Create your first course

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Courses on your platform run on **LearnDash**, the same LMS used by universities and large course businesses. Here's the shortest path from nothing to a course your students can take.

The building blocks

- **Course**: the container students enroll in.
- **Lessons**: the main units inside a course.
- **Topics**: optional smaller steps inside a lesson.
- **Quizzes**: graded checks, attachable to lessons or the whole course.

Create the course

1. In WordPress admin, go to **LearnDash LMS → Courses → Add New**.
2. Name the course and write a short description. This becomes the course page.
3. Open the **Builder** tab. Add sections and lessons in the order you want. Drag to rearrange. Nothing is final.
4. In the **Settings** tab, choose the access mode:
   - **Free**: anyone with an account can enroll.
   - **Closed**: students get access by purchasing. On your platform, the standard setup is a WooCommerce product linked to the course, so buying the product enrolls the buyer automatically. Put the product's purchase link in the course's **Button URL** field. Buy now takes payment through LearnDash itself and bypasses your store, so leave it unselected. See Sell your first product.
5. Publish.

Fill the lessons

Open each lesson and add your content: text, images, downloads, and video. For video, use the platform's protected video hosting rather than raw file uploads: Upload and stream course video.

Faster: let your AI build the skeleton

Tell your connected assistant something like: "*Create a course called '*Pricing for Consultants*' with 3 sections and 9 lessons, using this outline...*" and it will build the structure for you in LearnDash. You then fill in the content. See Connect your AI.

Watch it as a student

Before announcing anything, open the course in a private browser window (or a non-admin test account) and click through it the way a student would: enrollment, lesson order, video playback. Two minutes of checking saves support emails later.

Next steps

- Release lessons gradually, add quizzes and certificates: Drip content, quizzes and certificates.
- Give your students a home: Set up your private community.