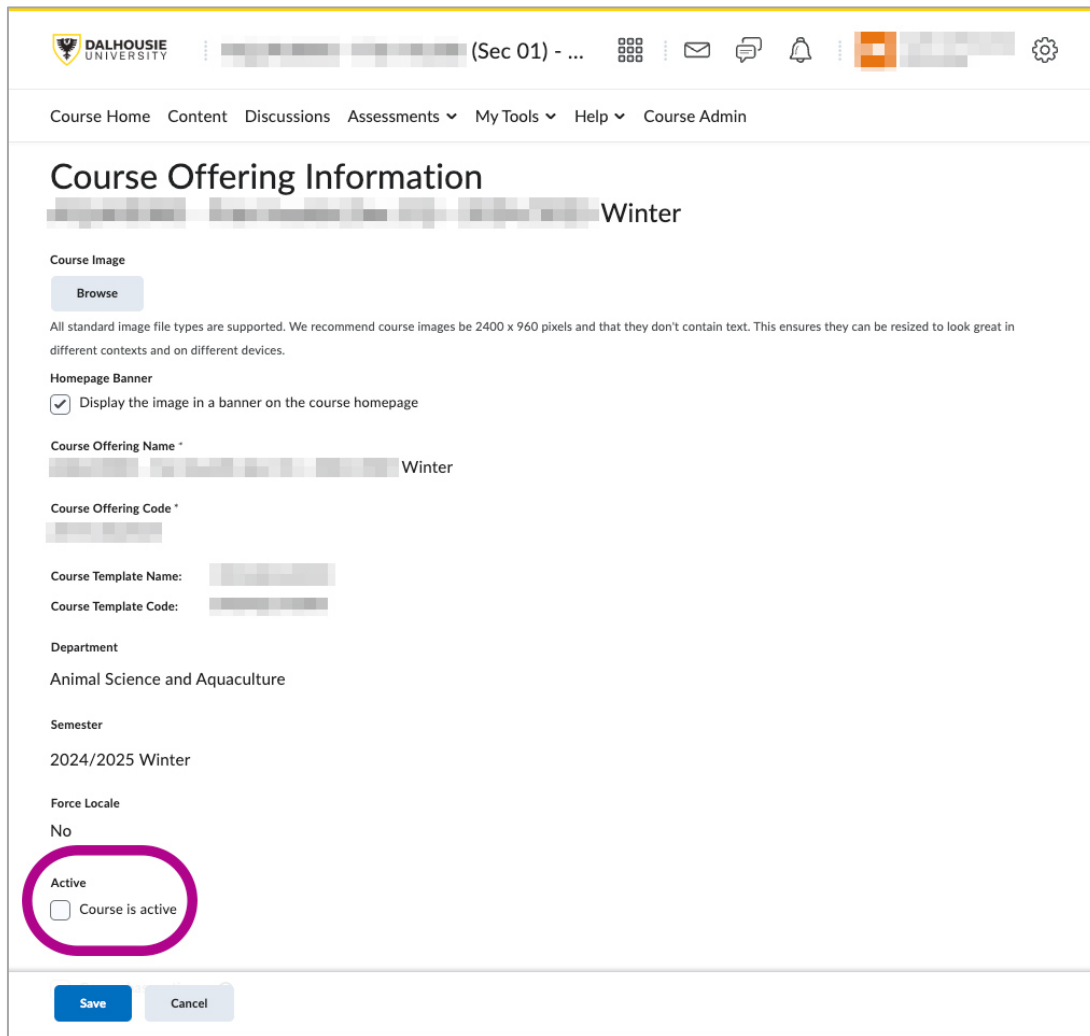# Making Courses Available to Students

Course sites are empty and **inactive** by default, which prevents students from accessing unused courses. To ensure a course site is active and available for the start of the semester, instructors must make courses "Active" for students to access the course in Brightspace. The default start and end dates are based on the academic calendar; no start or end date input is required.

1. In a Brightspace course, click **"Course Admin"** in the navigation bar.
2. Select the **"Course Offering Information"** link.
3. Scroll down the page to locate the "**Active**" heading and check the box beside "**Course is active**".

4. Click the blue **"Save"** button at the bottom of the page.