

What's New in D2L for Faculty

On December 28, 2012, MSUM's instance of D2L will be upgraded from version 9.4 to version 10. This upgrade includes a number of visual and navigational updates. This document walks you through these updates. D2L will be down for the upgrade to 10.0 from 4:00 am Friday, December 28th until sometime Saturday afternoon, December 29.

Navigation Bar Updates

Version 10 has a streamlined interface intended to reduce clutter and redundancy. This includes a number of visual updates to the layout of both My Home and course navigation.

The "Minibar"

The minibar across the top of the new version of D2L allows you to quickly access your courses or return to My Home from **anywhere** in D2L. The minibar stays at the top of your screen wherever you are in D2L **eliminating** the need to click "My Home" to navigate from course to course.

The screenshot shows the D2L interface with several callouts highlighting new features:

- Access to the Home Page:** A callout pointing to the "My Home" link in the red navigation bar.
- Quickly navigate between Courses:** A callout pointing to the "Select a course..." dropdown menu in the navigation bar.
- Notification Icons including Message Alerts, Update Alerts, & Chatter Alerts display and can be accessed on the Mini bar:** A callout pointing to the notification icons (envelope, document, speech bubble) in the navigation bar.
- Update Profile information:** A callout pointing to the user profile dropdown menu in the navigation bar.
- Switch Roles easily by using the provided buttons:** A callout pointing to the role selection buttons (Teacher, Teacher-NG, Teacher-Placement) in the "My Courses" section.

The interface includes a red navigation bar with "My Home", "Select a course...", and notification icons. Below is the MSUM logo and a "RESOURCES" dropdown menu. The main content area is divided into sections: "News" (with a "Testing...testing" article), "My Courses" (with role selection buttons and a list of courses), "Faculty help", "Updates", "Calendar" (showing December 2012), and "Upcoming events" (with a "DEC 28 All Day Desire2Learn 10.0 Upgrade" event).

Course Navigation Updates

The course navigation has been simplified by grouping similar tools together in a standardized navigation bar across MnSCU campuses. Now, students and faculty who access D2L at multiple MnSCU campuses or those using assistive technology can count on tools being in a consistent location.

Default Course Navigation with Tool Groups

My Home > NURS 608

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- MATERIALS**
 - Calendar
 - Checklist
 - Content
 - Links
 - FAQ
 - Glossary
 - Locker
- COMMUNICATIONS**
 - Chat
 - Classlist
 - Discussions
 - Email
 - Groups
 - News
 - News
- ASSESSMENTS**
 - Attendance
 - Competencies
 - Dropbox
 - Grades
 - Quizzes
 - Rubrics
 - Self Assessments
 - Surveys
 - User Progress
- RESOURCES**
 - D2L HelpDesk
 - Help
- EDIT COURSE**
- ADMIN TOOLS**
 - Organization Related
 - Manage Workflow Sessions
 - Navigation & Themes

This news item will only appear in course offering...

Testing...testing
Posted Dec 5, 2012 2:28 PM
Global
This is a test of the Global News System. This is only a test. This event appears both on My Home and Course Home until you dismiss it.

Minor Schedule Changes

Calendar
Monday

December 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Upcoming events

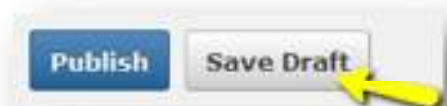
Overall Screen Updates

In general tool options that were previously along the left-hand side of the screen have been moved to the top of the screen. See the example below from the Content tool (this applies other tools such as Quizzes, Grades, and Discussions).

