If your Blackboard Vista section is under development, there might be components that aren’t ready for student access. There are easy ways for you to select components to conceal while you continue to work on them.

**Hide items from home page or folder:**

Click on the drop-down arrow next to the item you wish to hide.

In the drop-down menu that appears, click “Hide Item.”

The item is still accessible to you in the Build view, but is labeled “(Hidden).”

It will remain hidden from students until you reverse the process by choosing “Show Item” in the drop-down menu.

**Always check the Student View** to make sure your students will see just what you want them to.

Notice that the item does not appear in the Student View.
Set Selective Release Date Criteria

You can also indicate specific dates and conditions for items to be hidden or shown.

Go to “Selective Release” under “Designer Tools.”

On the Selective Release Map, click on “Set Release Criteria” for the item.

Click “Add Date Criteria.”

Choose the date entry selection button (as opposed to “Immediately”) and enter the desired date and time you wish the item to become available.

Choose either “Unlimited” or enter a date you wish the item to become hidden again.

Click “Save.”

Remember to check the Student View after any change.

Release of content can also be set on other criteria such as individuals, groups, and grades. And criteria can be combined themselves, for instance:
- an honor project available only to students with a certain grade after a certain date
- group projects available to certain groups of students after a certain date
- a makeup quiz available to students below a certain grade until a cut-off date

For more information, refer to your Blackboard Vista instructor reference manual.