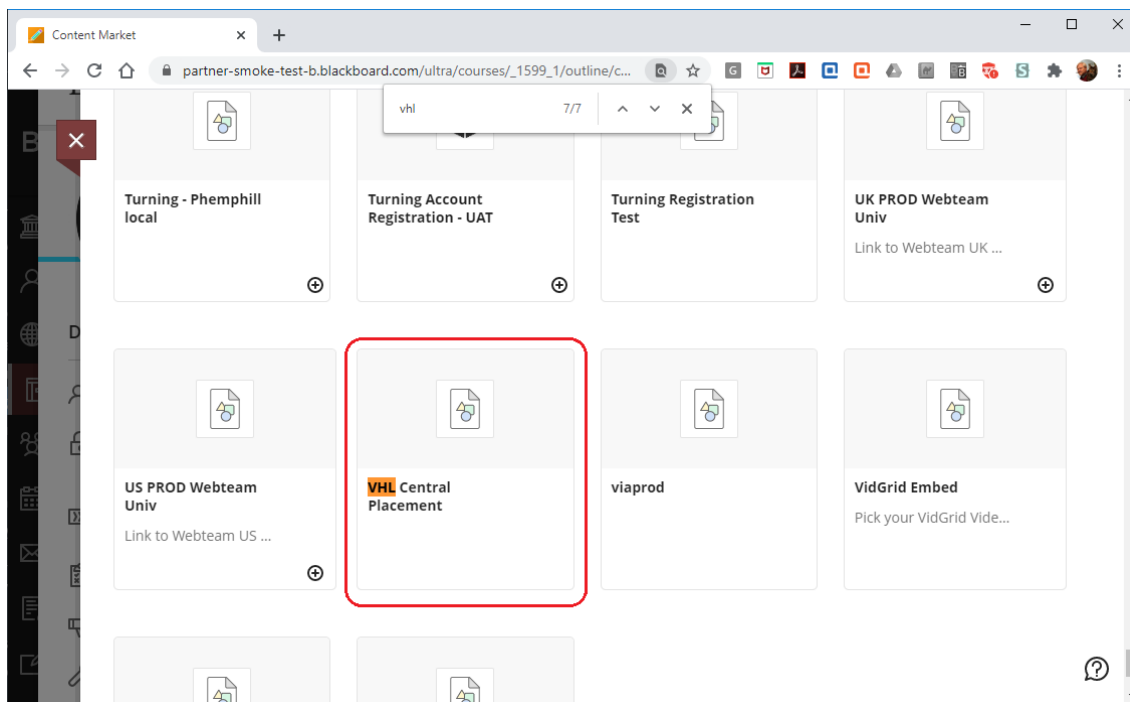
1. As either an instructor or admin, open a course.
2. In the **Course Content** area, click on the plus sign (near the bottom center of the page) for adding content. A menu will popup with several options, one of which will be **Content Market**.



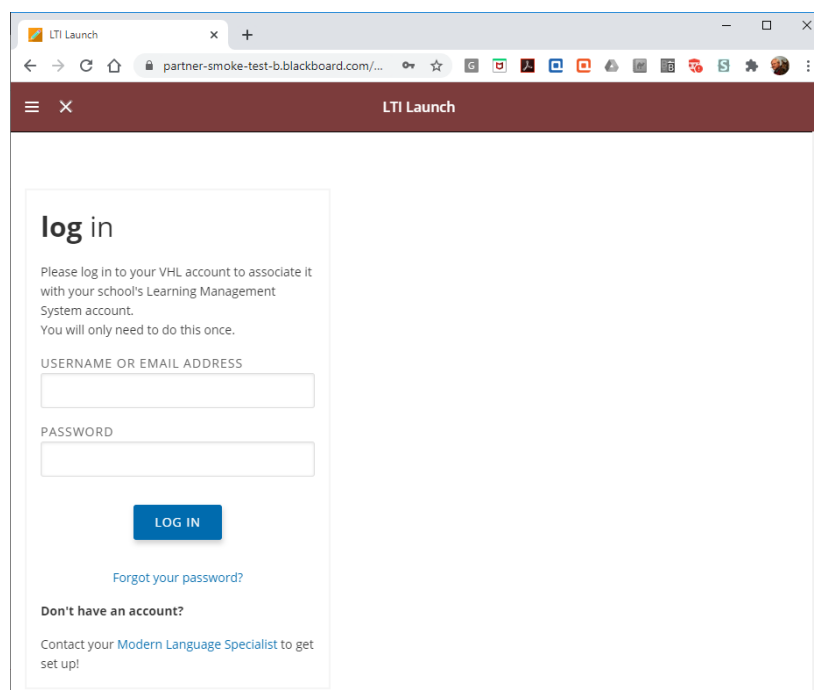
3. Select **Content Market**. The **Content Market** page opens which lists a number of different tools from various publishers.



