

What's New in D2L for Students

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 displays the D2L interface with four callout boxes highlighting key features:

- Access to the Home Page:** Points to the 'My Home' link in the top navigation bar.
- Quickly navigate between Courses:** Points to the 'Select a course...' dropdown menu.
- Notification Icons including Message Alerts, Update Alerts, & Chatter Alerts display and can be accessed on the Mini bar.** Points to the notification icons (envelope, document, speech bubble) in the top right.
- Update Profile information:** Points to the user profile dropdown menu for 'Brandyn Sauer'.

The interface includes the following sections:

- Navigation Bar:** 'My Home', 'Select a course...', notification icons, and user profile 'Brandyn Sauer'.
- Logo:** Minnesota State University Moorhead.
- RESOURCES:** Calendar, Locker, FAQ, Glossary, D2L HelpDesk, Help, Self Registration.
- STUDENT EMAIL** and **E-SERVICES** links.
- Profile/Account Settings/Logout** dropdown.
- News:** 'Testing...testing' article with details and a 'Show All News Items' link.
- My Courses:** 'Last 50 Accessed Courses' list with a search box. Courses include 'Getting Started with D2L - course 05', 'NURS 608 (Inactive)', '(testing) ITS Sandbox -- Tony Huseby (Inactive)', and 'Nurse Precept 475L 01 (Inactive)'.
- Student Help** and **Calendar** sections.
- Calendar:** Shows 'Monday, December 10, 2012' and a calendar grid for December 2012.

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

The screenshot shows the D2L course navigation bar for NURS 608. The navigation bar is divided into four main categories: MATERIALS, COMMUNICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, and RESOURCES. Each category has a dropdown menu with various tools. A 'Calendar' widget is also visible on the right side of the navigation bar.

MATERIALS

- Calendar
- Checklist
- Content
- Links
- FAQ
- Glossary
- Locker

COMMUNICATIONS

- Chat
- Classlist
- Discussions
- Email
- Groups
- News

ASSESSMENTS

- Attendance
- Dropbox
- Grades
- Quizzes
- Self Assessments
- Surveys

RESOURCES

- D2L HelpDesk
- Help

Calendar

Monday, December 10, 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

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.