

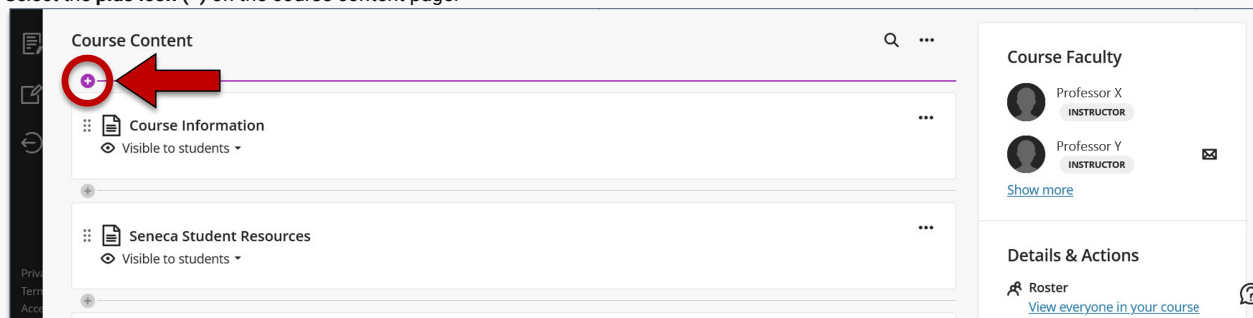
# Generating Journals

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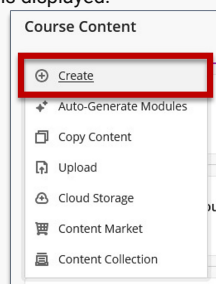
The AI Design Assistant can generate journal prompts based on your course's title and description.

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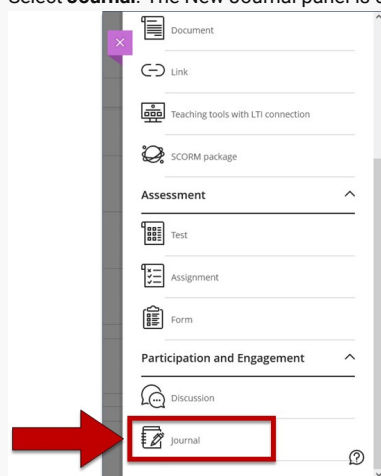
1. Select the **plus icon (+)** on the course content page.



2. Select **Create** from the drop-down. The Create Item panel is displayed.

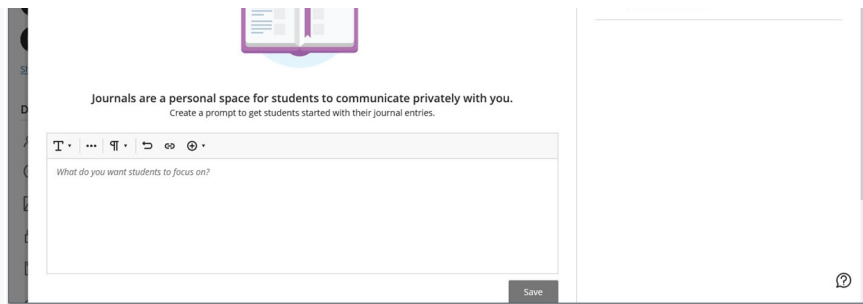


3. Select **Journal**. The New Journal panel is displayed.



4. Select the stars icon to **Auto-Generate Journal**. (It might look like this or this .)





5. By default, the AI Design Assistant will use your course's title and description to generate journal prompts. You can choose from those generated journal prompts or you can add more information in the Define the journal pane:

a. Add a description

b. Select items from your course

c. Choose a desired cognitive level

Generate

Identify a widely accepted belief, theory, or concept within your discipline that you find interesting or controversial. Write a critical analysis journal entry critically evaluating the underlying assumptions and arguments associated with this belief. Analyze

Cancel

Add

#### d. Adjust the complexity

Blackboard Ultra Course

Auto-Generate Journal

Define the journal

Description

Enter a description or set of keywords...

Select course items

Selected course items will be used to help improve suggestions.

Desired cognitive level

Inspire me!

Complexity

Low

High

Generate journal title

Generate

This is auto-generated content and needs to be checked for accuracy and bias

☐ Reflective Journal: Exploring New Ideas
 

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Cognitive level: Evaluate

☐ Journal of Creativity: Unleashing Innovation
 

Imagine you have been tasked with solving a complex problem in your field of study. Write a journal entry detailing the creative process you would engage in to develop innovative solutions for this problem. Explore different ideas, perspectives, and strategies, and analyze the potential impact of your proposed solutions. Be sure to incorporate at least one of the elements of authenticity (e.g., a video, a reference list, etc.) to enrich your journal entry.

Cognitive level: Create

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#### e. Specify whether the generated journal prompt should include a title or not

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Select **Generate** to run the journal prompt generation process again.

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Cancel

Add

**Tip:** Even if you don't add any more information in the Define the journal pane, you can select **Generate** to run the journal prompt generation process again to generate a different set of journal prompts.

#### 6. If there is a journal prompt you would like to add to your course, select the radio button next to the desired journal, then select **Add**.

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Cancel **Add**


7. Review the title and content of that generated journal prompt and edit for accuracy and appropriateness, making all necessary edits before making it available to students.

8. Select **Save** to save the changes to your journal prompt.

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Journal Participation



Journals are a personal space for students to communicate privately with you.  
Create a prompt to get students started with their journal entries.

**Journal Settings**

Grading  
Journal isn't graded

**Save**

9. Be sure to set up the necessary Journal Settings before making the Journal available to your students. See the [Creating a Journal](#) article for more information about Journal Settings.

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