Getting Your Feet Wet:

An Introduction to Brightspace

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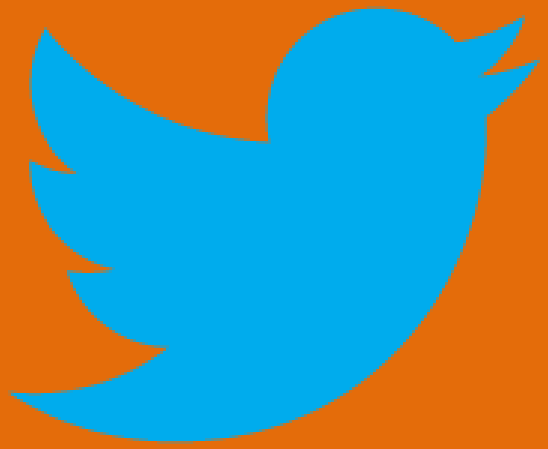

Agenda

- Background information about the Brightspace system
- Understanding and Building Your Course/Organization
  - Help resources
  - Navigating the System
    - Minibar, NavBar, Homepage
  - Profiles
  - Account Settings
  - Notifications
  - Content Tool

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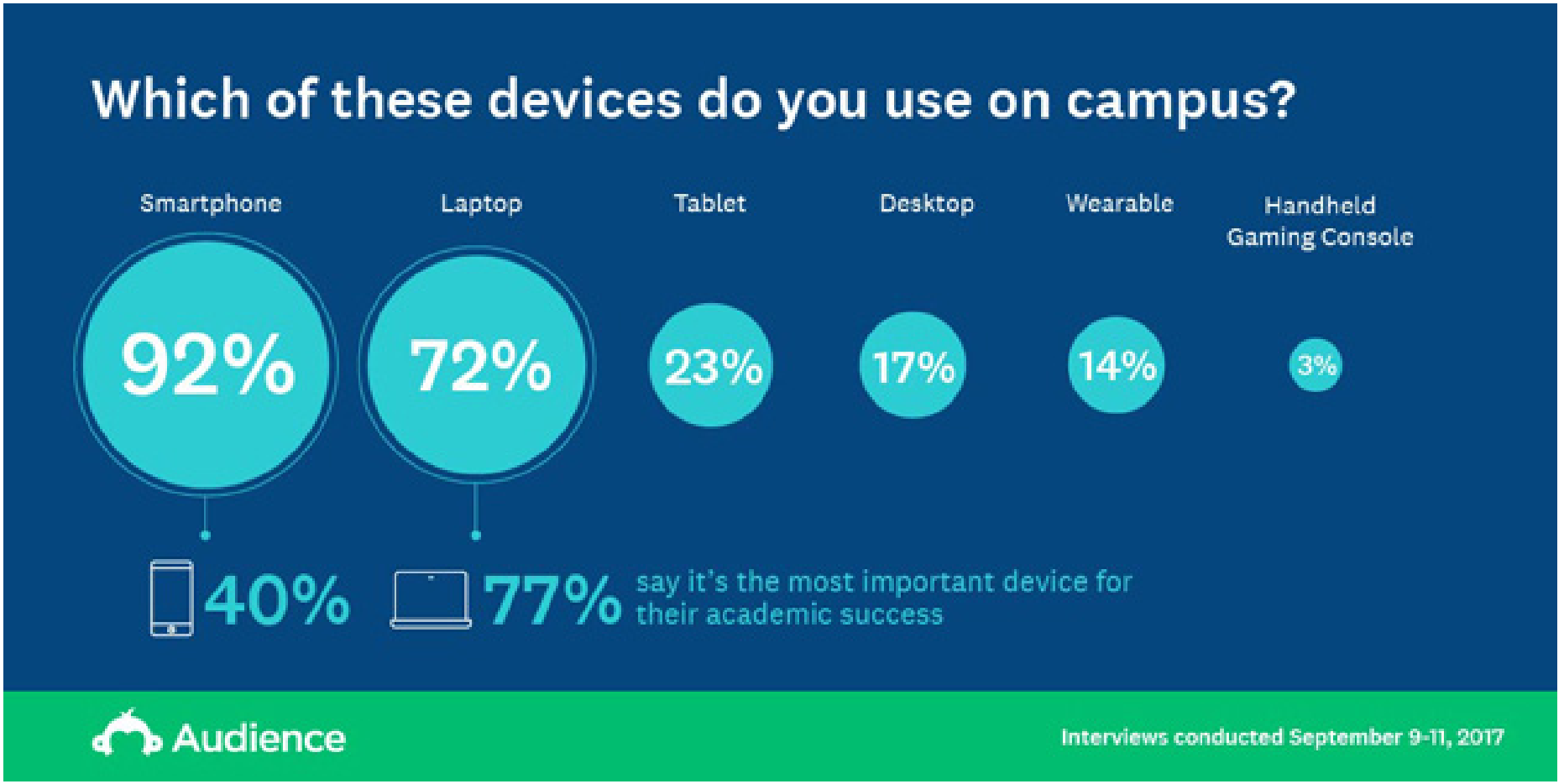
Students and Their Devices



