

eFundi Tutorial:

What is the Syllabus tool?



The Syllabus tool provides a place in the course site for the instructor to post a syllabus and for students to access the syllabus.

Instructor Options for Posting a Syllabus

File Attachment: Instructors may add a document (ie, .pdf, .docx) as an attachment to the Syllabus tool. Students may download, open, and print the file at their convenience. In order to make an edit to a syllabus that is posted using this option, the instructor will need to make the edit to the original document on their computer, remove the attachment and replace it with the edited document.

Webpage from Document: Instructors may create a webpage syllabus from a text document using the Rich Text Editor in the Syllabus tool. Instructors may copy and paste the text from the document into the Rich Text Editor to create a webpage version of your file. Students may read the document in the Syllabus tool, and there is also a "print" option to print the syllabus. Any edits the instructor wants to make to the syllabus can be done directly in the Rich Text Editor.

Multi-Part Syllabus: Instructors can create a multi-part syllabus by adding one syllabus item at a time. This allows the instructor to reorder or remove individual items in the syllabus. The Syllabus tool allows users to bulk add items by number of items or by dates. If the instructor likes to organize the syllabus by weeks or class meetings, this is good option to use.

Point to Webpage: If the instructor has a syllabus posted on a webpage, the instructor may direct the Syllabus tool to that syllabus.

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How to access the Syllabus tool

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To access this tool, select Syllabus from the Tool Menu in your site.



How do I create a multi-part syllabus based on number of items needed?

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You can create a multi-part syllabus based on the number of items needed, outlined here, or using a date and calendar format in the "[How do I create a multi-part syllabus by dates?](#)" tutorial.

1. Select the Syllabus tool from the Tool Menu of your site.
2. Click Bulk Add.



3. Enter Syllabus Information

Bulk Create Syllabus Items

Create syllabus items in bulk by either specifying the number of items you want to create or by a date range, in which a syllabus item will be created for each selected day of the week that falls between the start and end dates.

* Title ← Enter a title e.g. Syllabus 2nd semester

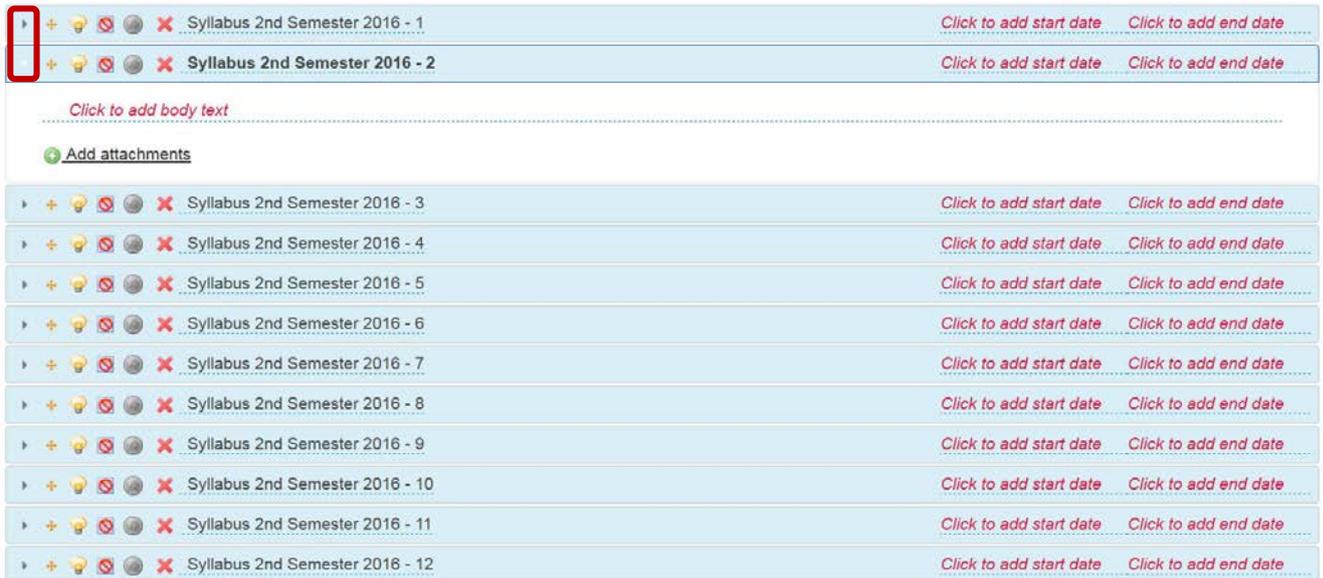
Create syllabus items by number of items needed

