

# How to get started in D2L

Below are some most commonly used tools in your D2L courses. The tools that are used will vary from course to course.

## Course Home

The Course Home takes you to the top layer of the course. You will see any announcements under the “News” area in the center of the page. Your syllabus will be on the right of the screen, as well as, textbook information and the D2L calendar.

## Start Here

**Content** – Contains your course materials, such as PDFs, documents, and links. Content will also include a calendar or schedule. Links to online courseware may be included in Content. [View the Content video tutorial.](#)

## Assignments

**Discussions** - Discussions can be for groups, the entire class, or individual. Please don't post sensitive matters to the discussion board. [View the Discussions video tutorial.](#)

**Dropbox** - The dropbox is a “folder” where you will submit assignments. These may be individual or group assignments. [View the Dropbox video tutorial.](#)

**Quizzes** - The quiz tool can be used for small quizzes or tests/exams. [View the Quizzes video tutorial.](#)

## Communicate

**Office 365 Email** - The college uses Office 365 email. The link will take you to Office 365. [View the Office 365 tutorials page.](#)

**Classlist** - This is a list of your classmates. You can click a person's name to send them a private e-mail. [View the Classlist video tutorial.](#)

## Progress

**Attendance** – This is where you will find your attendance. Your instructor will let you know how they plan to take attendance.

**Grades** - Check under grades for your grades in the course. [View the Grades video tutorial.](#)

## Extras

**Virtual Classroom** - The virtual classroom tool is a virtual meeting tool. You instructor may use this tool for class meetings/reviews, tutoring, etc. [View the Virtual Classroom Knowledge Base.](#)

**Video Assignments** - The video assignments tool allows you to make small videos and upload them. This may be used as part of an assignment in your class. [View the Video Assignments Knowledge Base.](#)