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Source: Campus Technology
https://campustechnology.com/articles/2017/09/28/survey-most-students-say-technology-boosts-academic-success.aspx#

Blackboard
Sunset: 12/31/2017
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Brightspace by D2L
Sunrise: 1/1/2018
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Introducing Daylight

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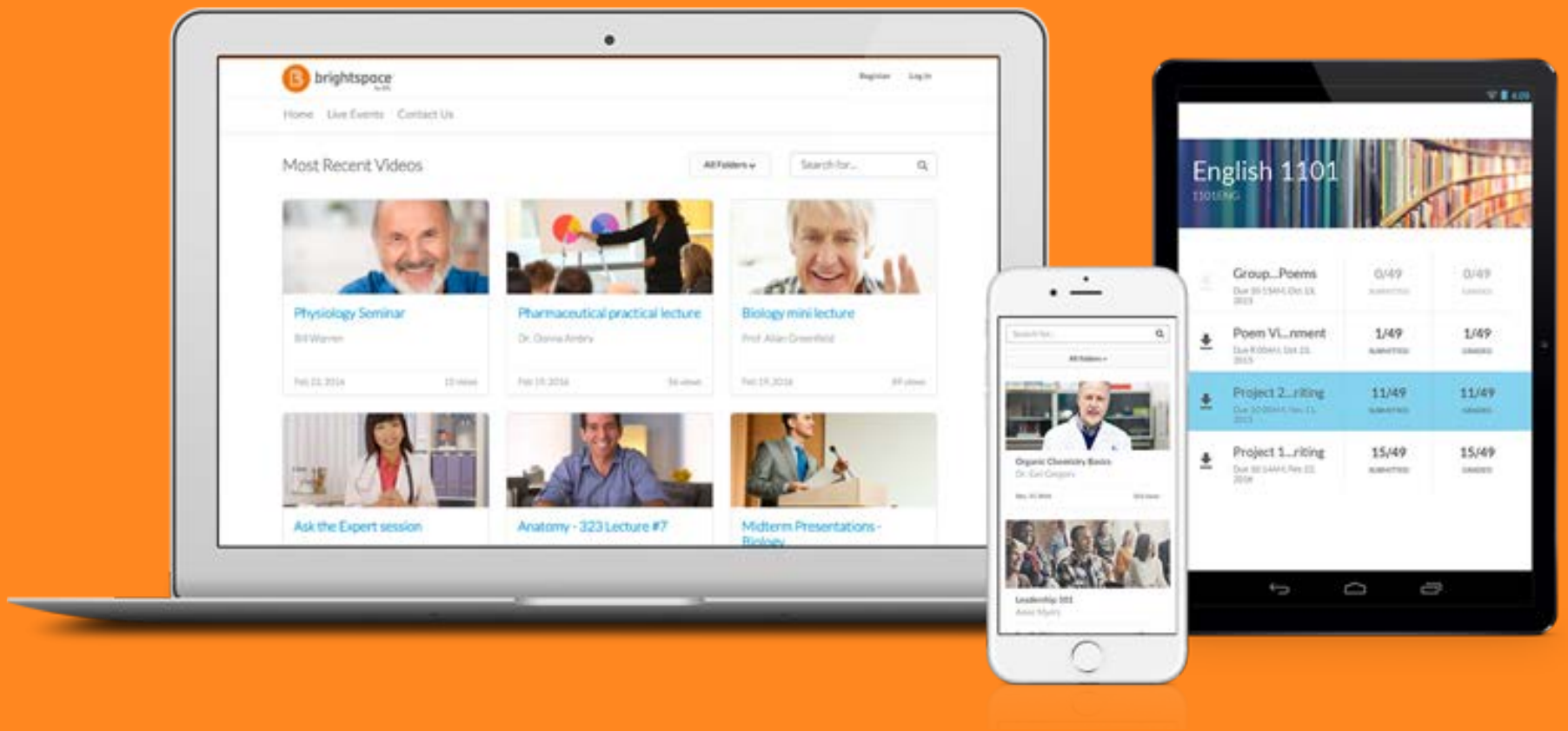