* Number of Items ← Enter the number of syllabus items you would like to have

Create syllabus items by dates

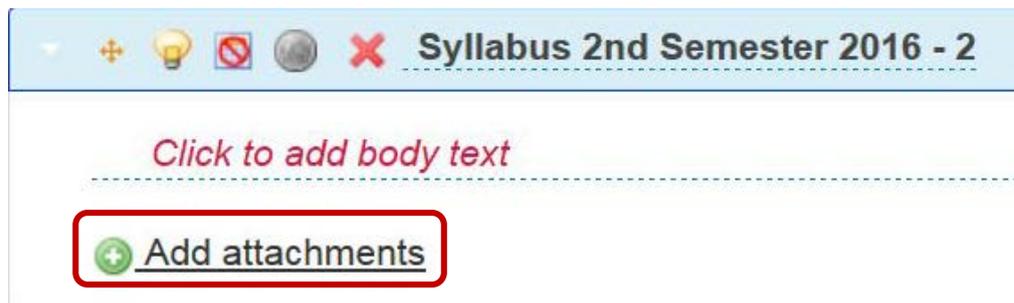
4. You will then be taken to a screen where you see the number of syllabus items requested and may edit them there.

5. Click the arrowhead icon to the left of an item to expand the item.
This allows you to add a file as an attachment to this syllabus item, or to open the Rich Text Editor to create content directly in the Syllabus item.



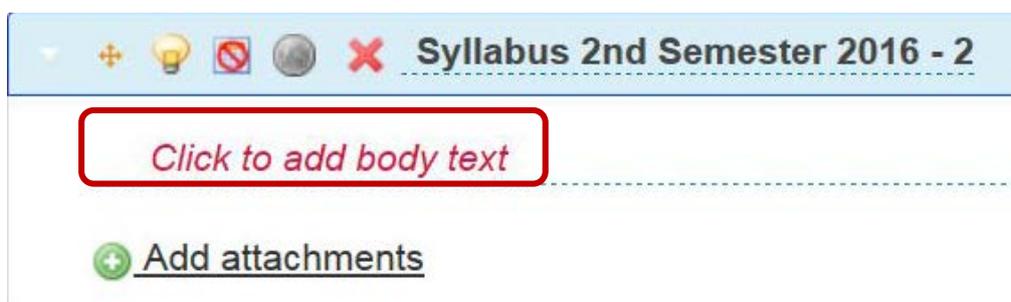
The screenshot shows a list of 12 syllabus items for the 2nd Semester of 2016. The first item, 'Syllabus 2nd Semester 2016 - 1', is expanded. To its left, a red box highlights a small arrowhead icon. Below the first item, there is a red text link 'Click to add body text' and a green button with a plus sign and the text 'Add attachments'. The remaining 11 items in the list are collapsed and each has a red text link 'Click to add start date' and 'Click to add end date' on the right side.

6. Add an attachment to this Syllabus item. (Optional)
Browse for the file on your computer, or attach a copy from the Resources in your course.



This image is a close-up of the expanded 'Syllabus 2nd Semester 2016 - 2' item. It shows the red text link 'Click to add body text' and the green 'Add attachments' button, which is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

7. AND/OR add content using the Rich Text Editor.
Clicking this link opens the Rich Text Editor which allows you to enter the content, or copy and paste from Word into the Rich Text Editor to create the content.

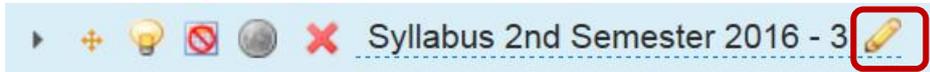


This image is a close-up of the expanded 'Syllabus 2nd Semester 2016 - 2' item. It shows the red text link 'Click to add body text', which is highlighted with a red rectangular box, and the green 'Add attachments' button below it.