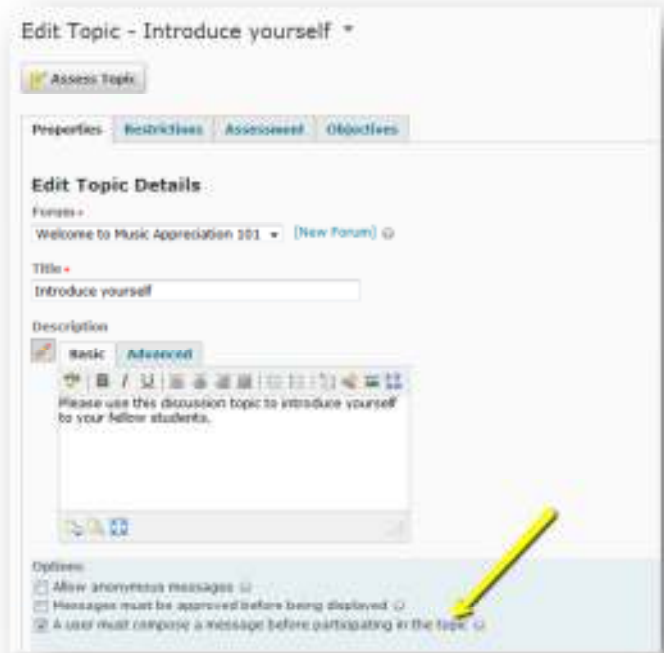


Other Updates

- Ability to delay publishing Dropbox feedback.** In the past, as soon as feedback was entered and saved for a student's Dropbox submission, that feedback was immediately available to students. Unlike other assessment tools such as Quizzes and Discussions, Dropbox feedback could not be withheld. Now instructors can withhold feedback so they can review and revise grades, rubrics, comments, and attachments. Instructors can publish feedback to all students simultaneously after they have finished assessing submissions or on a student by student basis.



- "Must Post First" option in Discussions.** A new option in Discussions allows instructors to force students to post before reading others' posts. This encourages original thought without influence from other existing messages. With this option, students can have access to a topic, but they must post a new message prior to having access to other classmates' posts.



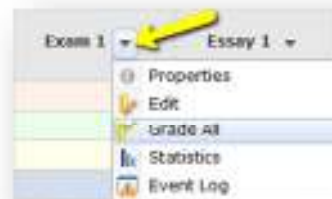
- One-click access to items/submissions from Grades.** The new version allows instructors the ability to view student submissions (for Dropbox, Discussions, and Quizzes) directly from grade items linked to student submissions (within the Grades area)

First Name, Last Name	Exam 1	Essay 1	Music Exam	Dropbox-Group1
guest, user14	85 %	72 %	35.556 %	
guest, user09	65 %	83 %		
guest, user15	75 %	87 %	88.889 %	

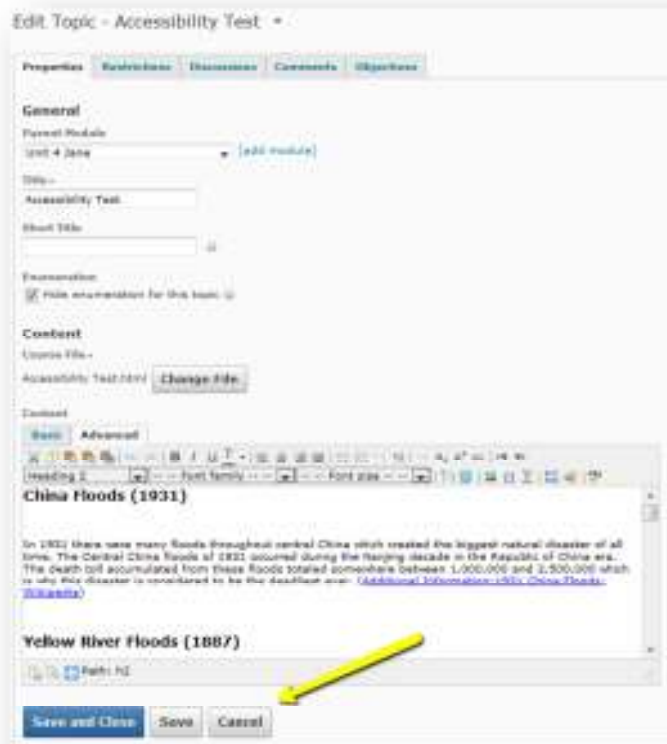
Also make note that the **Enter Grades** icon, formerly located to the right of a grade item name, is now found in the drop-down menu to the right of the grade item.

Figure 1: Former Layout

Figure 2: New Layout (v.10)



- Standard location for Save, Post, Publish, and Cancel buttons.** The buttons for saving new items or edits have been moved to the lower left corner. A quick way to access the buttons is to hit the "end" key on your keyboard.



- **Improved Notifications options.** Students can be sent Notifications to alert them of new Discussion posts, upcoming Quizzes, and updated Grades.



Though the visual differences may be significant, please know that the upgrade should **not** affect the content or integrity of courses in D2L. If you have any additional concerns or questions, please contact Instructional Technology support@mnstate.edu or 218.477.2603.