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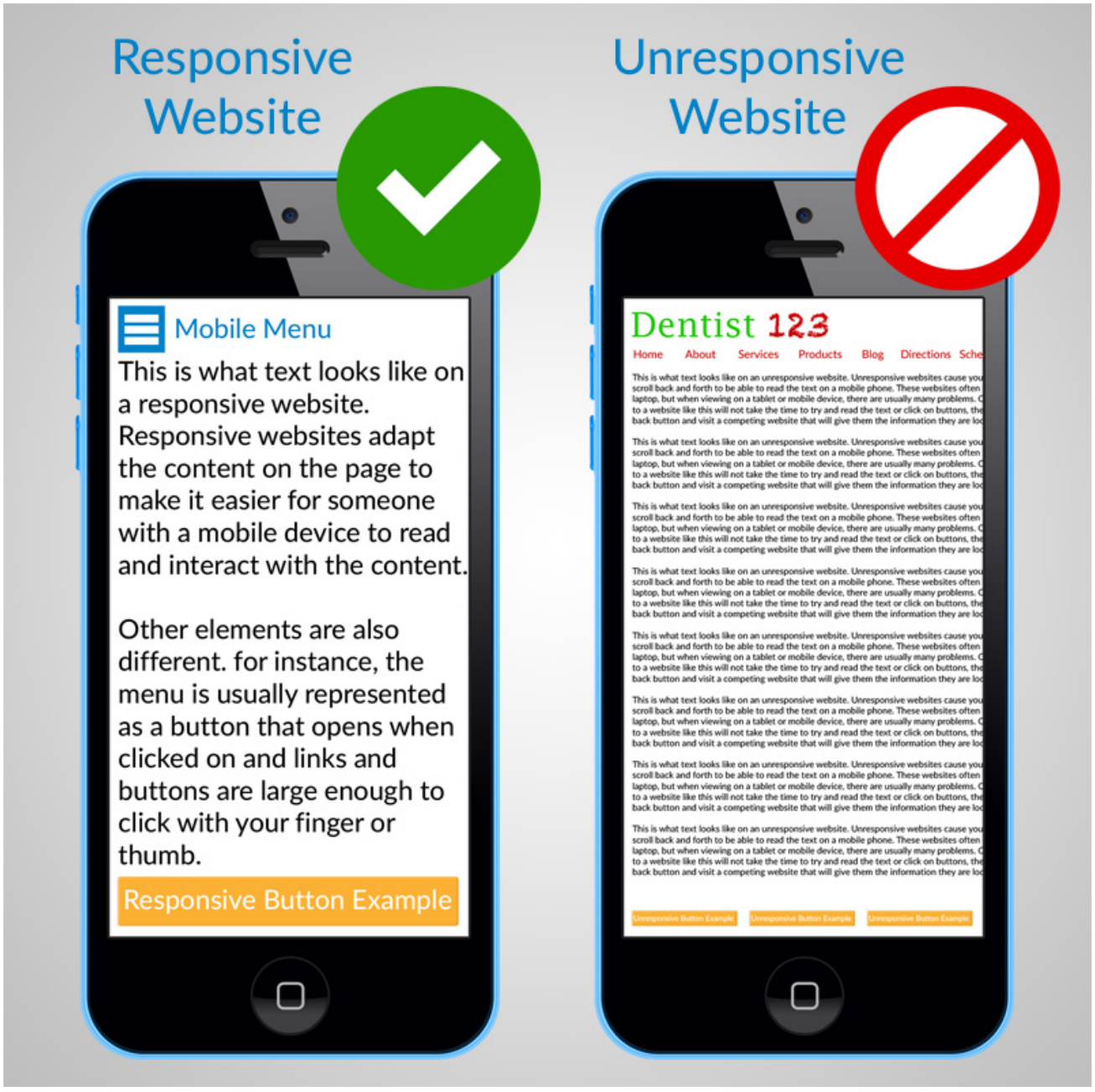