4. Locate the VHL tool placement on the page. It maybe easiest to use your browser's Find function to search for "VHL." Otherwise you probably find it near the bottom of the Content Market page.



5. Select the VHL Tool placement. The VHLCentral.com page will open. The first time an instructor links to VHL he/she will be prompted for their VHL account login.



6. Login to VHL. The Course Connector page should open which will list what current VHL course sections you have available for linking. (If the desired course section does not exist yet, you can go to the VHLCentral page and create it, and then re-enter VHL selecting the VHL tool placement as before).

The screenshot shows a 'Course Connector' dialog box. At the top, it says 'To link this context with VHL, select the appropriate section.' Below that is a search bar with the text 'Don't see the section you're looking for?'. The 'School' is set to 'University of Massachusetts-Boston' and the 'Course/Section' is 'BB-Ultra-VHL-C2' (BB-Ultra-VHL Course 2). A section titled 'University of Massachusetts-Boston' contains a 'Portales' image and a table of VHL sections. The table has two columns: 'VHL Section' and 'Linked?'. One section is listed: 'VHL-BBU-LT12' with the dates 'Aug 01, 2020 - Nov 23, 2020' and the status 'Not linked'. A blue button labeled 'LINK THIS SECTION' is at the bottom right.

VHL Section	Linked?
VHL-BBU-LT12 Aug 01, 2020 - Nov 23, 2020	Not linked

7. Select the VHL course section you wish to link to and then click LINK THIS SECTION. A dialog should open with 4 linking options:
 - 1) **LINK TO CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS** - links to the student dashboard.
 - 2) **LINK TO A SPECIFIC ACTIVITY**
 - 3) **LINK TO A SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT**
 - 4) **LINK TO VHL CENTRAL HOME**

Current Assignments

Create a link to the student dashboard, which provides easy access to upcoming assigned work. You can add this same link into multiple locations of your course, and it will always show the work relevant based on the current date.

[LINK TO CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS](#)

Specific Activity

Choose a single activity to embed into your course. e.g. a video or other presentational material, or specific high-value quiz or exam.

[LINK TO A SPECIFIC ACTIVITY](#)


[LINK TO A SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT](#)

VHLCentral Home

Create a link that both instructors and students can use to automatically log in to their account's VHL Home page.

