Welcome to the New

OSM for THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

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Latest Features

● A streamlined and modern look
● Pasting content from a word processor is easier than ever
● Import text from any previous OSM syllabus, using the new Import Tab
● Add and remove classes from your syllabus using the new Manage Classes Tab
● Share your syllabus with a direct full access Private Link, or the filtered Published Link
● Course description, textbook, and prerequisite information is pulled directly from the official university course record

Why Create an Online Syllabus?

● Use university or program specific templates to create a simple, complete syllabus from scratch
● Update and republish the syllabus at any time, your existing Published and Private links will show the latest content
● Easily import content between terms and related courses or create a syllabus for many courses that contain the same content, without needing to adjust the automatic course information and keep track of several documents
● Standardized templates and disclaimers allow for consistency and streamlined data collection
How to Get Started with OSM?

I. Access My Courses

First, log into the password protected OIRA Resources area. This can easily be done in two ways:

* by clicking the OIRA Resources channel on the Faculty tab in MyBama

* or by visiting http://oira.ua.edu and using the OIRA Resources link at the top
Once there, you will see an **Online Syllabus Management** link, linking to the *My Courses* dashboard.

In the *My Courses* dashboard your courses are divided by term. *(Managers will have to choose the *My Courses* link at the bottom of the Manager’s Dashboard.)*

**II. Create a New Syllabus**

- Find the desired syllabus in your list of courses and click the **Create** link.

  ![Online Syllabus Management](image)

  If there are additional cross-listed sections for your course you will be given the option of including them. If you do, you can create one syllabus for multiple course sections. Use the checkboxes to select them. If you choose not to include them at this time you may add them later. Click the **Create** button when ready.
The next page will ask you to select a template for your syllabus. If there is only one template, click the **Apply Template** link. If there is more than one option, choose the most specific to your course.

The next screen will allow you to choose optional content regions from the template. Required regions are greyed out. Uncheck any optional region that you do not wish to include. Click the **Apply Template** button when finished.
III. Edit a Syllabus

- On the Compose Tab, select the green *Edit* button next to the content region you wish to edit.

Edit the Office Hours field, alter the Privacy Level, if desired, and click the *Save* button.
Since course titles are truncated in Banner, you have the option of editing the title from the default course information. This is not required. In content regions where default content appears, you have the option of adding more information to appear underneath.
• The View Tab allows you to see the syllabus as it will appear in published form. Click this tab to finalize your work and publish your syllabus. (See below - VI. Publish A Syllabus)

IV. Import from Another Syllabus

In the syllabus view, click the Import Content Tab at the top of the page. This will display a list of your courses or similar courses. Choose the View Sections link to select the content regions you want to import into the new syllabus.

Check any region you want to include. Then click the Import Selections button.
**If you choose to import content from a content region that already exists in this syllabus, the content will be replaced in the current syllabus.**

V. Manage Classes for a Syllabus

**-- Adding Classes**

In the syllabus editing view, click the *Manage Classes Tab* at the top of the page. Click the **Add Classes** button to choose more classes and add them to the grouped syllabus. All course sections will share the same content, but will maintain distinct course information. This includes titles, course-section identifiers, instructors, books, and course prerequisites.

**-- Removing Classes**

To remove classes from your grouped syllabus, click the *Manage Classes Tab* at the top of the page. Under the Add classes section, you will see the “Remove Items from Syllabus” region. Check the classes you would like to remove and click the **Delete** button. If you remove all the classes for the syllabus, you will need to confirm that you want to delete the syllabus.
** At least one course must be listed on the syllabus, or the syllabus will be deleted.

VI. Publish a Syllabus

Click the View Tab at the top of the page. Review the document shown to make sure the syllabus is correct and complete. Click the Publish Syllabus button.

Once a syllabus is published, a Published Link and a Private Link will be created.
The Published Link will only display the public content or UA wide content for MyBama logged in users. The Private Link is the full syllabus view. This link can be emailed to students, pasted into blackboard, or shared with a colleague. Simply highlight and copy the full link address and paste it where appropriate.

After a syllabus is published, further changes can still be made. If you make changes, the updated syllabus MUST be republished for changes to take effect on the Published and Private Links.

The links will not change when the syllabus is republished. Although you should inform your students that there is a change to the syllabus, you will not need to resend the link or repost it to blackboard.