**Metacourses**

A metacourse automatically enrolls participants from other "child" courses. Metacourses take their enrollments from other courses. This feature can populate many courses from one enrollment or one course from many enrollments. Students enrolled in a metacourse have access to any material on that course as well as to material in the child course that they were initially enrolled in. Metacourses do not preserve groups and enrollment does not happen immediately. Metacourses take student enrollments from other courses only. Teachers need to be added manually.

**Setting up a Metacourse:**
Teachers are able to choose whether a course is a metacourse via the "Is this a metacourse?" (yes/no) menu option in the Settings menu of the Administration block.

**Metacourse Scenarios (When Metacourses are Useful):**

- X is a metacourse with Course 1 through 4 as normal courses with standard student enrollments. Students enrolling on these courses are automatically enrolled onto Metacourse X.
- Metacourses 1-4 are linked to Y which is a normal course. Students enrolling on Course Y are automatically enrolled on Metacourses 1-4. This would be used, for example, when all five courses are intended to have exactly the same students.
- One or more metacourses are used as a library of resources and activities. For example, the English department has collected material useful in writing papers. Teachers can direct or embed a link to a specific reference about citations, or how to select a topic for a paper or suggested reading compiled by students.
- The metacourse feature can also be used "in reverse." Say you have a Diploma program that involves courses D1, D2, D3, and D4. In this case, you would create a "Diploma" course as a normal course (non-metacourse). You would then designate programs D1 through D4 as metacourses (plus completing the student enrollment task under Course Administration). When a student enrolls in "Diploma", he or she will be automatically enrolled in courses D1 through D4.