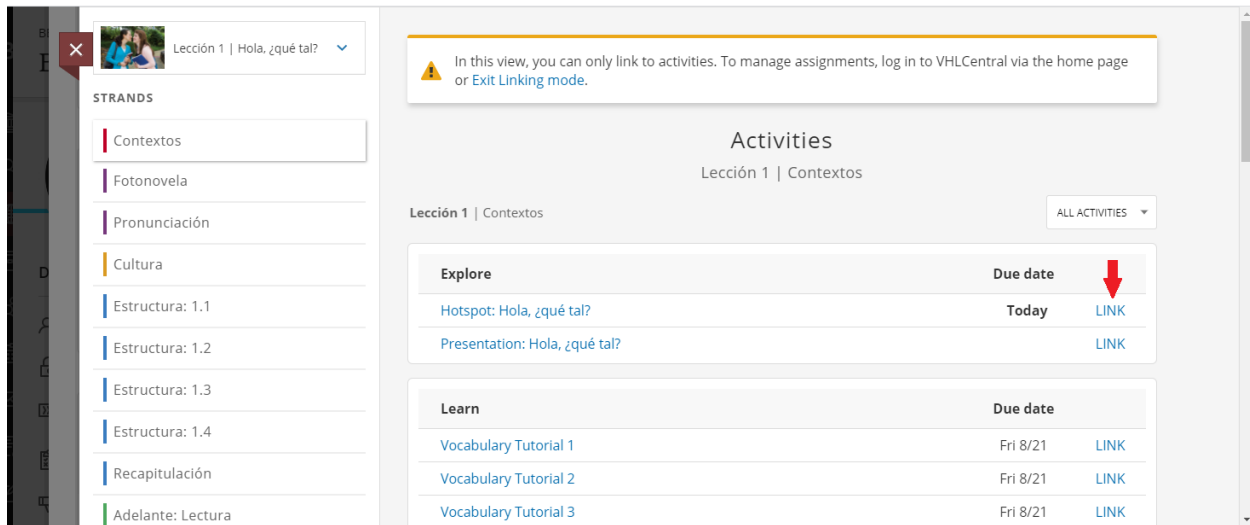
[LINK TO VHLCENTRAL HOME](#)

- a. To link to the student dashboard choose **LINK TO CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS**. The link request will be processed, and you should be returned to the Course Content area where you will now see the **Current Assignments** link.

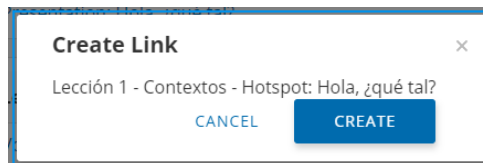
Course Content	⊕	...
 Current Assignments 👁 Visible to students		...

b. To link to a specific activity:

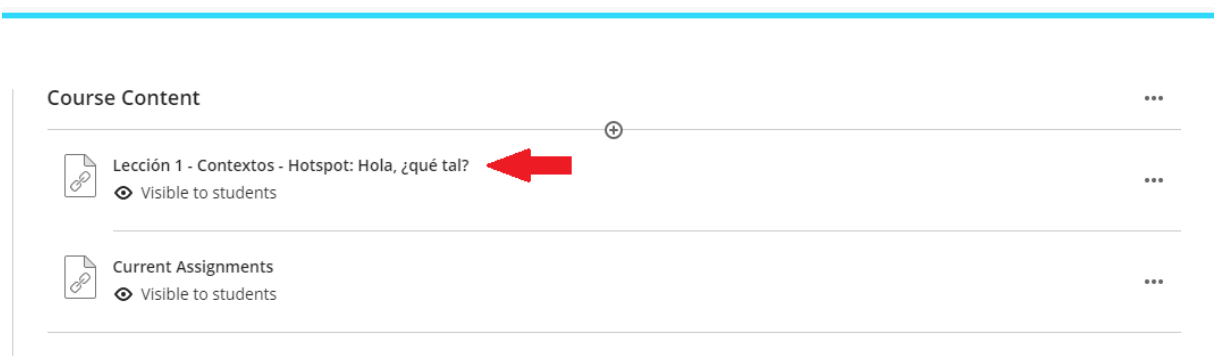
- i. Choose **LINK TO A SPECIFIC ACTIVITY**. You should be directed to a preview of the VHL program Content > Activities page. On the right side should appear a **LINK** link for each activity. Activities that have been assigned in the VHL program will have due dates as expected.