8. Edit the heading of a syllabus item.

By default, the headings are the title of the syllabus appended with a number.

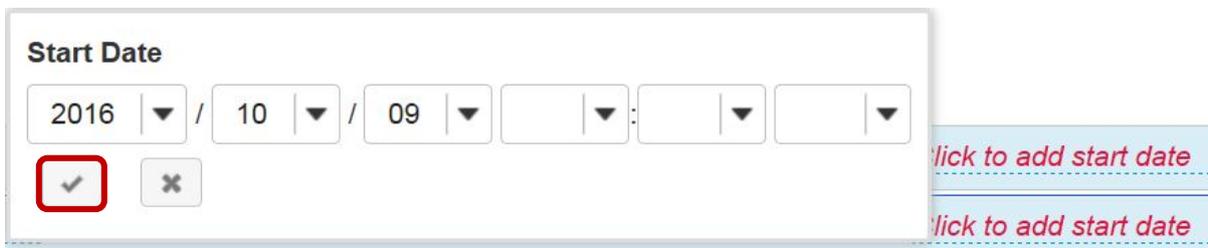
- Hover your mouse over the heading to make the pencil icon appear.
- Click the pencil icon to enable the editing of the heading.



9. Add start and/or end dates for each syllabus item. (Optional)

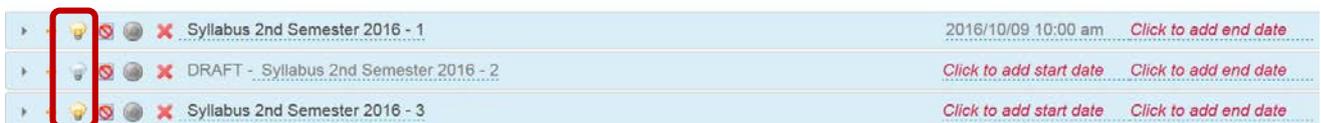
Adding start and/or end dates allows you to determine a time range for when students may view this syllabus item.

- **Click to add start date** or **Click to add end date** and use the drop down menus to select the date and time.
- Click the checkmark to save your work.



10. OR manually hide/release the Syllabus item. (Optional)

- Click the lightbulb icon to hide a Syllabus item.
- If the icon is yellow, the item is available to students.
- If gray, hidden from students. In the above example, Item 1 is available to students on Oct. 9th at 10:00am.
- Item 2 is hidden from students until the instructor clicks the lightbulb icon again to change it from gray to yellow.



11. Rearranging syllabus items.

Click any syllabus item and drag it to the location where you want it.

12. Delete syllabus item.

Click the red X icon beside any syllabus item to delete it. Confirm that you want to delete the item by clicking **Delete**.



How do I create a multi-part syllabus by dates?

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You can create a multi-part syllabus using a date and calendar format, outlined here. The date and calendar format creates a specific syllabus item for each meeting time of the class.

1. Go to Syllabus.
2. Select the **Syllabus** tool from the Tool Menu in your site.
3. Click Bulk Add.



4. Enter syllabus title and date information.

Bulk Create Syllabus Items

Create syllabus items in bulk by either specifying the number of items you want to create or by a date range, in which a syllabus item will be created for each selected day of the week that falls between the start and end dates.

* Title Enter a title e.g. Week

Create syllabus items by number of items needed

Create syllabus items by dates

* Start Date Enter the start and end dates of the semester by using the date-picker icon

* End Date Enter the start and end dates of the semester by using the date-picker icon