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Responsive Design

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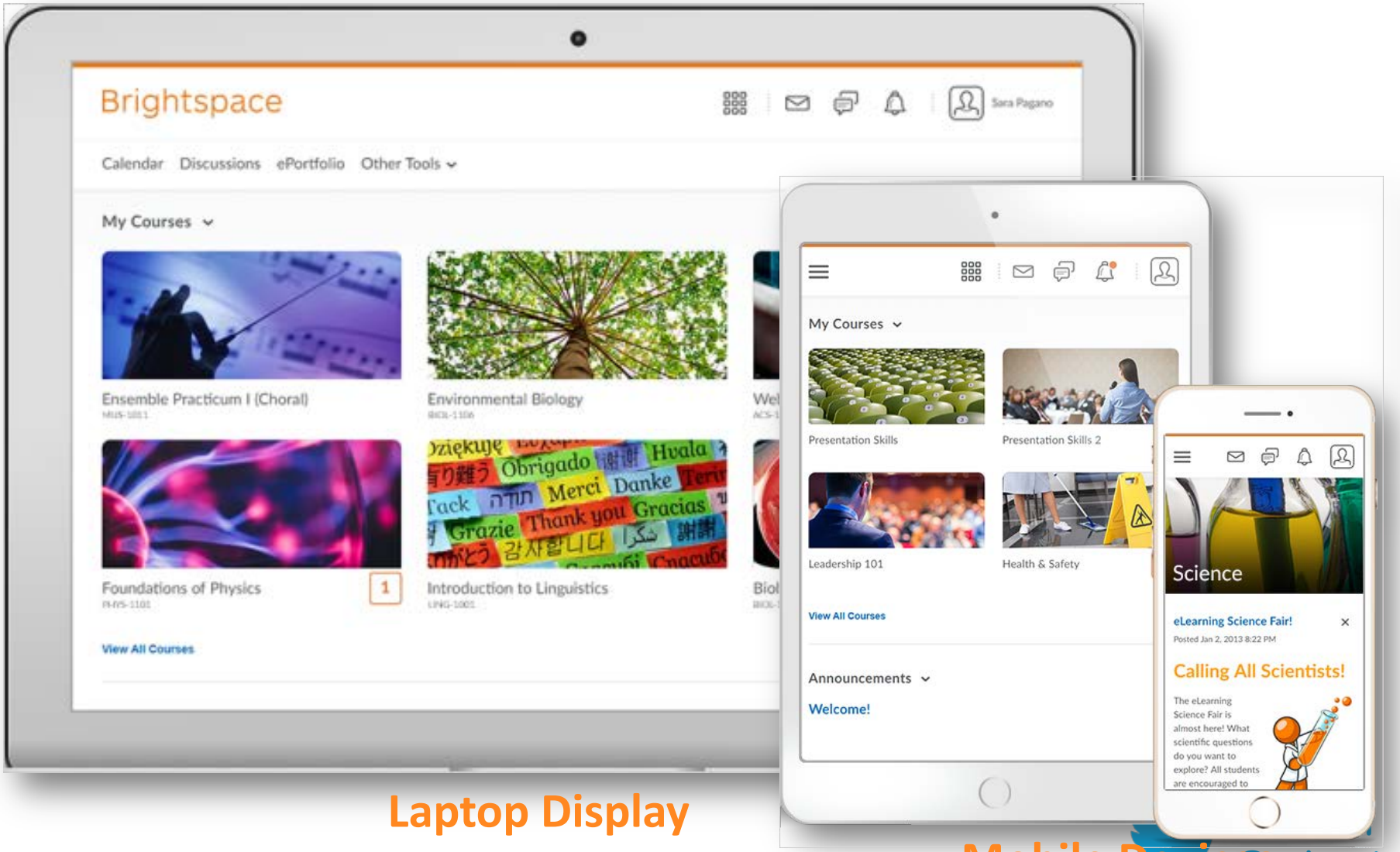

Laptop Display

Mobile Devices

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Do I really need to know about responsive design or which version of Brightspace we are using?