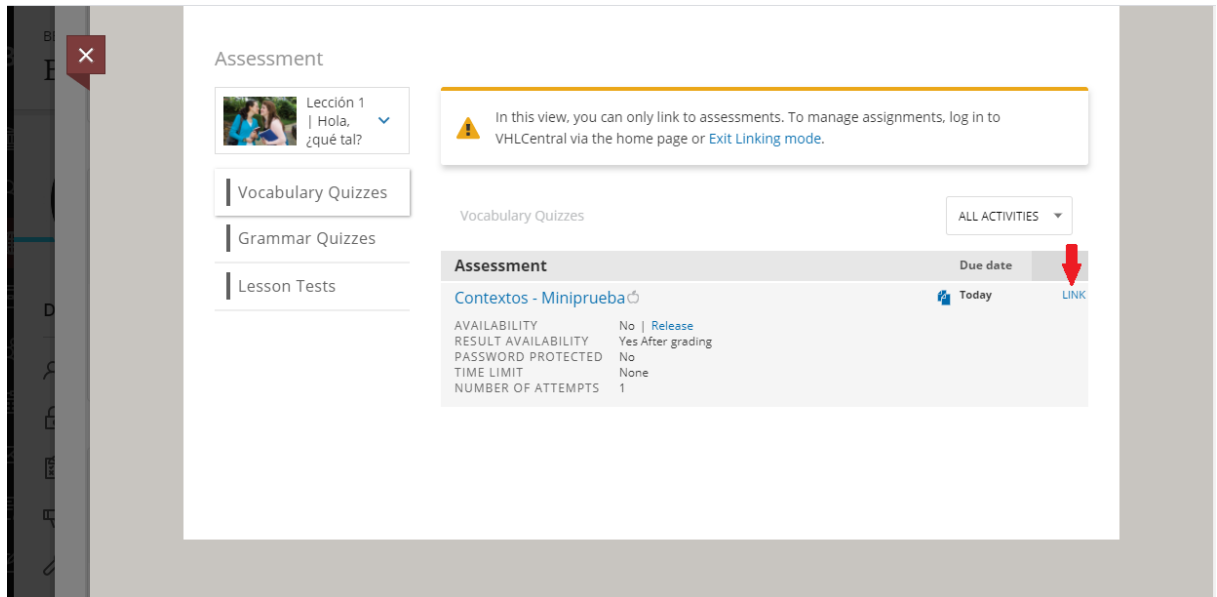
- ii. Select a link for the activity you wish to link to. A **Create Link** dialog should open with a **CANCEL** link and **CREATE** button.



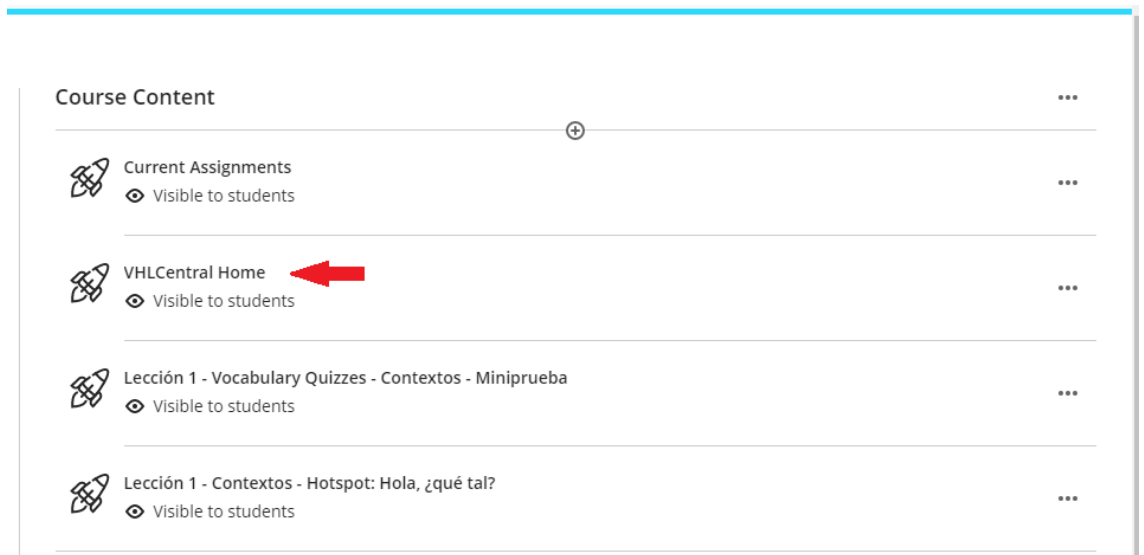
- iii. Select the **CREATE** button. The link request will be processed, and you should be returned to the Blackboard Content page where you will now see the link for the specific activity.



