

# Personalizing the Colours and Buttons

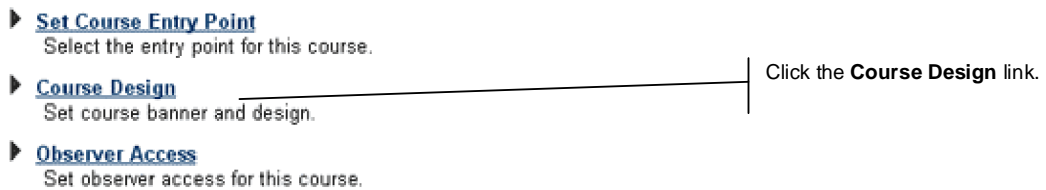
This area allows the instructor to customize the look and feel of the course. You have the option to change the button style and colours to personalize your Blackboard course. *Note: It is recommended to use the “text” option to help Learning Disabled Students navigate easier in your course.*

**Step 1:** Click the **Control Panel** button (at bottom left of screen).

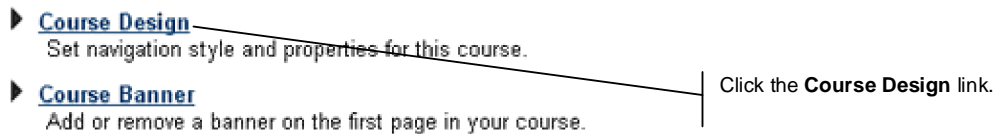
**Step 2:** Click the **Settings** link in the *Course Options* area of the Control Panel.



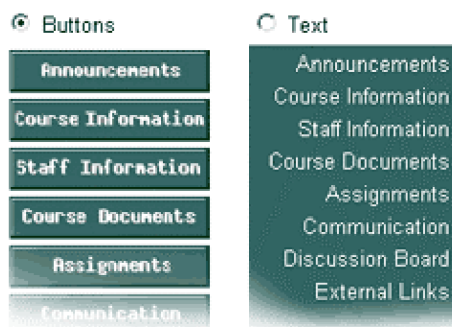
**Step 3:** Click the **Course Design** link in the *Course Images* area.



**Step 4:** Click the **Course Design** link in the *Course Images* area.



**Step 5:** Select from the navigation options of: **Button (Step 6A)** or **Text (Step 6B)** for the look of the side navigation panel in the students view. *Note: It is recommended to use the “text” option to help Learning Disabled Students navigate easier in your course.*







**Step 6A:** Select from the button options of: **Button Type**, **Button Shape** and **Button Style** in the *Select a Button Style* area. There is a *preview window* to display how the button will look.

The screenshot shows a configuration area for buttons. It includes a 'Button Type' dropdown menu set to 'Solid', a 'Button Shape' section with three radio buttons: 'Rounded Corners', 'Rectangular', and 'Rounded Ends' (which is selected), and a 'Button Style' section with a blue rounded button preview and a list of color options from 'Blue 01' to 'Blue 06'. A '[ GALLERY OF BUTTONS ]' link is also present. A 'Preview window' on the left shows the selected button. Annotations with lines pointing to these elements provide instructions: 'Select a **button type** from the drop-down list. The button type is simply the pattern that will appear in the button background. Choose from: **Pattern**, **Solid** or **Striped**.', 'Choose one of the 3 **button shapes** by clicking the *circle* beside the shape.', 'Choose a **button style** by clicking on one of the colours listed.', and 'To view button options on a single page, click on **Gallery of Buttons**. Then select a *Button Type* and *Button Shape*. This technique might help some people in the selection process.'

**Step 6B:** Select from the text options of: **Background Colour** and **Text Colour** There is a *preview window* to display how the button will look.

**Instructions:**  
Pick an item. Click on the color palette to assign a color to that item. Submit your color changes when you are finished.

Select background color for navigation:  

Select highlight color for navigation:  

When choosing the colours, it is best to stick to contrasting colours without using a pure red or a pure green.