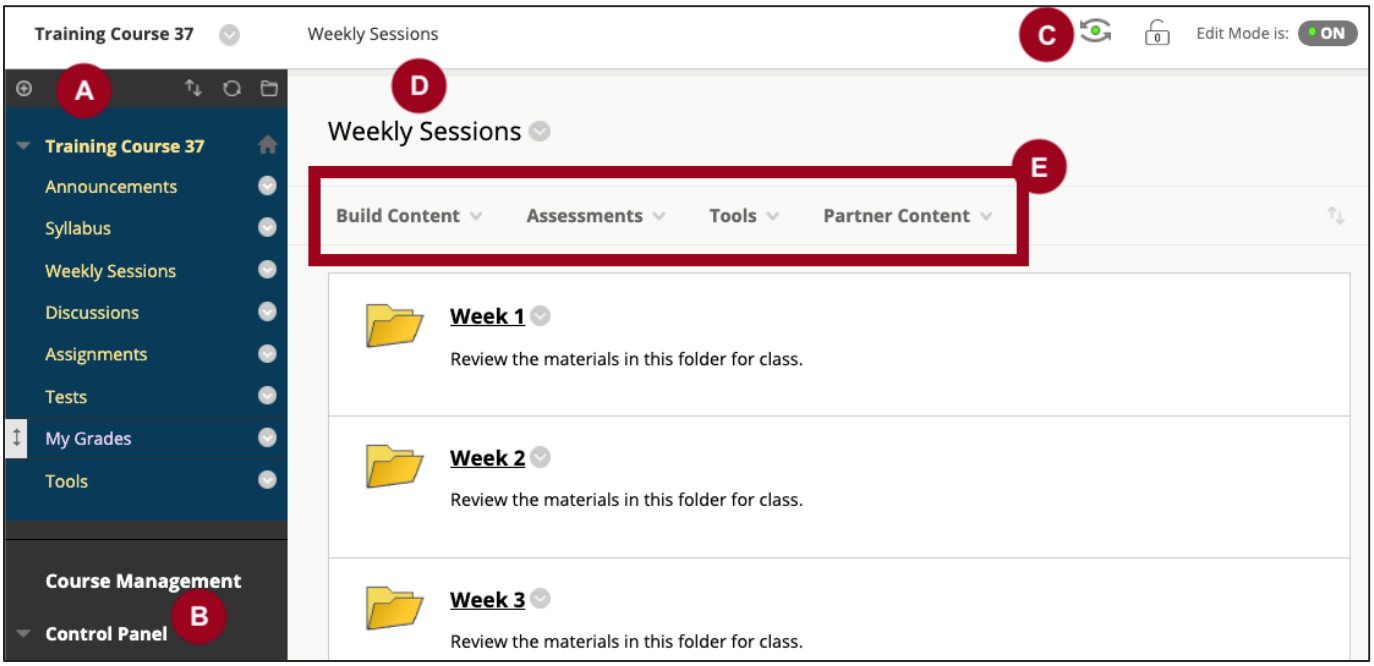
Blackboard: Navigating a Course

The information below will help you identify the layout, organization, and icons used in a Blackboard course so that you can more easily navigate through your course.

The Course Environment



A. **Course Menu:** Appears on the left side of your course and is the access point for all course content. Create links to present tools and materials to students, customize its appearance, and rename or re-order the links. To add a new resource, click the plus icon.

B. **Control Panel:** Provides access to various features and tools relating to course customization, administration, and maintenance. Use the arrows next to each section to expand it. Students don't see the Control Panel.

C. **Student Preview Mode:** Review course content and experience your course as a student.

D. **Content Frame:** Area where your course content and tools display. It is driven by the navigation choices you make on the Course Menu. When you select a link, your selection displays in the Content Frame.

E. **Action Bar:** The rows at the top of the content frame that contain page-level actions. The options available in the Action Bar change based on where you are in your course.

Course Management Controls

Options Menu icon: Open a menu of options associated with the item it's next to, such as edit or delete.

Add Menu Item icon: Create new links on the course menu to present various tools and materials.

Re-order icon: Reorganize content using the drag-and-drop function.

Accessible Re-order icon: Reorganize content with the keyboard accessible reordering tool.