- c. To link to a specific assessment:
 - i. Choose **LINK TO A SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT**. You should be directed to a preview of the VHL program Content > Assessment page. On the right side should appear a **LINK** link for each assessment. Assessments that have been assigned in the VHL program will have due dates as expected.



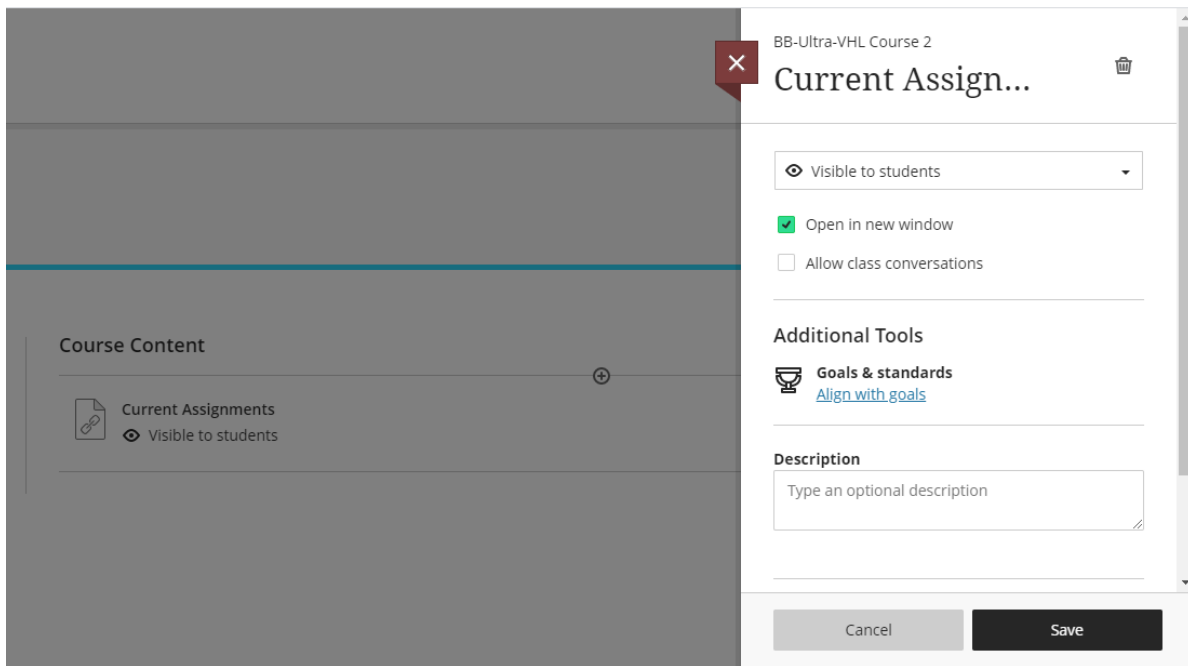
- ii. Select the link for the assessment you wish to link to. A **Create Link** dialog should open with a **CANCEL** link and **CREATE** button.
- iii. Select the **CREATE** button. The link request will be processed, and you should be returned to the Blackboard Content page where you will now see the specific assessment.
- d. To link to the VHL Central page choose **LINK TO VHL CENTRAL HOME**. The link request will be processed, and you should be returned to the Blackboard Content page where you will now see the “VHLCentral Home” link.



8. The instructor can always choose the VHL Central placement from the **Content Market** page to add more links to activities, assessments or even the student dashboard.

NOTE: Each link in the **Course Content** area has a drop-down menu with an “Edit” option. That opens an “Edit Web Link” drawer on the right where you can check the option to have the VHL page open in a new window (or tab) and then click **Save**. If students start to have any problems completing activities or assessments within the Blackboard website frame, setting the link to open in a new window can alleviate those problems. For instance, some browsers may have difficulty allowing access for a student’s microphone to do a recording activity if the page is in a website frame.

