The following screenshots illustrate exactly what is in the course shell to help you better understand its contents prior to importing it into your course.

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**The Menu:**
The links highlighted in red will be added to your course after you import.

**Getting Started Link**

This link goes to a blank blackboard page. Best practices in online course design emphasize the importance of a ‘Getting Started’ page. Here some [guidance on what to put on the getting started page](#).

**Syllabus Link**

This link goes to a blank blackboard page. You can link to your syllabus from there. See the [syllabus resources page](#) for guidance.
Course Materials

This link goes to a list of folders as shown below, with space to indicate the dates for each module. Each module includes specific dates to keep students oriented.

Each week contains a single blackboard page, which is broken into the following sections:

**Overview**
The overview contains placeholders for all the main content items for the week. One best practice for developing instructor presence is to include a short (1-2 minute) video orienting students to the week’s tasks. Embed the video to replace the photo.
Overview of the Week

Overview

This week, we will (Fill in appropriate introductory/overview information here).

Objectives

Upon completion of this module, students should be able to:

- Objective #1
- Objective #2
- and so on

Required Readings and Viewings

- Review the Getting Started and Course Syllabus links in the left-hand course navigation bar.
- Add appropriate readings/viewings here

Assignments

Your assignments for this week are located at the end of the module. Please feel free to begin them as soon as you are able.

Class Notes

This is where you include your own original content for the week, whether text, audio or video. The sample headings establish a hierarchy to any text, and conform to web accessibility practices.

Here is a Heading 1 Font

Here is a Heading 2 Font

Here is a Heading 3 Font

Here is a normal font.

This Week’s Activities

This is where you include a list of everything students need to submit for the week. Some examples are provided, along with formatting using headings for clarity. You can add or remove items as needed.
This Week's Activities

Below, please find your activities for this week:

Discussions

Discussion #1: (INSERT TOPIC TITLE)
Due: (INSERT DUE DATE/TIME)
Insert details here

Assignments

(INSERT ASSIGNMENT TITLE)
Due: (INSERT DUE DATE/TIME)
Insert details here

Assignments Link

This link goes to a list of folders, organized by week. This clarifies which assignments correspond to which week. Each folder is blank. You can add all assignments for a particular week into the corresponding folder.