You can personalize your course by adding a banner to your course. A course banner is an image that appears at the top of the course entry point of your course. You can use Microsoft PowerPoint to create a course banner image file.

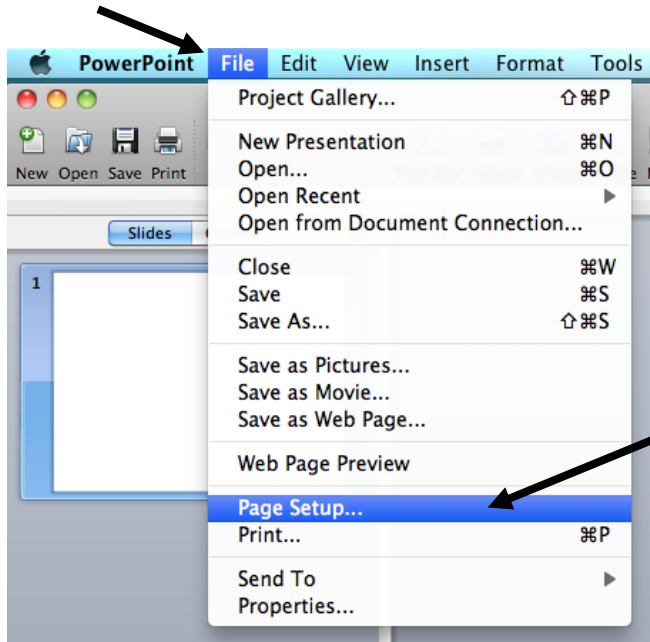**NOTE:** These instructions assume you are using PowerPoint 2011 for the Mac.

1. To create an image to use as a course banner for your course, you should open a new PowerPoint document file.

2. On the **Home** tab click on **Layout**.
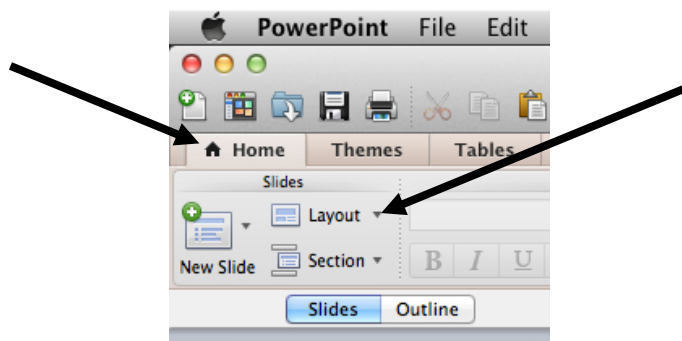


3. Select **Title Only** as the slide layout.
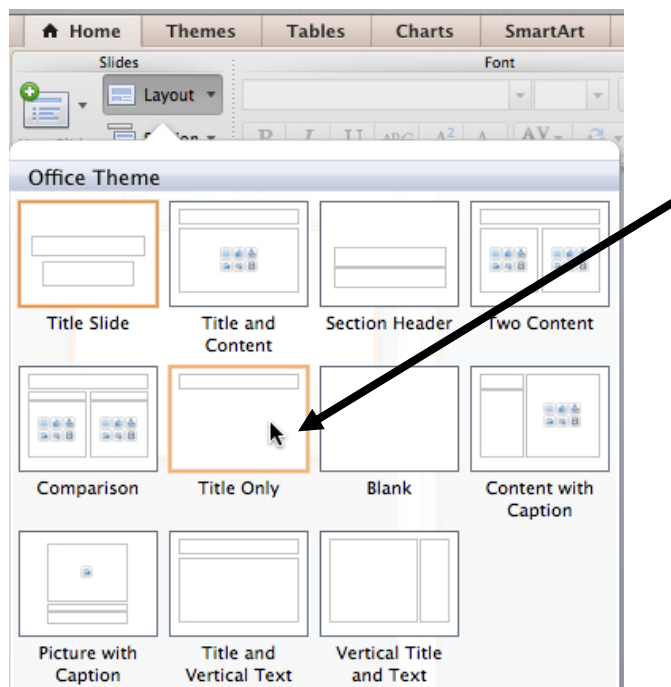
4. On the **File** menu choose **Page Setup**.



