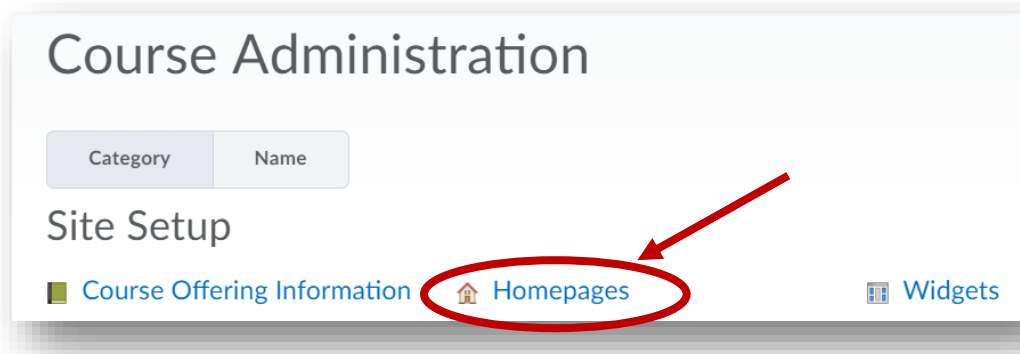Instructors have the option to customize the look of their Brightspace Course Homepages to suit their needs.
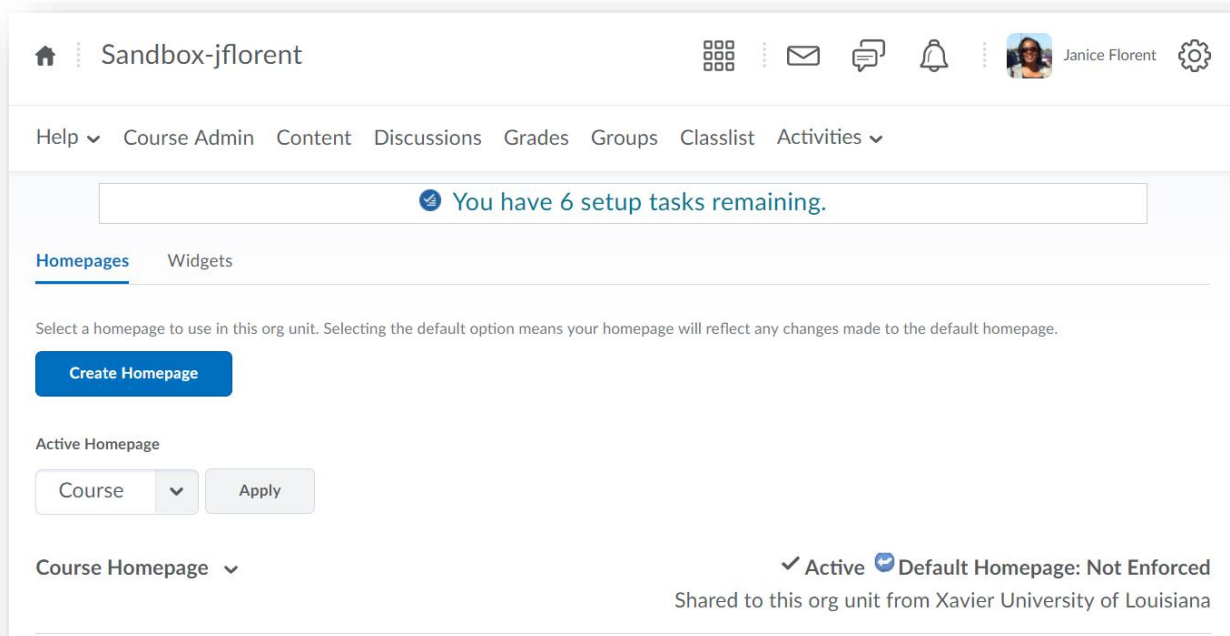
Brightspace course Homepage Layouts are frames (panels) that contain Widgets. Widgets are sections of content that provide information and links to tools, courses, and personal settings. Widgets are placed within the frames in the Homepage Layout. Both the course Homepage Layout and the Widgets are customizable.

