

How do I view my Blackboard course from a student perspective?

It can be useful to be able to check your course from a student's perspective. This can help you to see what is visible to the students and to test how they might interact with your Blackboard content. To do this you can click the "Student Preview" button at the top of the page. This temporarily turns your account into a student account - allowing you to view and access all the material in the unit as a student.

The image shows a Blackboard interface with a dark navigation bar at the top containing 'Blackboard', 'Files', 'My Manchester', and 'System Admin'. Below this, a 'Student Preview' button (represented by an eye icon) is circled in purple. To its right, the text 'Edit Mode is: ON' is displayed. A purple arrow points from a text box to the 'Student Preview' button. The text box contains the instruction: 'Click the 'Student Preview' Button'. Below the navigation bar, an orange banner reads 'Student Preview mode is ON'. In the top right corner of the page, there are two buttons: 'Settings' and 'Exit Preview'. A 'Content' section is visible below the banner. A 'Student Preview Settings' dialog box is open, showing a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog box contains the following text: 'Student Preview Settings', a checked checkbox 'Do not ask me about the preview user when exiting student preview. Always take the following action:', and two radio button options: 'Delete the preview user and all data (Recommended) If you are finished previewing the course as a student, delete the data and remove the preview user from your course.' and 'Keep the preview user and all data If you are temporarily leaving the student preview to complete your task in your real account, keep the preview user and data. You can delete the user and data by returning to student preview and changing these settings.' At the bottom of the dialog box are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons. A purple arrow points from a text box to the 'Settings' button in the orange banner. The text box contains the instruction: 'When in 'Student Preview' mode you will see an orange banner at the top of the page. You can adapt the Settings or Exit Preview mode'.

When in this mode you will notice an orange banner at the top of the page from which you can exit preview or view the settings. The settings in this mode allow you to either store any data you create in preview mode or delete all data generated when in student mode.