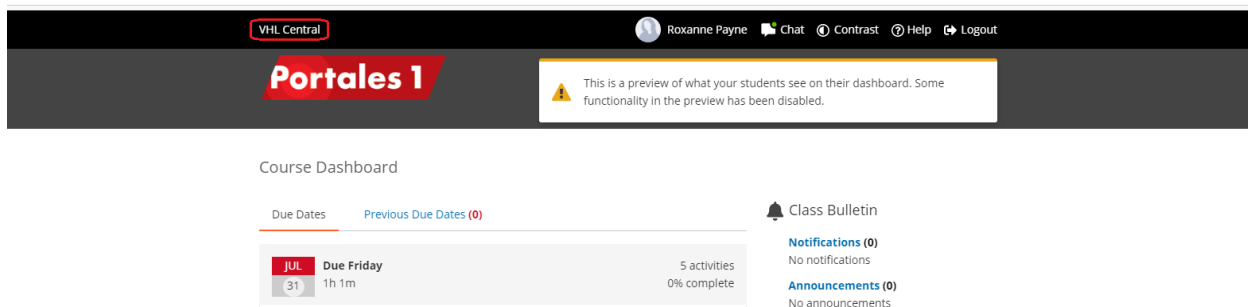




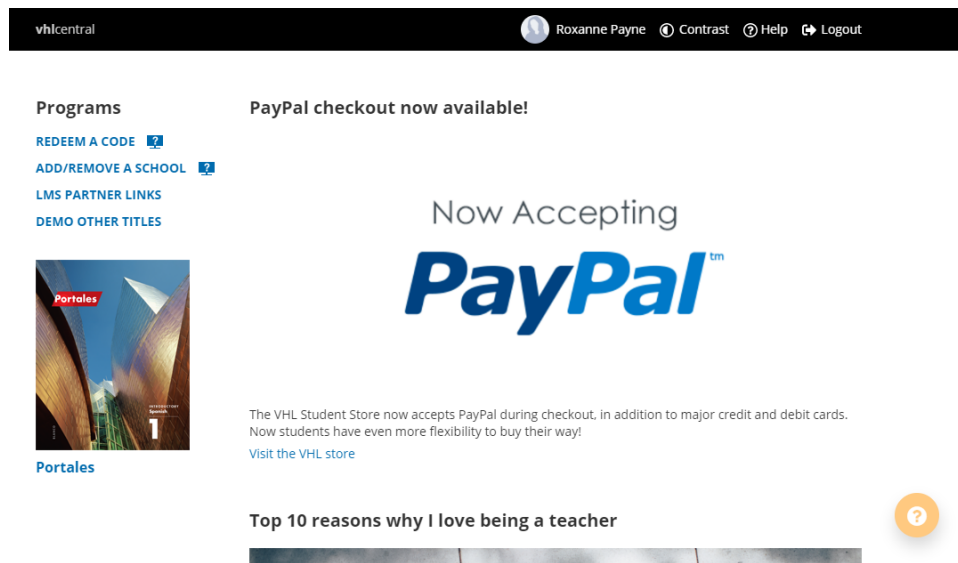
Enabling Gradebook Sync:

The instructions below describe how to have VHL grades appear in the Blackboard gradebook.

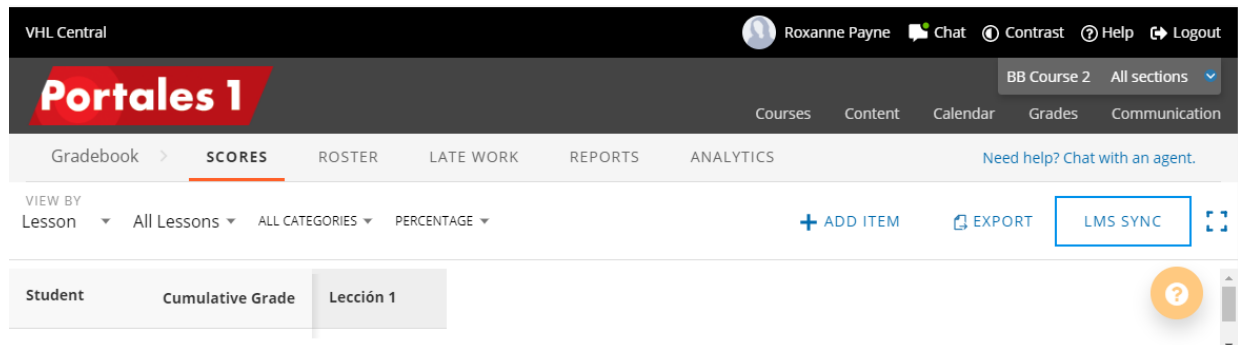
- a. In the **Course Content** area of the Blackboard course use the **Current Assignments** link previously created (see above) to load a preview of the student's dashboard. Select the **VHL Central** link in the upper left of the dashboard page.