These instructions explain how to make a copy of the default Xavier Course Homepage Layout and then edit the copy with the customization you want for your Course Homepage. Alternatively, you can click on the Create Homepage button to create your Homepage Layout from scratch.
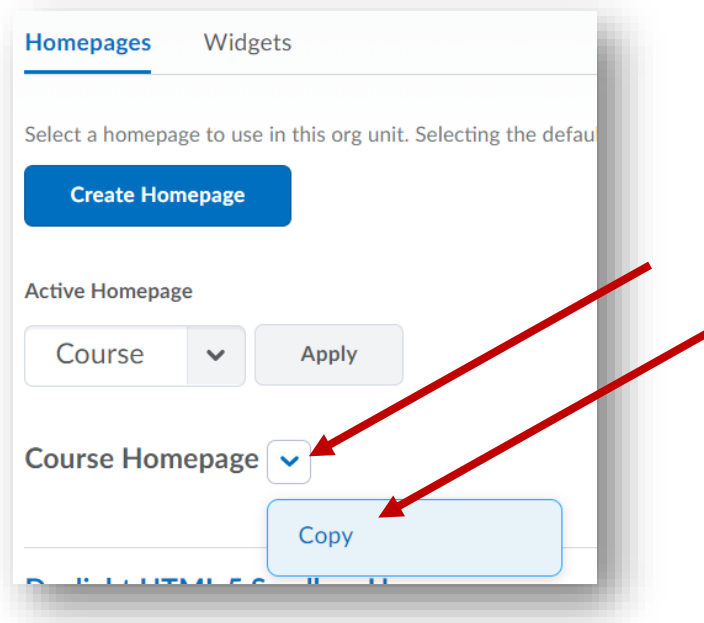
1. Log into the Brightspace course you want to create the custom Homepage Layout.

2. In the NavBar (of the course you want to create the custom homepage), click on **Course Admin**.
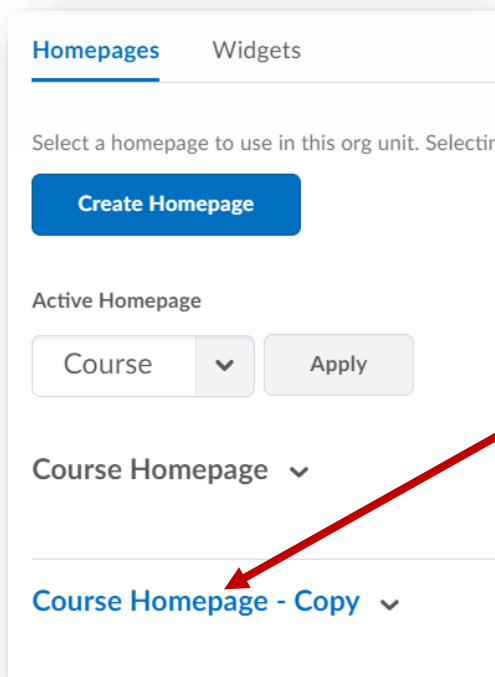
3. Click on **Homepages**.
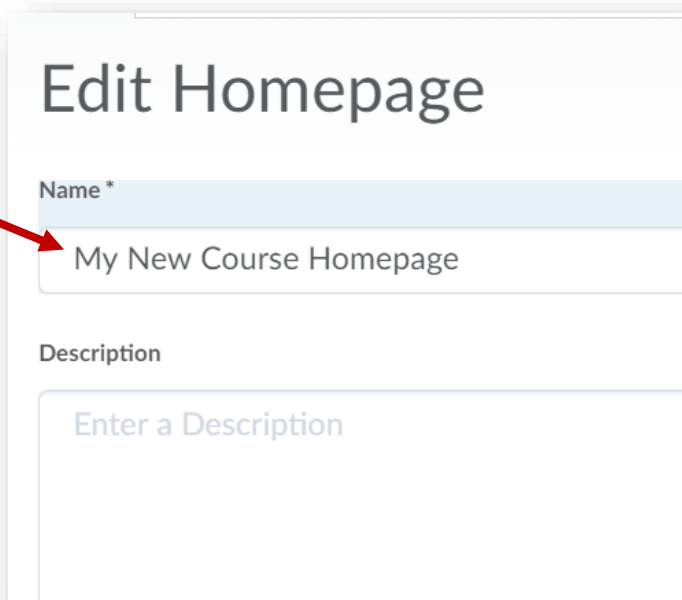
4. You should see your Homepages displayed.