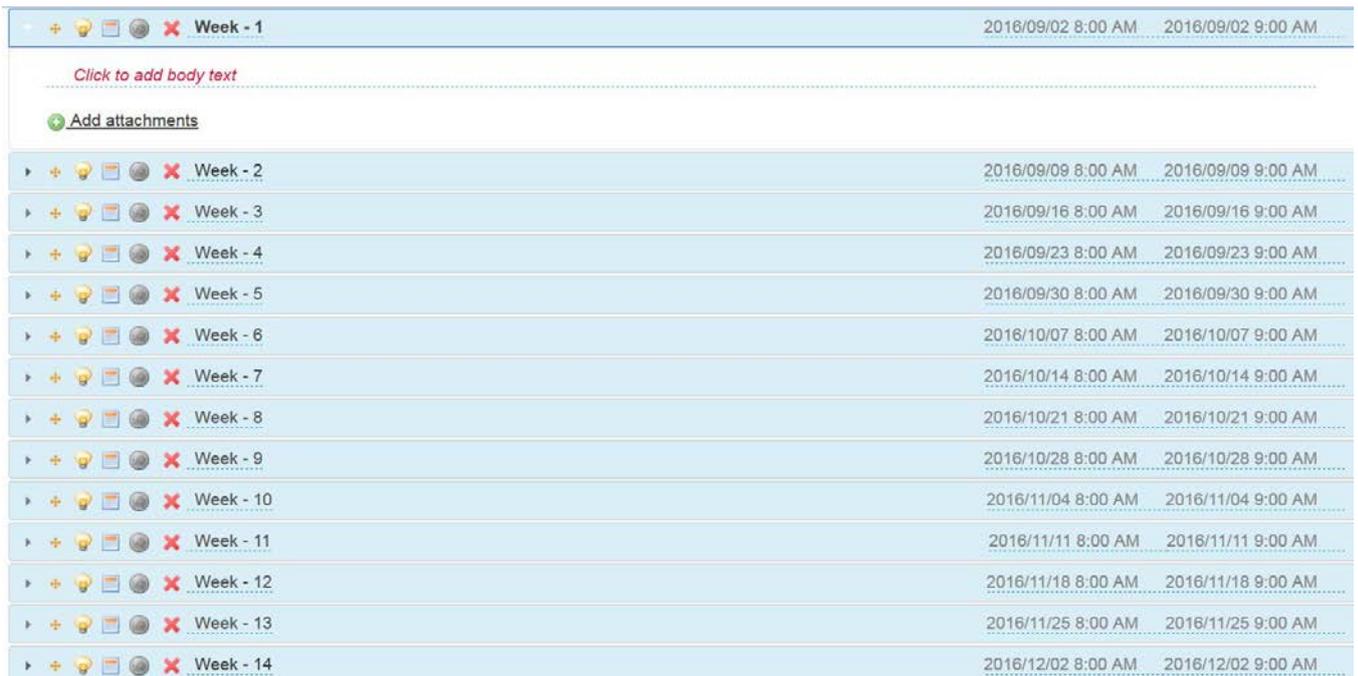
* Start Time Enter the start and end times of the class by using the date-picker icon

End Time Enter the start and end times of the class by using the date-picker icon

Display dates on calendar

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday* Class meeting days

5. A syllabus item will be created for each class meeting during the dates you specified.



Week	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time
Week - 1	2016/09/02 8:00 AM	2016/09/02 9:00 AM
Week - 2	2016/09/09 8:00 AM	2016/09/09 9:00 AM
Week - 3	2016/09/16 8:00 AM	2016/09/16 9:00 AM
Week - 4	2016/09/23 8:00 AM	2016/09/23 9:00 AM
Week - 5	2016/09/30 8:00 AM	2016/09/30 9:00 AM
Week - 6	2016/10/07 8:00 AM	2016/10/07 9:00 AM
Week - 7	2016/10/14 8:00 AM	2016/10/14 9:00 AM
Week - 8	2016/10/21 8:00 AM	2016/10/21 9:00 AM
Week - 9	2016/10/28 8:00 AM	2016/10/28 9:00 AM
Week - 10	2016/11/04 8:00 AM	2016/11/04 9:00 AM
Week - 11	2016/11/11 8:00 AM	2016/11/11 9:00 AM
Week - 12	2016/11/18 8:00 AM	2016/11/18 9:00 AM
Week - 13	2016/11/25 8:00 AM	2016/11/25 9:00 AM
Week - 14	2016/12/02 8:00 AM	2016/12/02 9:00 AM

6. This allows you to add a file as an attachment to this syllabus item, or to open the Rich Text Editor to create content directly in the Syllabus item.

7. Click the arrowhead icon to the left of an item to expand the item and edit.



8. This allows you to edit the Syllabus item.

9. Add an attachment to this syllabus item.



10. Browse for the file on your computer, or attach a copy from the Resources in your course.

AND/OR add content using the Rich Text Editor.

