Getting Started in Moodle: Student Guide

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How do I navigate my Moodle course?

Depending on the layout of your Moodle course, you'll have several options to get to your course materials.

First, your navigation tray will have links to not only your dashboard and your other Moodle courses, but also to course sections. Clicking on the section titles will bring up the course section in the main content column.

Second, in the top bar there are breadcrumbs to navigate back to the main course page. You should use these breadcrumbs rather than use the back button on your browser.

There are three layouts that you may experience in your Moodle courses, which have different navigation options.

One course layout gives a list of all course sections displayed on one screen. Sections may be divided by topic and theme or by weeks in the term and there is quite a variety in how these are displayed.

Some courses may have these topics or weeks 'collapsed.' You must then click on the topic or week's header (its title) to 'open' the topic and view the content.

The content will either open on the same page, or on a new page. If the content opens on a new page, then use the breadcrumbs to navigate back to the main course page.

A final course layout is called the 'grid' format. For courses in grid format, you will be presented with a selection of images that link to different content pages. Clicking on the images will reveal the content page.

Often the most important sections, no matter the course layout, are the first two sections (or the first and last section).

One section (usually the first section) will include your course overview, course handbook, and reading list, and the other section (either the second section or the last section) will include your main course assessments or dropboxes.

Note: This may not be the case in your course or module, so do check with your instructor.