

# SET COURSE AVAILABILITY DATES

By default, your Blackboard course is scheduled to become available **the first day of class each semester**. If you want to make it available to students earlier, please follow this tutorial to change the availability dates of your course.

1. In the **“Control Panel”** section of your Blackboard course menu, select **“Customization”** then click **“Properties”**.
2. Scroll to the **“Set Course Duration”** section, select the **“Select Dates”** option then click the **“Start Date”** checkbox.
3. Enter the desired start date in the input field or click the calendar icon and **select a new date**.
4. Repeat steps 2-3 to set the **End Date**.
5. Click the **“Submit”** button.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard course management interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with a 'Course Management' menu. Under 'Customization', the 'Properties' option is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled 'SET COURSE DURATION'. It has a 'Duration' section with three radio button options: 'Continuous', 'Select Dates' (which is selected), and 'Days from the Date of Enrollment'. Under 'Select Dates', there are two checked checkboxes: 'Start Date' and 'End Date'. Each has an input field with a date (05/01/2019 and 05/31/2019 respectively) and a calendar icon. A red box highlights the calendar icon for the start date, which is open to show a calendar for June 2019. The calendar shows days from 01 to 30, with the current date 'Today is: Tuesday, May 28, 2019' displayed at the bottom.