5. In the Page Setup window you should select **Slides sized for: Banner** from the drop down list. The default banner size is 8 by 1 inches. You can change these dimensions if you need to. You should choose a width between 8 and 12 inches and a height of 1 to 1 ½ inches. Click **OK** when done.
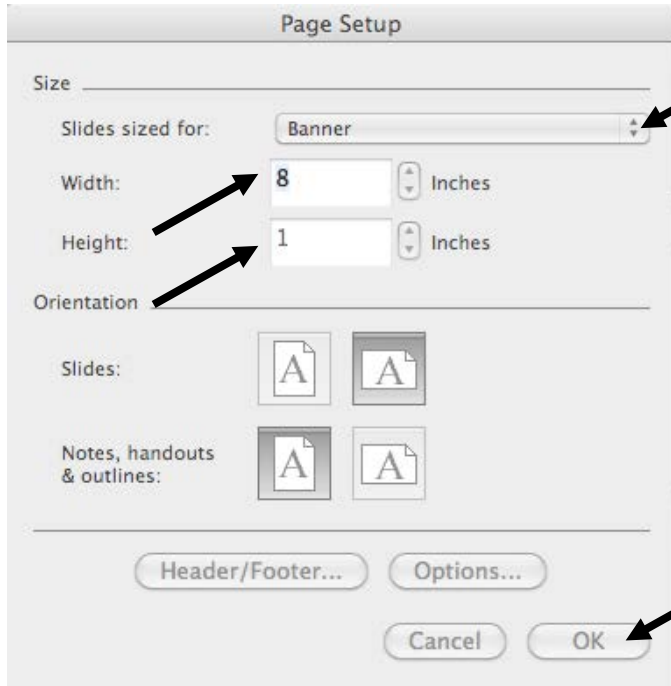
6. Click on the **Themes** tab choose a theme for your banner and/or select a background by selecting **Background** from the Theme Options (on the Themes tab).



