

Course: Restore from a Backup

After [creating and downloading a backup](#) of your course (filename.mbz), use these instructions to upload and restore it to a different AsULearn course. See also [Course: Import](#)

Restore.... or Import?

Q: When can I use **Import** instead of the **Backup & Restore** process?

A: It is always fastest and easiest to use the [Import](#) process. But, to use Import, the course has to be available to you currently in AsULearn. That means that it cannot be more than 25 months since the beginning of the semester in which you taught it. Since courses more than two years old are removed from the server, the Import process is not available for them. Basically, if you can find the old course in AsULearn in a past term, you can Import it!

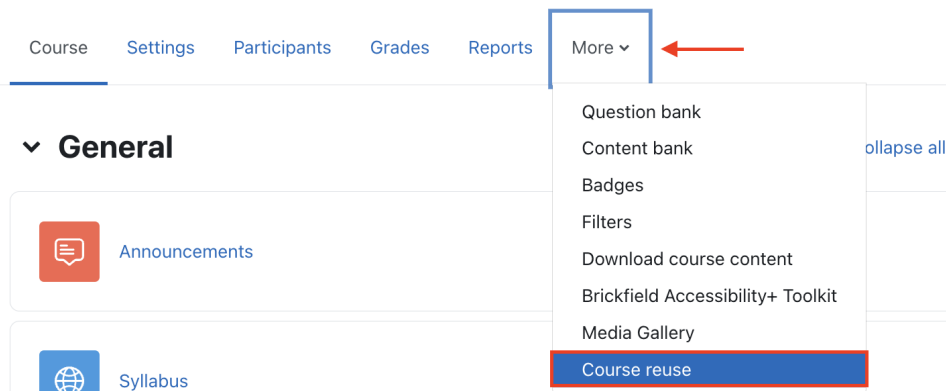
For courses older than 25 months, you'll need to upload and restore the backup you made at the time, and those directions are on this page.

Here's a video walkthrough on how to upload and restore a course backup, with step-by-step directions following below.

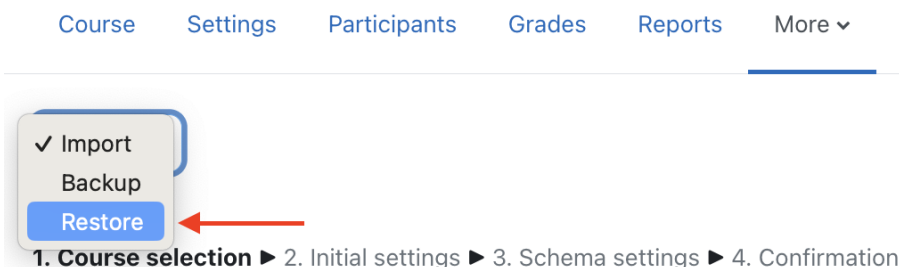
Step-by-step guide

1. From the main course page, Select **More** from the Course Menu along the top, then click **Course reuse** in the dropdown menu.

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2. The **Course reuse** page is displayed. From here, you can choose any action related to reusing your course (Backup, Restore, or Import). In this case, select **Restore** from the dropdown menu at the top left.




3. The **Import a backup file** page is displayed. From this page you can **Choose** a backup file to upload, or just **drag/drop** it on the window:


Import a backup file


Files 

Choose a file... Maximum size for new files: 800 MB


or...



 You can drag and drop files here to add them.

Restore 

NOTE: Only backup files (.mbz file extension) are usable here. Then click the **Restore** button.

 **Detour!**

If a backup you recently made and you wish to restore happens to still be sitting in your **User private backup area**, you can scroll down a bit and click the **Restore** link next to it, then continue with the steps below.

User private backup area

Filename	Time	Size	Download	Restore
backup-moodle2-course-150056-mus1005102-13931202310_(spring_2023)-20230428-1020-nu.mbz	Friday, April 28, 2023, 10:20 AM	34.9 MB	Download	Restore

4. Check the backup details, then scroll down to click **Continue** at the bottom of the screen.









Course details

Title 3.11 Full Test Jan 2023 GS
Original ID 155805

Course sections

Section: Welcome Included in backup (no user information)

Activities

Module	Title	Userinfo
 Forum	Announcements	
 Page	Getting Started	
 Syllabus	Syllabus Tool MM	
 Assignment	PDF test	

5. CAUTION! Think carefully about the options on this page.

Using the top section, **Restore into this course** (the course you are currently in) gives you the option to either **Merge the backup course into this course** or **Delete the contents of this course and then restore**.

- a. **Merge** is a good option for protecting any existing materials and content in the course and simply adding your backup file materials. If you repeatedly merge the same backup in the same course, you will get multiple copies of every resource in the course.

b. **Delete** will erase everything first and then restore the backup file so only the restored content remains.

Make your choice, and click **Continue**.

Restore into this course

Merge the backup ☒ course into this course

Delete the contents of ☐ this course and then restore

Continue

Alternatively, using the bottom section, **Restore into an existing course** gives you the option to select (or search for) any other course in AsULearn where you have Teacher role. Note that this list is limited to 10 courses, but you can search at the bottom of the list for any others. If you wish to target the restore to one of the courses in the list, just tick the radio button next to it, make the same **Merge** or **Delete** decision as above, and click the **Continue** button at the bottom of that section.

Restore into an existing course

Merge the backup course into ☒ the existing course

Delete the contents of the ☐ existing course and then restore

Select a course

	Course short name	Course full name
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	A S3000101-12204202310 (SPRING 2023)	A S3000-101_DIVERSITY IN APPALACHIA (SPRING 2023)
<input type="radio"/>	A S3000102-13016202310 (SPRING 2023)	A S3000-102_DIVERSITY IN APPALACHIA (SPRING 2023)

6. Scroll down to review the **Restore settings**, then click **Next**.

7. You'll see an "a la carte" list of all the topics, activities, and resources in the course you are about to restore. Scroll down to review and confirm you have the content you want, then click **Next**. Or, click **Cancel** to abandon restoring the course.

8. You'll see one final review screen of what you are about to restore (better safe than sorry!). If you're happy, click **Perform restore**. Or, **Cancel** to abandon.

9. After waiting for the restore process to complete, a success message will display.

10. Click **Continue** and you should see the content has been successfully restored into the selected destination course.



Grab a "Course Eraser!"

Having a "blank" backup comes in very handy when you:

- Restore the wrong course
- Get impatient and merge two courses on top of each other
- Generally just want to "start over" when you're building a course, a reset it to a new blank state

So before you leave, download this backup file of a completely blank, default AsULearn course. You can upload/restore it using the "Delete the contents of the existing course and then restore" option to get a lovely blank slate again: [blank_course_backup.mbz](#)

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