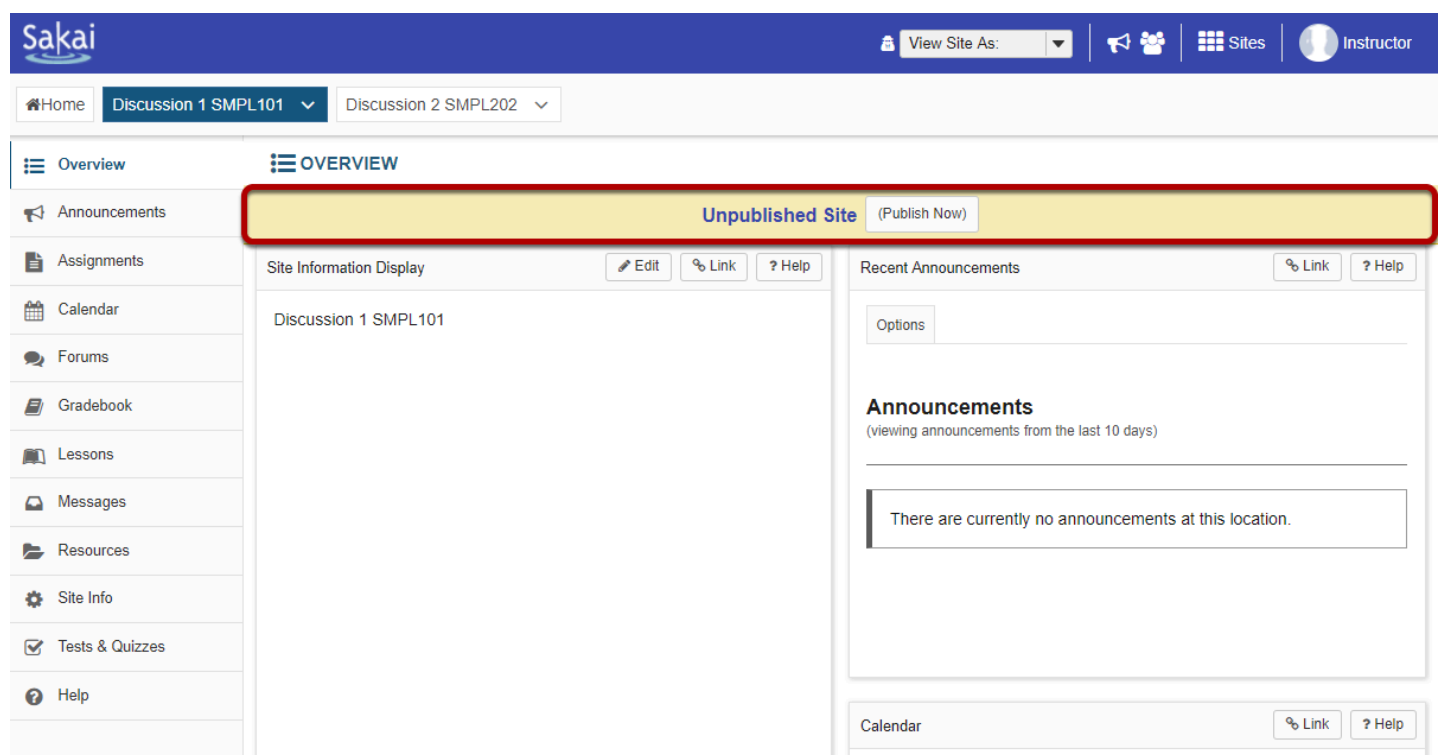


# What does Unpublished Site mean?

By default, most sites in Sakai are Unpublished when they are first created. This gives instructors or course designers a chance to go in and edit the content of the site before it is available to students and other users. Some institutions publish all current courses automatically at the beginning of the academic term. Institutions may also unpublish courses from prior or future terms.

## Unpublished Site Indicator

The screenshot shows the Sakai LMS interface. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the Sakai logo on the left and navigation links on the right, including 'View Site As:', 'Sites', and 'Instructor'. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Discussion 1 SMPL101', and 'Discussion 2 SMPL202'. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar with a menu (Overview, Announcements, Assignments, Calendar, Forums, Gradebook, Lessons, Messages, Resources, Site Info, Tests & Quizzes, Help) and a main panel. The main panel has a yellow banner at the top that says 'Unpublished Site' with a '(Publish Now)' button. Below the banner, the main panel is divided into two sections: 'Site Information Display' on the left and 'Recent Announcements' on the right. The 'Site Information Display' section shows 'Discussion 1 SMPL101' with 'Edit', 'Link', and 'Help' buttons. The 'Recent Announcements' section shows 'Options' and 'Announcements' (viewing announcements from the last 10 days) with a message: 'There are currently no announcements at this location.' At the bottom of the main panel, there is a 'Calendar' section with 'Link' and 'Help' buttons.

If you see the Unpublished Site indicator at the top of your site, that means your site is unpublished and is unavailable to students, teaching assistants, or other user roles which do not have editing permission.

If the Unpublished Site indicator does not appear, this means that your site has already been published.

Instructors always have access to both published and unpublished courses in which they are enrolled.

Click the **(Publish Now)** button to make your site available to all enrolled users. (Depending on the site publishing permissions established by your institution, you may or may not see this button.)

*Note: You may also publish/unpublish your site from the Manage Access area in [Site Info](#).*