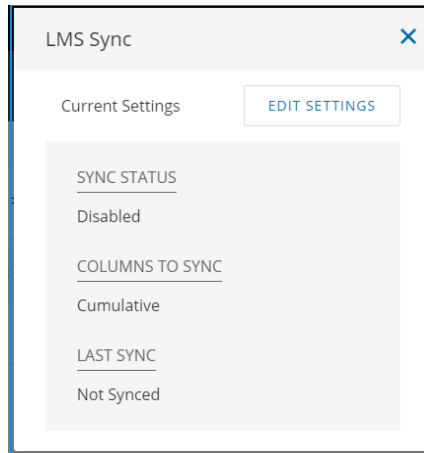
The instructor's VHL Central page should load.



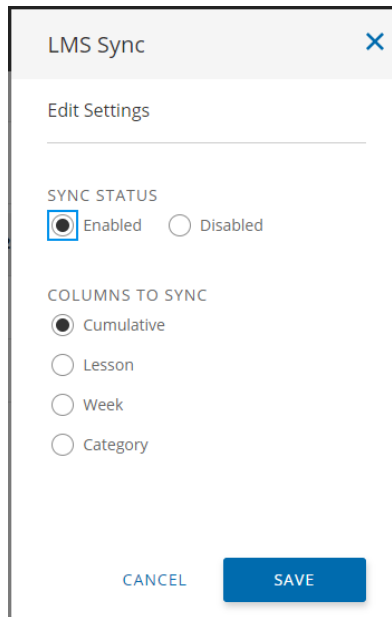
- b. Go into the VHL book/program the course is in and in the linked VHL course section go to Grades > Gradebook > Scores (tab). A "LMS SYNC" link should appear on the right.



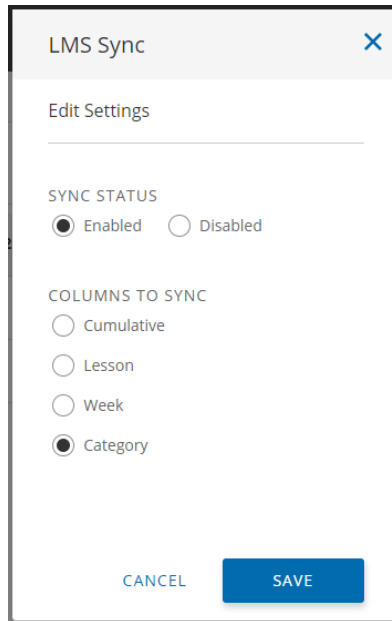
- c. Select the "LMS SYNC" link and an **LMS Sync** dialog will open with an **EDIT SETTINGS** option where the instructor can enable syncing and choose what columns (**Cumulative**, **Lessons**, **Weeks** or **Category**) he/she wishes to appear in their Blackboard gradebook.



d. Select EDIT SETTINGS and the Edit Settings options appear.



- e. Select "Enabled" for SYNC STATUS.