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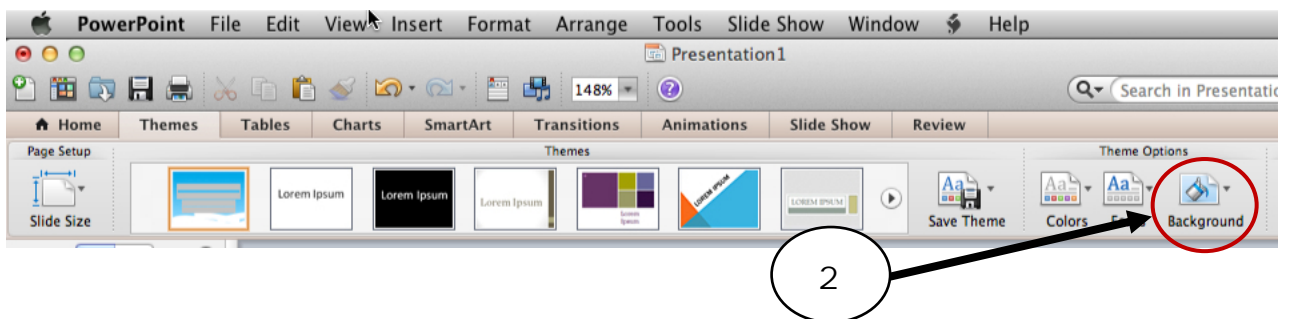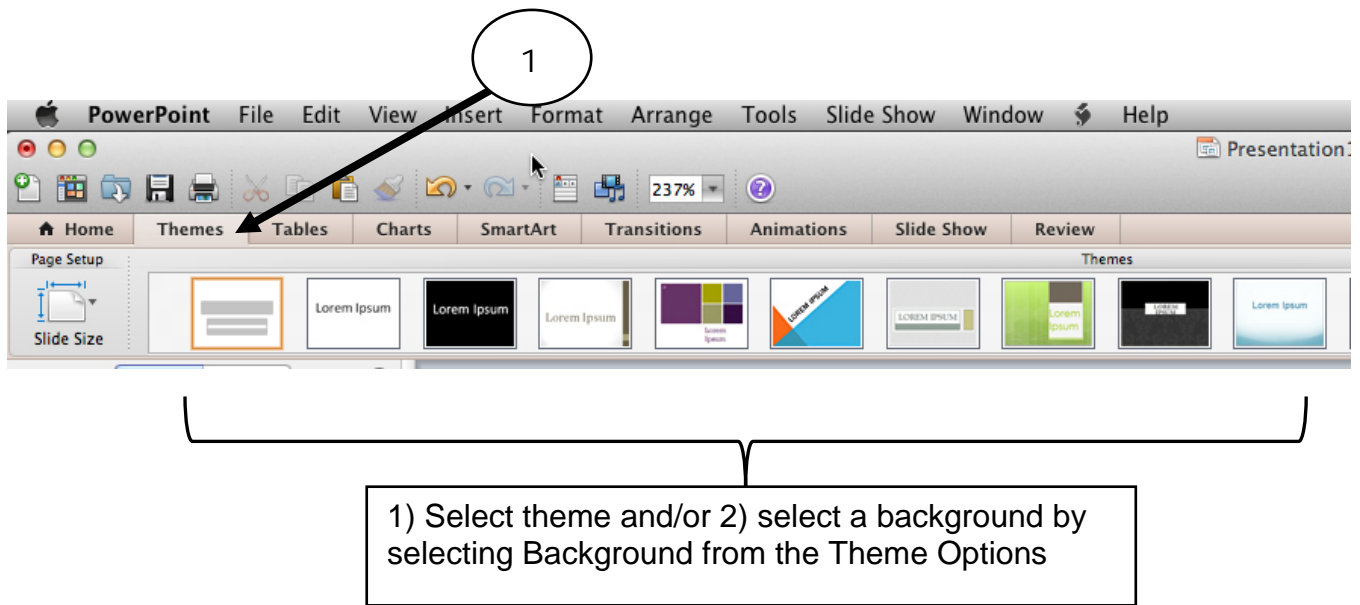