11. Clicking this link opens the Rich Text Editor which allows you to enter the content, or copy and paste from Word into the Rich Text Editor to create the content.



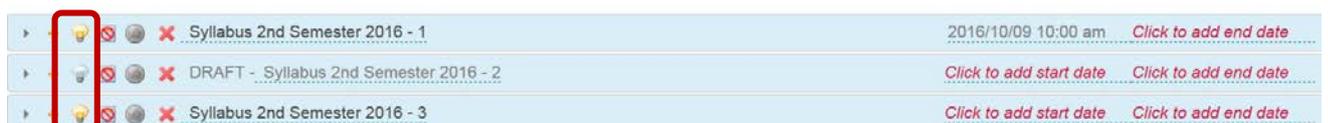
12. Edit the heading of a syllabus item. By default, the headings are the title of the syllabus appended with a number. Hover your mouse over the heading to make the pencil icon appear. Click the pencil icon to enable the editing of the heading.

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- Click the pencil icon to enable the editing of the heading.



13. Hide/release the syllabus item. (Optional)

- Click the lightbulb icon to hide a Syllabus item.
- If the icon is yellow, the item is available to students.
- If gray, hidden from students. In the above example, Item 1 is available to students on Oct. 9th at 10:00am.
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How do I add my syllabus as a file attachment?

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1. Select the **Syllabus** tool from the Tool Menu in your site.
2. Click Add Item.



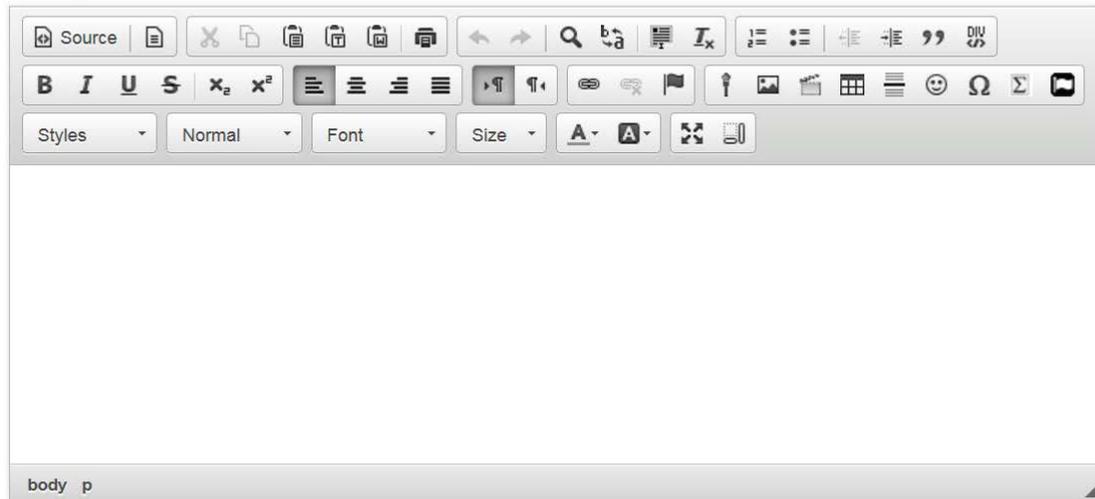
- An "Add Item" window opens where you type the name of the item - "Syllabus 2nd Semester 2016" for example. Type the Title of the item.

Add syllabus...

Complete this form, then choose the appropriate button at the bottom. A *means required information.

* Title

Content



A rich text editor interface with a toolbar containing various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, subscript, superscript), alignment (left, center, right, justified), indentation, bulleted and numbered lists, link, unlink, insert link, insert image, insert table, insert video, insert audio, insert smiley, insert special character, and insert link. Below the toolbar are dropdown menus for Styles (Normal), Font, and Size, and color selection tools. The main content area is empty, and the status bar at the bottom shows "body p".

- Only members of this site can see this syllabus item.
- This syllabus item is publicly viewable.

- Add Attachments

Click the **Add attachments** button to browse for your file.

Attachments

[Add attachments](#)

5. Browse for your file.

To select the file from your computer, click the **Choose File** button. OR if the file is in your Resources, you may attach it by clicking **Attach a copy**.