LMS Sync

Edit Settings

SYNC STATUS

Enabled Disabled

COLUMNS TO SYNC

Cumulative

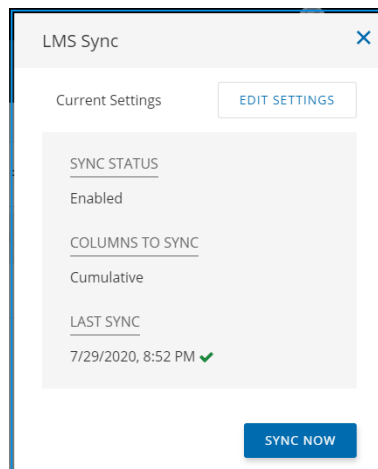
Lesson

Week

Category

CANCEL SAVE

- f. Select the COLUMNS TO SYNC and then click SAVE. The VHL course section grades will be synced periodically. The instructor can also re-open the dialog and use the SYNC NOW button to immediately sync grades. NOTE: Each column grade will appear in the LMS with a score that is based upon a maximum of 100 points.



LMS Sync

Current Settings [EDIT SETTINGS](#)

SYNC STATUS

Enabled

COLUMNS TO SYNC

Cumulative

LAST SYNC

7/29/2020, 8:52 PM ✓

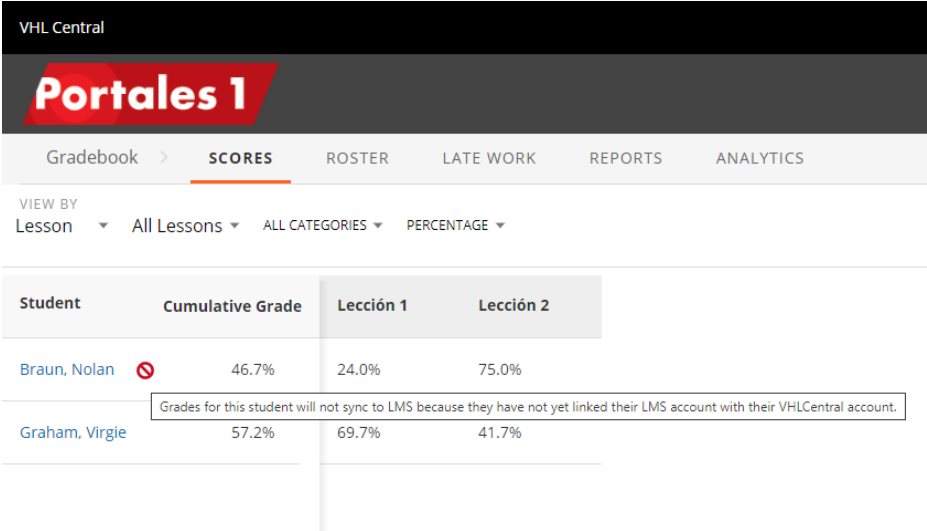
SYNC NOW

NOTE: If the instructor wants to adjust the Gradebook sync, the instructor can always go directly to the VHL Gradebook Scores tab and use the LMS SYNC button there (in the upper right) to access to LMS Sync dialog and edit the settings.


NOTE: Students will need to link their Blackboard account to their VHL account by using one of the deep links the instructor has created to login just once to VHL before their

work can be synchronized with the instructor gradebook. After that, students can open VHL directly if they do not want to go through Blackboard. We recommend giving the students the "Student workflow for LTI-Advantage:" document to help explain this procedure to them.

If a student has not yet linked their Blackbaord account to their VHL account, a notification icon, which is a red circle with a slash, will appear by their name in the VHL gradebook. If you hover a mouse over the icon a message displays explaining this situation.



The screenshot shows the VHL Central interface. At the top, it says "VHL Central" and "Portales 1". Below that is a navigation bar with "Gradebook" selected, and other options: "SCORES", "ROSTER", "LATE WORK", "REPORTS", and "ANALYTICS". Underneath, there are filters for "VIEW BY Lesson", "All Lessons", "ALL CATEGORIES", and "PERCENTAGE". The main content is a table with the following data:

Student	Cumulative Grade	Lección 1	Lección 2
Braun, Nolan 	46.7%	24.0%	75.0%
Grades for this student will not sync to LMS because they have not yet linked their LMS account with their VHLCentral account.			
Graham, Virgie	57.2%	69.7%	41.7%