Embedding YouTube Videos in Blackboard

YouTube is a repository of video content on the Web where instructors may find useful content for instructional purposes. If you find a video on YouTube that you would like to include in a Blackboard course site, you can either link to it by adding an external link or embed it into a content area. Embedding a video in a content area has the advantages of putting it into the context of a course and preventing students from getting distracted by other videos on the YouTube site. Students are able to click on the video within Blackboard to play it.

To embed a YouTube video using the Mashups tool:

1. Go to the content area of the Blackboard course site where you want to embed the video. (In our example, the content area chosen is Course Information. Click on Build Content for options and then click on YouTube Video located under Mashups.)

2. Type in your search criteria in the Search text box. Then click Go.
3. You will see the search results listed below.

![Image of YouTube search results]

4. To preview a video, click the **Preview** button below the video’s thumbnail. If you want to add the video to your course, click the **Select** button below the video’s thumbnail.

![Image of video thumbnail with Preview and Select buttons]

Click Preview to preview the video before adding it to your course.

Click Select to add the video to your course.

5. After you click **Select** you will have the option to add supplemental text in a text box.

![Image of text box for supplemental text]

Please watch the YouTube Video on Hunter College.
6. You can adjust options such as displaying the video as a **Thumbnail**, a **Text link with a player** or **Embedded video** by choosing the option from the view dropdown menu.

7. You can also attach files and adjust date and time restrictions.

8. After you adjust your options, click the **Submit** button. You will receive a green success message and your video will be displayed in the content area.

Note: The **Mashups** option is also available on the Text Editor box.
Follow these steps for embedding a video from YouTube using embed code:

1. Find the video you want to download on the YouTube site.
2. Copy its Embed HTML code from the box on the bottom.

Be sure to follow the steps below.

3. In Blackboard, make sure that the Edit Mode of your Blackboard course is “ON”.

4. Go to the content area of the Blackboard course site where you want to embed the video. (In our example, the content area chosen is Course Information. Click on Build Content for options and then click on Item located under the Create column.)
5. Enter a descriptive name for the video and click on the HTML icon (HTML) on the editing tool bar.

Enter a description name for the video in the Name box under Content Information.

If the editing tool bar does not appear and the arrow in front of the row of tools is pointing down, click on the arrow once.

6. A pop-up window will appear. Paste the embed HTML code and click on Update.

7. Scroll down and click on the Submit button.

If you have further questions or need assistance, please email bb@hunter.cuny.edu or contact the Technology Resource Center (Thomas Hunter 402) at 212-772-HELP (4357).