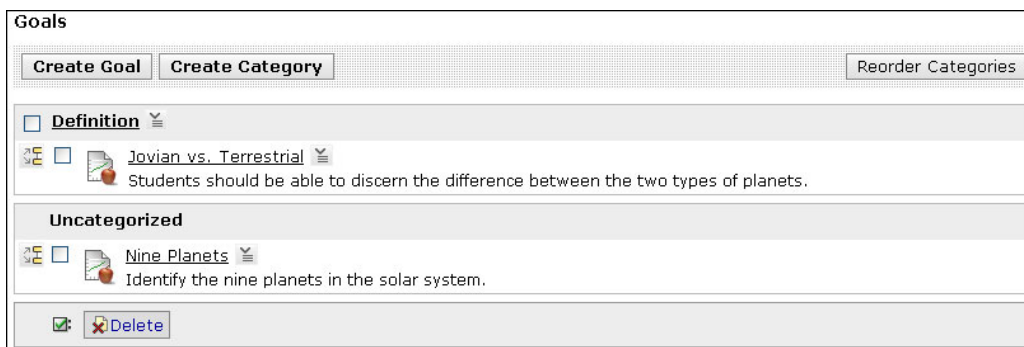


How Do I Create Goals?


A course goal is a general statement about learning outcomes. Sometimes course goals are included in a syllabus or course description. If they aren't, develop them before you begin designing your course. Course goals can be useful in arranging content and sequencing instruction in a logical manner.

The Goals tool allows you to record the goals for a course, and associate content items with the goals. For instance, you might associate a learning module, a discussion topic, and an assessment with a particular goal.

You can also create categories to organize them. For example, you may want to create an Institution category to record your institution's general goals for all students, as well as a category for each unit in your course.

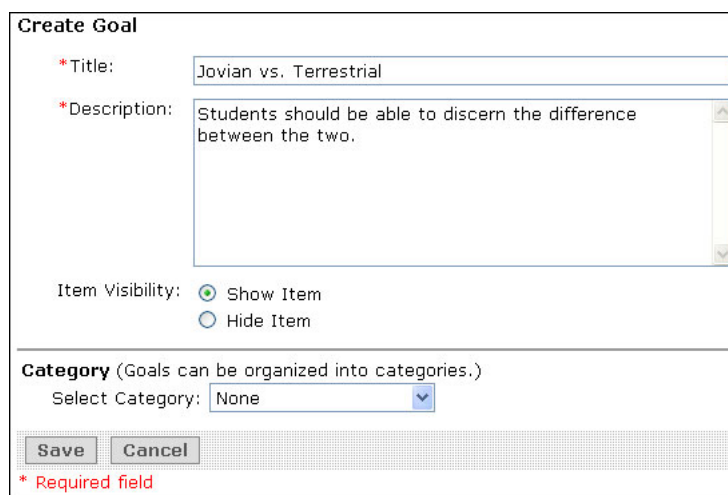


The screenshot shows the 'Goals' tool interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Create Goal', 'Create Category', and 'Reorder Categories'. Below this, there is a section for 'Definition' with a dropdown arrow. Underneath, there are two goal entries. The first is titled 'Jovian vs. Terrestrial' with a description: 'Students should be able to discern the difference between the two types of planets.' The second is titled 'Nine Planets' with a description: 'Identify the nine planets in the solar system.' At the bottom, there is a 'Delete' button.

 **Tip** Goals are a great way to map your curriculum and identify course expectations to students.

⇒ To create a goal:

1. From the Goals screen, click **Create Goal**.



The screenshot shows the 'Create Goal' dialog box. It has two required fields: '* Title:' with the text 'Jovian vs. Terrestrial' and '* Description:' with the text 'Students should be able to discern the difference between the two.' Below these fields, there are radio buttons for 'Item Visibility': 'Show Item' (selected) and 'Hide Item'. At the bottom, there is a 'Category' section with the text '(Goals can be organized into categories.)' and a dropdown menu for 'Select Category:' set to 'None'. At the very bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons, and a red asterisk indicating a required field.

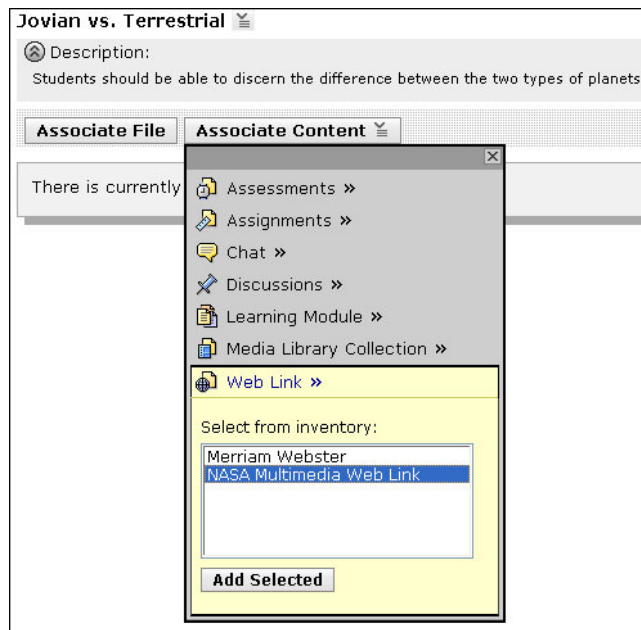
2. Enter a title and description.
3. Under *Item Visibility*, select to show or hide the item for students.
4. If you want to place the goal into a category, under **Category**, select an existing category, or create a new one.
5. Click **Save**.

Associating Goals with Content

You can associate goals with course content or activities, such as assessments or assignments. This allows you to communicate to students which items in the course will support progress towards the achievement of each goal.

⇒ To associate goals with course content:

1. From the *Goals* screen, locate the goal with which you want to associate content and click its title.
2. Click **Associate Content**.
3. From the tools displayed, click the tool containing the item you want to associate with the goal. Select the item from the tool's inventory list.



4. Click **Add Selected**.