5. Click on the arrow next to the Xavier University default course homepage and click on **Copy**.

6. Click on the **Course Homepage Copy** link to edit the homepage layout.

7. In the Edit Homepage window, enter a new name for your course Homepage. Optionally, you can enter a description.
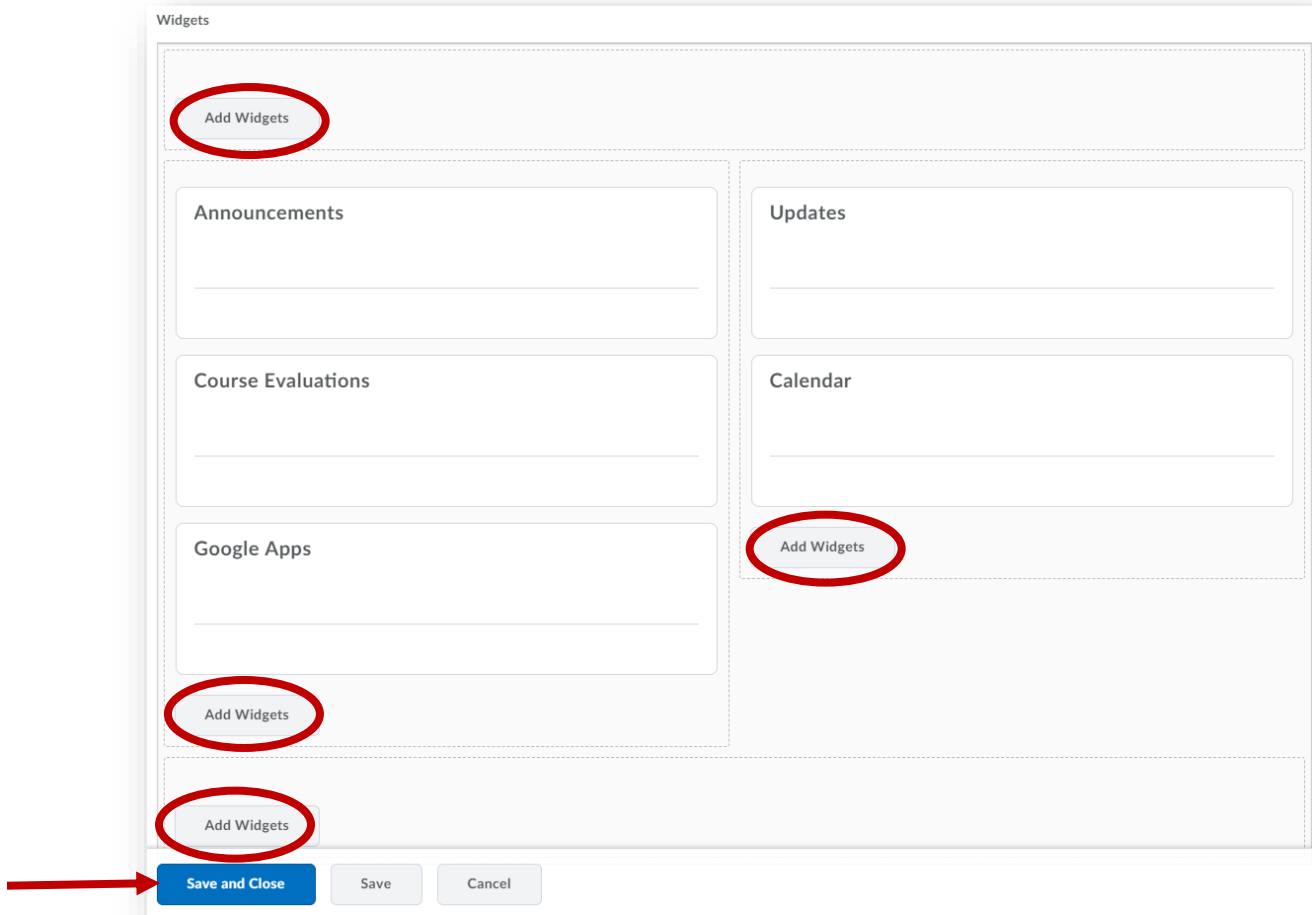
8. Click on the **Change Layout** button to choose a different layout. Optionally, you can leave the layout as it is and just add or remove widgets from the current layout.
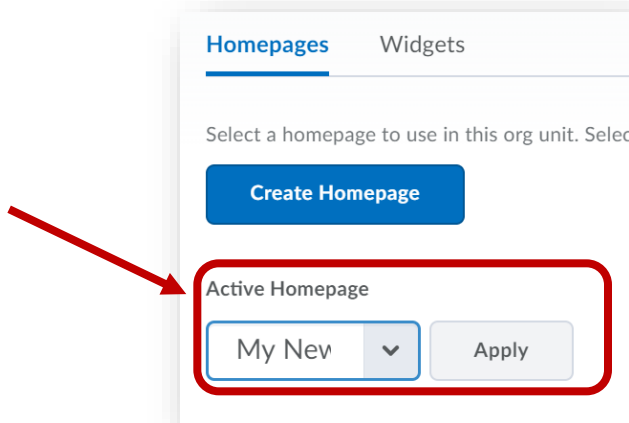
9. Decide which panel you want to add a widget to and click "**Add Widget**" in the appropriate panel and search for the widget you want to add to the panel. You can click and drag widgets to new positions. To remove a widget from your layout, roll your mouse over the widget and click on the X in the upper right corner of the widget to remove it from the layout. Doing so will not remove the widget from your course, it just removes it from the current layout. Click **Save and Close** when you are done.
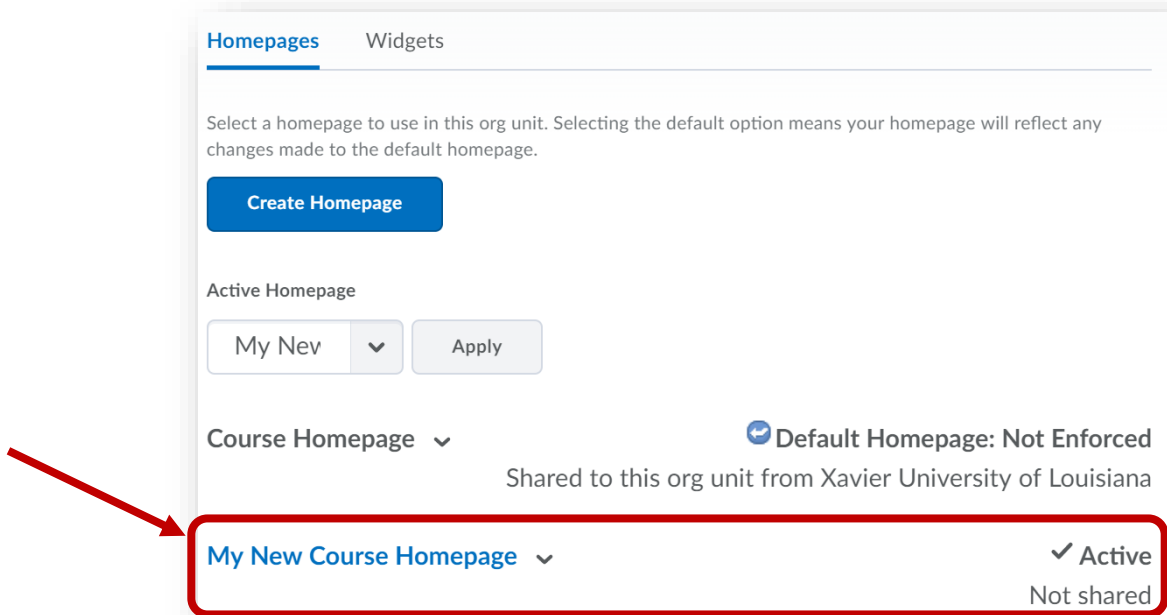

Note: The layout in the example above is the Two Equal Panels layout. There are four panels in this layout, two equal panels in the middle with header and footer panels. In this example there are no widgets in the header and footer panels. To add a widget in any of the panels, click on the Add Widgets button in the respective panel.

Additionally, we recommend you place your primary content into widgets in the left layout panel. Brightspace's responsive design will automatically resize the display to fit the user's device. When the display collapses to a single column on mobile devices, the content in secondary columns appears beneath the left layout panel. Therefore, content you would like users to see first should be placed in the left layout panel.

10. Make the new homepage your active course homepage by choosing it from the pulldown list and then click on the **Apply** button.

11. Your customized homepage should now be the active homepage for the course. You should see Active by the customized course homepage and the changes should be reflected when you return to the course homepage.

Note: You can create custom widgets to use in your course homepage layouts. Additionally, refer to the **Place a Twitter Feed into a Custom Widget** document for information on creating a custom widget with an embedded Twitter feed.