Add Attachment ✕

Select an existing item from Resources to attach OR add a new item to a folder to be attached.

Upload local file

No file selected. Browse for the file on your computer or a URL and click **Continue**

or a URL (link to website)

OR

Select a resource

Location: **SAKAI 11 Resources** Select the file from your resources and click **Continue**

Title ▾	Actions
SAKAI 11	
Podcasts	
Week 1	
Show other sites	

6. Add Start and End Dates. (Optional)

To restrict student access to a certain time frame, click **Click to add start date** and/or **Click to add end date**. Select your date and time as illustrated above, using the drop-down menus. Click the check mark icon when you are done.

Start Date

2016 ▾ / 10 ▾ / 09 ▾ ▾ : ▾ ▾ ▾

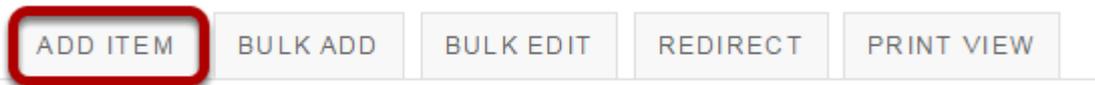
Click to add start date

Click to add start date

How do I create a syllabus using cut and paste from a document?

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1. From your site, select the **Syllabus tool** from the tool menu
2. **Click Add Item.** An "Add Item" window opens where you type the name of the item.



3. **Enter a title (required).** You may enter something simple, such as "Syllabus" here.

*Tip: Using the **Paste from Word** option will remove any Word-specific code from your pasted text.*

Add Item ✕

Title

Content

Source |      |       |     |          

body p Character Count (Includes HTML formatting characters) : 11 Word Count : 0

Add and Publish Add Cancel

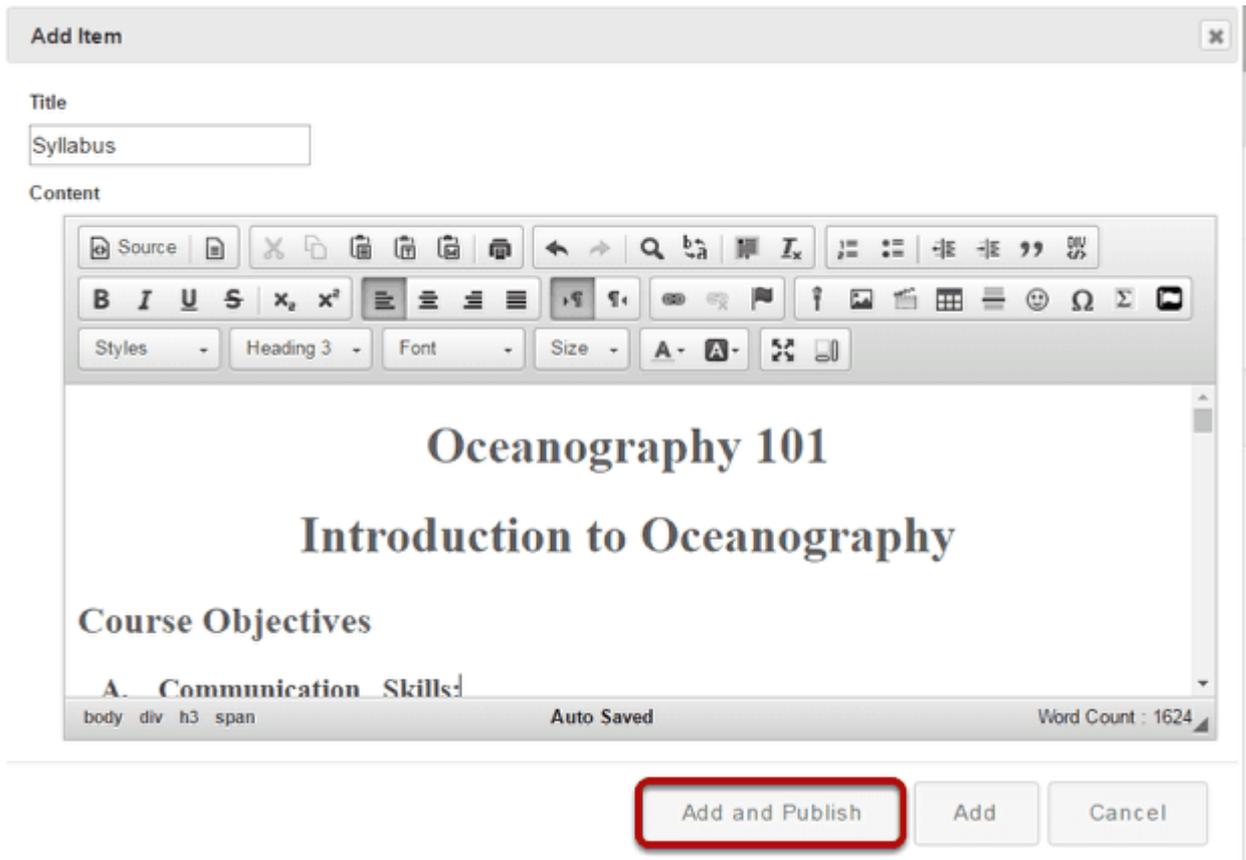
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4. Paste the text into the Paste from Word window.

