



Daylight FAQ

Q: When is Daylight coming to EIU?

A: July 26, 2018.

Q: What is the difference between the terms Daylight, Brightspace, and D2L?

A: D2L = name of the company (short for Desire2Learn)

Brightspace = name of the LMS (Learning Management System) software program

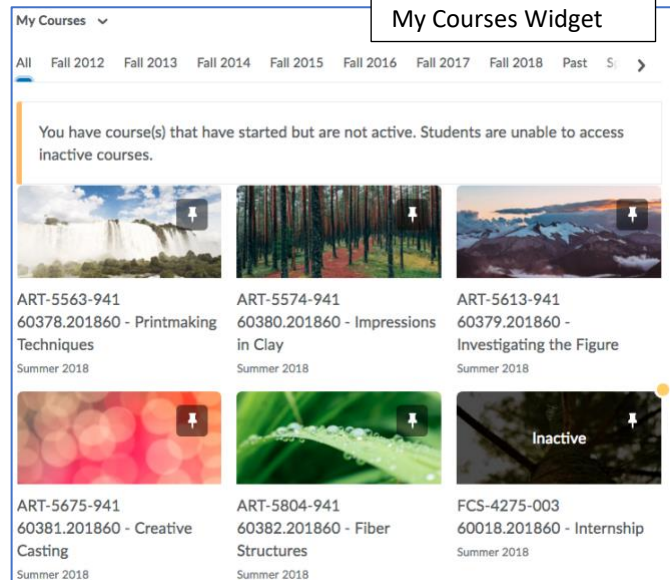
Daylight = the new user interface (appearance) for Brightspace

D2L or D2L Brightspace = what we call it!

Q: What is changing in Daylight and what areas will be impacted?

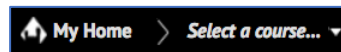
A: Some of the changes that are being implemented with Daylight include:

- Simplified navigation design that is responsive (scales well) for smaller devices
- Wider page layout for content so the content is the focal point of the page
- New fonts, icons, colors and simpler formatting of widgets provide a consistent experience
- Responsive (scalable) homepage layout that works best with one or two columns
- New My Courses widget featuring a rich photograph for each course in a tile-based layout
- New image library with over 3,000 images available to select a course image that will display in the My Courses widget and on the banner at the top of the course homepage



Q: Where is the course selector (drop-down list/search)?

A: The course selector previously located on the black navigation bar will be available via a new icon next to the notification icons.



Q: Are any system widgets changing with Daylight?

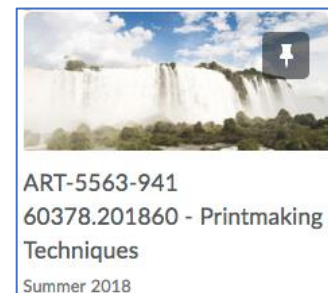
A: The My Courses widget is currently the only widget that has changed. Other system widgets will be updated to reflect Daylight's new look and feel.

Q: Can I remove courses that I do not want to see in the My Courses widget?

A: Not exactly. Students and instructors can pin courses to appear at the top of the My Courses widget and thusly unpin courses. Courses can also be sorted by semester in the widget.

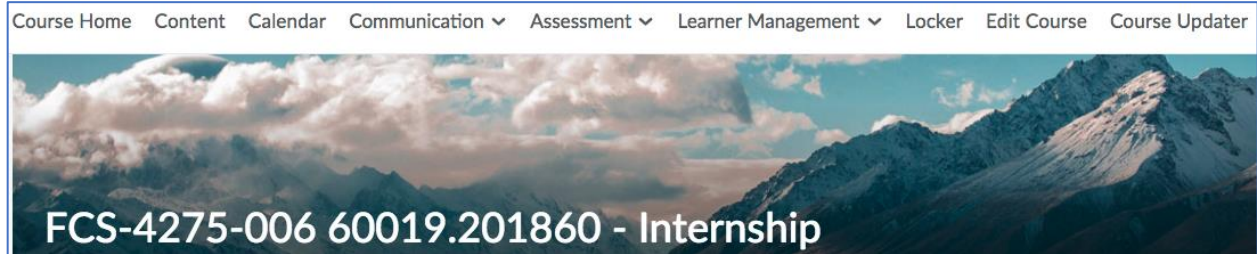
Q: What courses will the user see in the My Courses widget?

A: The My Courses widget will display the current courses for most users. Courses can be displayed for a specific semester if the filter is selected.



Q: Who can change a course image?

A: Each course has an image that will display in the My Courses widget and on the banner at the top of the course homepage. Instructors have the ability to change the image with another image from the library.



Q: Can I set my own custom course image?

A: Yes, the instructor can upload custom images. All standard image file types are supported. D2L recommends course images be 2400x960 pixels. An image with text is not recommended to ensure the image can be resized to look great in different contexts and on different devices.

Q: Can I turn off the course image in the My Courses widget?

A: No, this isn't possible with Daylight. An image must be set. However, users with access to more than 25 courses also have access to the Advanced Course Search page which does not have course images.

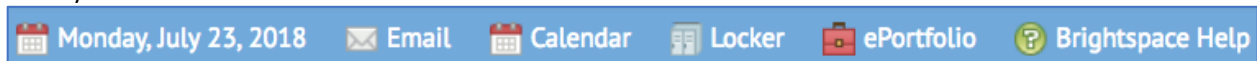
Q: Can I remove the image banner on the top of the course homepage?

A: Yes, the instructor has the ability to remove the image banner displayed at the top of the course homepage. The image will still be displayed in the My Courses widget.

Q: What changes were made to the navbar?

A: To create a responsive navigation bar for use on all devices, D2L simplified the navigation bar in Daylight. The ability to customize the font or backgrounds was removed. Instructors can still customize the Navbar to include desired links. The default navbars contain the same links and groupings as before.

Old My Home Navbar



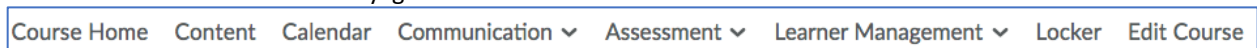
New My Home Navbar in Daylight



Old Default Course Navbar



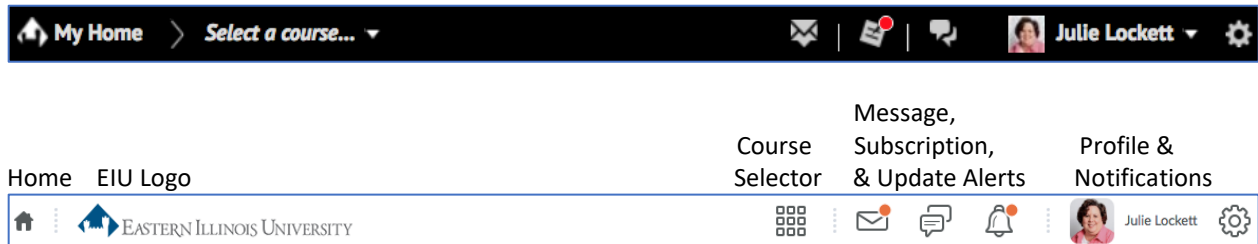
New Default Course Navbar in Daylight



Q: What happened to the black minibar?

A: The black minibar at the top of every page (first image below) was replaced with similar links and icons (second image below).

Old Minibar



Q: Do I still need to make my course active?

A: Yes, if you are the instructor, you need to make the course active when you are ready for students to begin accessing your course. As a reminder, the new My Courses widget blacks out the course image for inactive courses and prominently displays “Inactive” on the image. The widget also displays a statement indicating you have courses that have started (according to the start date) but are not active.

