

Putting Electronic Articles on Blackboard.

There are two simple ways of putting electronic journal articles from the Neil Hellman Library subscription databases in Blackboard. Each has some pros and cons.

1. If the article you wish to use for your class is available in pdf format, you can simply save the pdf to your desktop and then place the pdf in the documents section. Because your class on Blackboard can only be accessed by the students in that class this method passes copyright muster for fair use, similar to placing a print copy of the article on reserve at the library. The downside is that the same copyright laws apply in both situations in that you can only use the article in one semester. If you intend to use the same article again in a different semester by law you must get clearance from the copyright holder.
2. The second method involves putting a direct link to the article you want in Blackboard that you wish your class to be able to access. Most electronic databases and journals now include persistent urls (basically a distinct link to every article) that can be used to access a particular work. If you use the link to the article you can use it without copyright issues as it will be covered by the license agreements that the College has signed with the content providers. However if you use just the persistent URL to the article you will be limiting your students access to the College network alone. They will not be able to access this from off-campus. To make the article available off campus you must add the following address in front of the link to the article:
`https://ezproxy.strose.edu:2443/login?url=`
3. As an example if the address of your article is `http://ebSCOhost.com/article1`, to make it accessible off campus you'd have to change it to
`https://ezproxy.strose.edu:2443/login?url= http://ebSCOhost.com/article1`.

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