The screenshot shows a web editor interface. At the top, there is a title field containing the word "Syllabus". Below the title field is a content area with a rich text editor toolbar. A "Paste from Word" dialog box is open in the foreground. The dialog box contains the following text: "Because of your browser security settings, the editor is not able to access your clipboard data directly. You are required to paste it again in this window. Please paste inside the following box using the keyboard (Ctrl/Cmd+V) and hit OK". Below this text is a text input field containing the text: "Oceanography 101", "Introduction to Oceanography", and "Course Objectives". The "OK" button at the bottom of the dialog box is highlighted with a red circle.

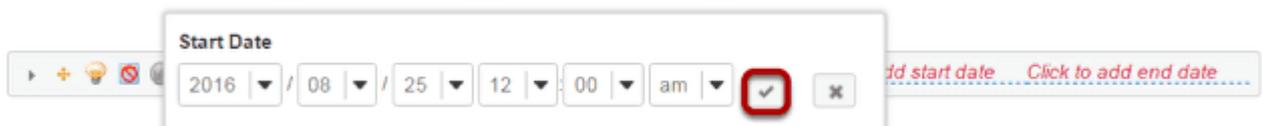
5. Click **OK**

6. Make edits to the text in the Rich Text Editor.



7. Review the text to make sure it appears as you intend. Make any edits using the formatting icons built into the Rich Text Editor. When you are done, click **Add and Publish**.

8. Add start and end dates. (Optional)



9. To restrict student access to a certain time frame, click **Click to add start date** and/or **Click to add end date**. Select your date and time as illustrated above, using the drop-down menus. Click the check mark icon when you are done.

How do I print the syllabus?

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1. From your site, select the Syllabus tool from the Tool Menu.
2. Click Print View.

Oceanography 101
Introduction to oceanography

Course objectives:

[Add attachments](#)

Click to add start date *Click to add end date*

3. Click Send to Printer.

Send To Printer Close Window

Syllabus

Oceanography 101

Introduction to oceanography

Course objectives:

How do I point my syllabus to a webpage?

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1. In your site, select the Syllabus tool from the Tool Menu.

2. Click **Redirect**

Oceanography 101
Introduction to oceanography

Course objectives:

[Add attachments](#)

Click to add start date *Click to add end date*

3. Enter the URL of the webpage location of your syllabus
4. Click the checkbox if you want the webpage to open in a new window.
5. Click Save

Redirect Syllabus

* URL

www.myuniversity.edu/mydepartment/mysyllabus.pdf

Open this link in a new window



Save

Cancel

Need help?

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You can make use of the Sakai based Help resources available on all eFundi sites, or contact your site of delivery eFundi Support Desk.

OR: Please attend eFundi training or stop by during office hours for additional help.

eFundi Support Desk:

Call centre: 018 285 5930

Campus support:

Mafeking: Tel.: 018 389 2447 Office: ADC Building, Block D Room G80	Potchefstroom: Tel.: 018 285 2295 Office: Building E8, Room 107A	Vanderbijlpark: Tel.: 016 910 3035/8 Office: Building 13, Room SL313
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OR

Log a ticket: support.nwu.ac.za