7. Type text for your banner in the title box on the slide. You can change the font using font formatting. You can insert clip art, pictures and/or other objects on your banner by clicking on the **Insert** menu and select the appropriate action.
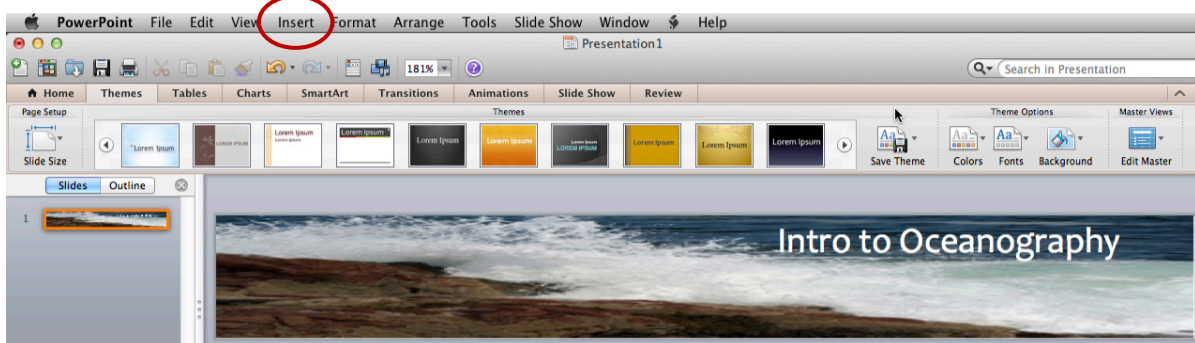
8. You will save your banner in two formats. First, as a PowerPoint presentation so that you can edit it later if necessary. The second format will be a JPEG file so that you can use it as your course banner in Blackboard.
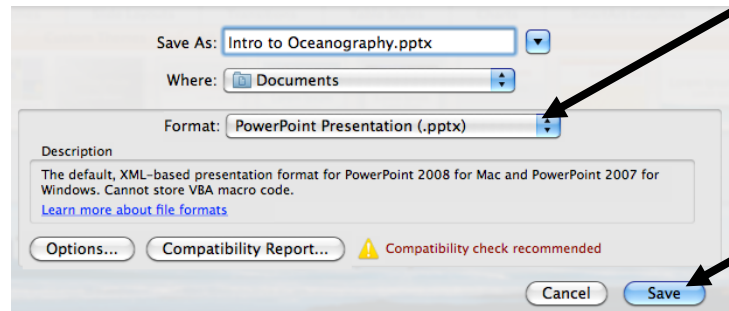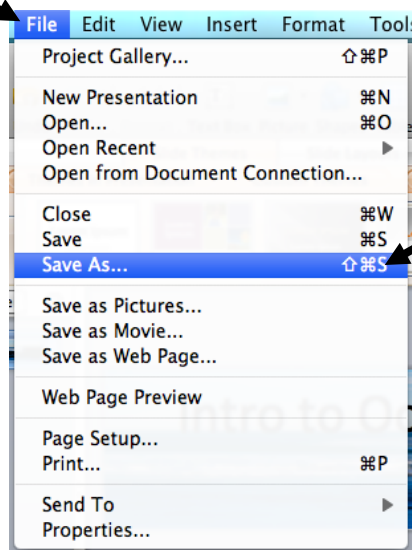
9. Now save your banner as a JPEG file so that you can use it as your course banner in Blackboard.
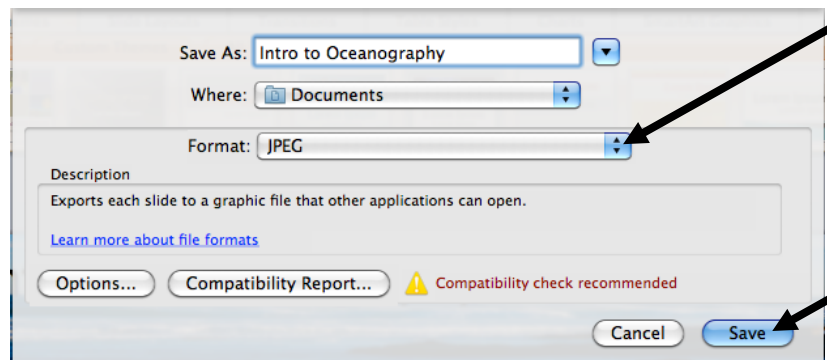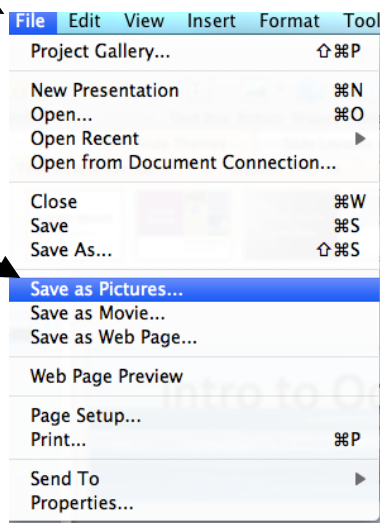
Note: GIF and PNG file formats are also acceptable images types for banners in Blackboard.

10. You will get a message informing you that each slide in your presentation has been saved as a separate file in the folder. Because your presentation only has one slide your banner will be the only file in the folder.
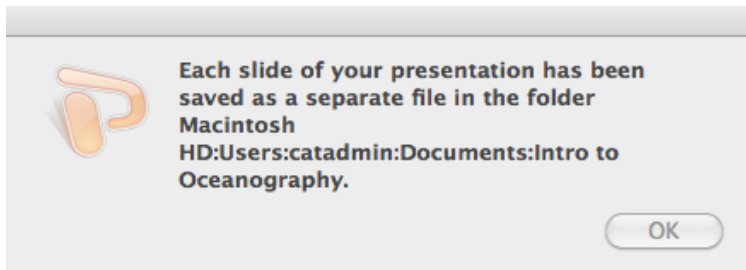


11. Now that you have created a banner image you should follow the instructions for adding a course banner to your Blackboard course.