

Getting Familiar with D2L Course Home Pages

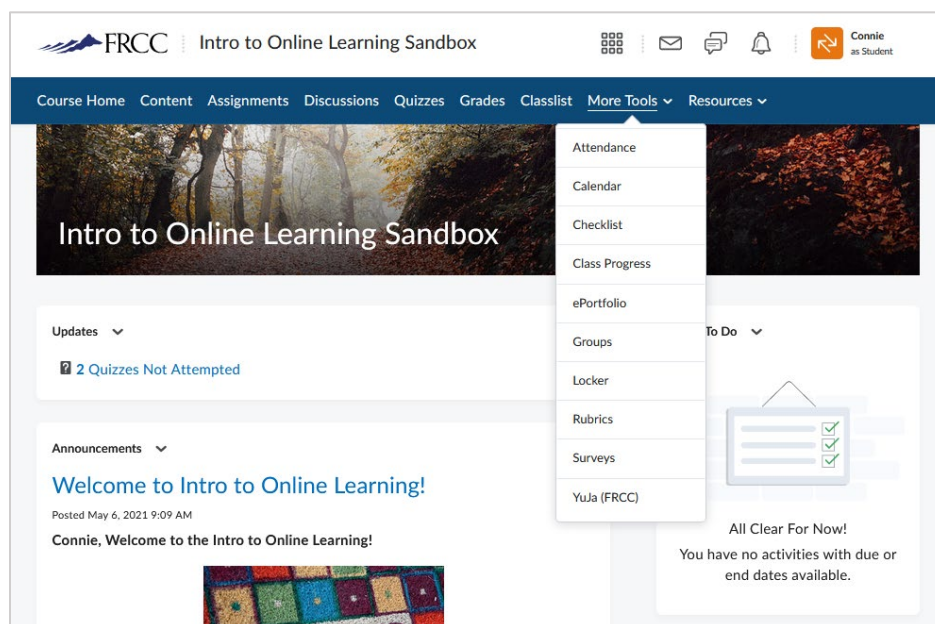
When you access your course on D2L, your course home page will look similar to the image below. Review the numbered callouts to learn about those items.

The screenshot shows the D2L course home page for 'Intro to Online Learning Sandbox'. The page is organized into several sections:

- Navigation Bar:** Includes 'Course Home', 'Content', 'Assignments', 'Discussions', 'Quizzes', 'Grades', 'Classlist', 'More Tools', and 'Resources'. Callouts 1-9 are placed above these items.
- Header:** Displays the course title 'Intro to Online Learning Sandbox' against a background image of trees. Callout 10 is above the 'Updates' section.
- Updates:** Shows '2 Quizzes Not Attempted'. Callout 11 is above the 'Work To Do' section.
- Work To Do:** Displays 'All Clear For Now!' and 'You have no activities with due or end dates available.' Callout 12 is above the 'Announcements' section.
- Announcements:** Features a 'Welcome to Intro to Online Learning!' message from 'Connie' dated May 6, 2021. It includes a 'WELCOME' sign image and a list of course outcomes. Callout 13 is above the 'Instructor Information' section.
- Instructor Information:** Shows the profile for 'Mike Instructor', including a bio and social media links. Callout 14 is above the 'D2L Content Navigator' section.
- D2L Content Navigator:** A progress bar showing completion percentages for five modules: Module 1 (75%), Module 2 (100%), Module 3 (91.7%), Module 4 (100%), and Module 5 (50%). Callout 15 is above the 'Course Welcome' section.
- Course Welcome:** Displays 'Welcome to the course!' Callout 15 is above this section.

Key to understanding each section of a course home page:

1. **Course Home:** Clicking Course Home tool will return you to the course homepage.
2. **Content:** The Content tool is where you can view and navigate course material and activities. This might include syllabus, assignment descriptions, a breakdown of what you will need to focus on each week, etc.
3. **Assignments (may be referred to as Dropbox):** The Assignment tool can be used to submit course assignments for grading and view instructor's feedback.
4. **Discussions:** The Discussions tool is used to share thoughts and comments on course topics.
5. **Quizzes:** The Quizzes tool gives you access to current quizzes or tests available in the course.
6. **Grades:** The Grades tool displays a breakdown of your graded items in the course.
7. **Classlist:** The Classlist tool lists everyone in your course including the instructor. The Classlist can be used to send internal messages to your classmates and instructor.
8. **More Tools:** Has a list of more tools available. Some tools may not be shown or available if the instructor decides not to use that tool. The image of the More Tools drop-down menu items with a description of each resource are shown below.



- a. **Attendance:** You can view your attendance for that course.
- b. **Calendar:** The Calendar tool consists of a mini-calendar and a list of upcoming events. It displays all events created by instructors for the applicable month. Clicking on a day in the widget's mini-Calendar filters the event list to only display events for that day. Clicking on an event in the widget takes you to the event in the Calendar tool. Be aware that the instructor may or may not choose to use this tool. Different courses use the calendar tool differently, so be sure to review the information provided by your course instructor.
- c. **Checklist:** A list of activities you may need to do for the course.
- d. **Class Progress:** See how much of the class content you have completed.
- e. **ePortfolio:** A collection of work in an electronic format that showcases learning over time.
- f. **Groups:** If you have been assigned to a group for a project by your instructor, you can access the group from this link.
- g. **Locker:** The locker is a place where you can store documents that are relevant to your class.
- h. **Rubrics:** A set of criteria used for assessing a particular type of activity.
- i. **Surveys:** A tool to collect feedback from students.
- j. **YuJa:** You can create videos or view instructor videos

9. **Resources:** The Resources drop-down menu is used to access **FRCC Resources and Tech Support**. Here you can find a variety of topics to assist you with your classes as well as technical support help.
 - a. **System Check:** Checks if the functions available are compatible with D2L
 - b. **24/7 Help Desk:** A link that takes you to the "CCCS Self Help Service Desk" page that contains a knowledge base and contact support.
 - c. **Academic Assistance:** Information about our support centers, the online writing lab, development classes, and more.
 - d. **Advising and Counseling:** Information about all of the advising and counseling services we have available.
 - e. **Disability Support Services:** Information about accommodations, resources, rights, and responsibilities for those with disabilities.
 - f. **Learning Resources & Support Programs:** Information about academic assistance to help you understand challenging concepts so you can learn, meet deadlines, and feel successful.
 - g. **Library Resources:** Information about FRCC campus libraries.
 - h. **Online Math Center:** Information about in-person/campus math support and online/video conferencing math support.
 - i. **Online Writing Lab (OWL):** Information about online writing help.
10. **Updates:** The Updates section displays any of the links below.
 - Unread submission files
 - Unevaluated assignment submissions
 - Unread discussions posts
 - New email
 - Ungraded quizzes
 - Quizzes that have not been attempted
11. **Work To Do:** The Work To Do displays all their overdue and upcoming learning activities within that course.
12. **Announcements:** The course announcement section is where your instructor will communicate course updates, changes, and new information. Be sure to read any new announcements when first arrive to the course page!
13. **Instructor Information:** Shows the instructor's name and profile.
14. **D2L Content Navigator:** Shows your content module's progress.
15. **Course Welcome:** Shows the instructor's welcome message to the students in this course.

The Welcome Pop-up

An instructor may choose to have a Welcome Pop-up appear when you first enter the course. A **Welcome Pop-up** is used to welcome students or post an important message. After you read the message, click the **Dismiss** button. Below is an image of a Welcome Pop-up.

