Requirements & Prerequisites

What are requirements and prerequisites?

- Requirements and prerequisites can be used to help guide students through their course by controlling the release of course content
- Requirements are actions applied to resources within modules that indicate what students need to do to complete them
- Prerequisites are applied to modules and indicate which module(s) need to be completed before progressing to the next

Why use prerequisites and requirements?

- They can help improve engagement as students need to engage with specific resources before they can progress to the next
- They can help students track their progress as they can see what they have completed and what they need to do next
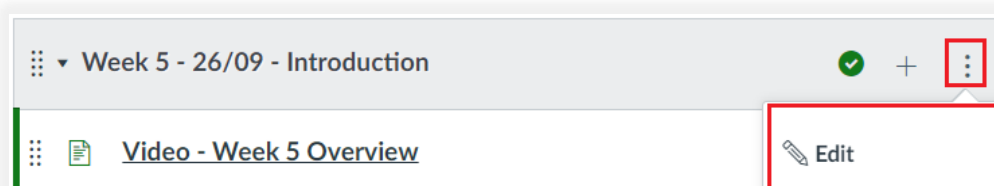- They provide tutors with an overview of student interaction and progress through the course

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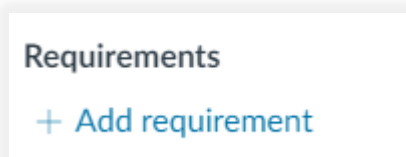Depending on the type of resource you can require students to:

- View an item
- Mark an item as 'done'
- Contribute to a page or discussion
- Submit an assignment or quiz
- Score a certain mark or above in an assignment or quiz
- Note: You will be presented with a choice of requirements to select from for each resource

Adding requirements to resources

1. Go to the module that you want to add requirements to
2. Click the three-dot icon at the end of the row and select Edit

3. Go to the requirements section and click Add requirement:

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4. Then select whether students need to complete all or one requirement and whether they need to move through requirements sequentially:

Beneath these settings you will see the first resource in the module with a default requirement attached to it. You can leave this as it is or:

5. Click the default requirement (e.g., view the item) to see available requirements and select from the options available:

6. Click + Add requirement and repeat the process for other resources in the module

Note: When adding requirements to other resources, click the current resource (e.g., Video – Week 5 overview) and select from the list:
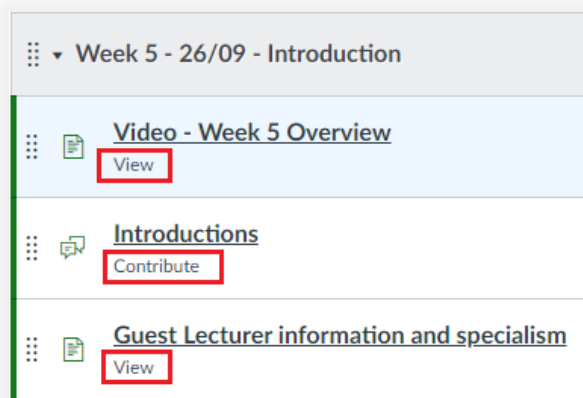

Once requirements have been added, text will display beneath each resource to indicate what needs to be done to complete it:

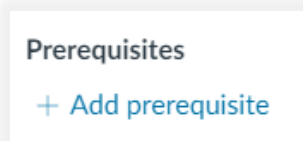## Adding a prerequisite to a module

Once requirements have been added to resources, prerequisites can be added to modules. In this example students need to complete module five before they can move on to module six.

1. Go to the module that you want to add the prerequisite to
2. Click the three-dot icon and select Edit
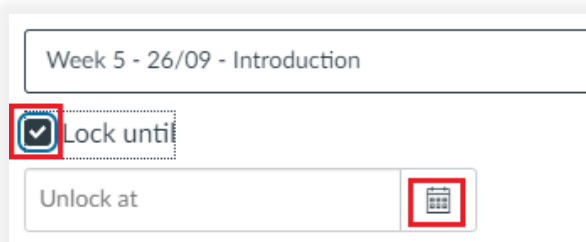3. Then click +Add prerequisite:

4. Select the module that needs to be completed

5. Then click Update module and Re-lock modules

Note: Modules can also be locked until a specified date without setting requirements and prerequisites. To lock a module, follow steps one and two above, click into the 'Lock until' checkbox and select a date:

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In the example below, requirements have been applied to each resource in the Week 5 Module and students need to work through them sequentially. Until the first resource 'Video – Week 5 Overview' has been viewed the next resource remains unavailable and greyed out.

Resources in the Week 6 module are also unavailable and there is a lock icon and message informing that the Week 5 module is a prerequisite:

Monitor student engagement

When requirements and prerequisites have been applied, tutors can monitor student engagement by viewing the progress of each student. To do this:

1. From the homepage, click modules in the course navigation menu
2. Click the View Progress button (top right)

Student names are displayed in alphabetical order in a list on the right side of the page and Module progress of the first student is displayed by default

3. To view module progress of another student, click their name.

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4. In the example below Test Student4 has two items left to complete in the Week 5 module and the Week 6 module will remain locked until they have been completed

Note: The first three modules need to be accessed at any time, so requirements and prerequisites have not been applied to them and they are marked as complete by default.

Considerations

- Requirements & prerequisites should not be added to modules containing core information – e.g., Module information, Assessment Information, Resit & Deferred work
- For resources that have the 'view an item' or 'mark as done' requirements applied to them, students have little to do for them to be marked as complete.