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Brightspace Apps

Assignment Grader

Gives instructors on-the-go access to submitted assignments and tools for providing detailed feedback.

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Pulse

Helps students keep track of important updates.

Binder

Students can store and view all their learning materials in one convenient place.

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Portfolio

Tool for storing, organizing, reflecting on, and sharing items that represent learning.

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Help Resources

- CAT FooD

  cat.xula.edu/food
- D2L's Documentation

  documentation.brightspace.com
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Brightspace Training Courses

Student's Perspective

Brightspace Instructor Training

Instructor's Perspective

"Sandbox-username"

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Let’s look at the help resources and your Brightspace courses.

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First Steps to Setup Course

1) Organize main landing page
2) Setup and add course content
   a) Setup course home page
   b) Upload syllabus
   c) Create modules and add content to modules

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UDL

Universal Design of Learning

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CLEARING A PATH
FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
CLEARS THE PATH FOR EVERYONE!

Widgets

- Sections of content that provide information and links to tools, courses, and personal settings

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Widgets

- System Widgets
  - Examples:
    - Announcements
    - Calendar
    - My Courses
- Custom Widgets
  - Common uses include:
    - Getting Started Information
    - Welcome Information
    - Social Media
    - Embeddable Objects

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Homepage Layouts

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Basic	Two Column	Three Column

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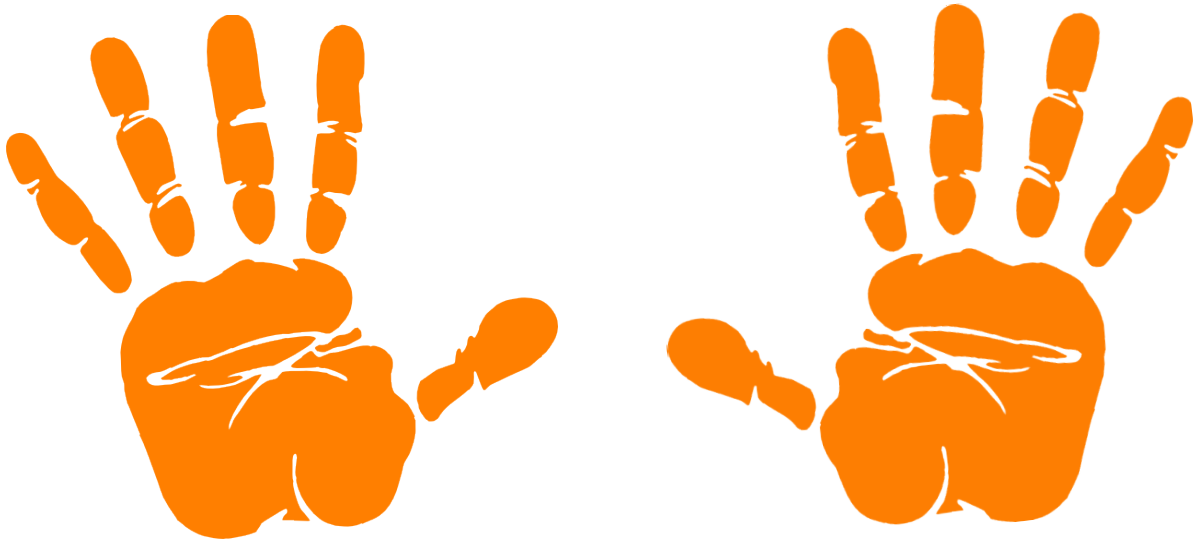
Hands on Activity



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Content Tool

A storage space that allows you to create, edit and organize information and activities into one location for students.

Overview of the Content Tool

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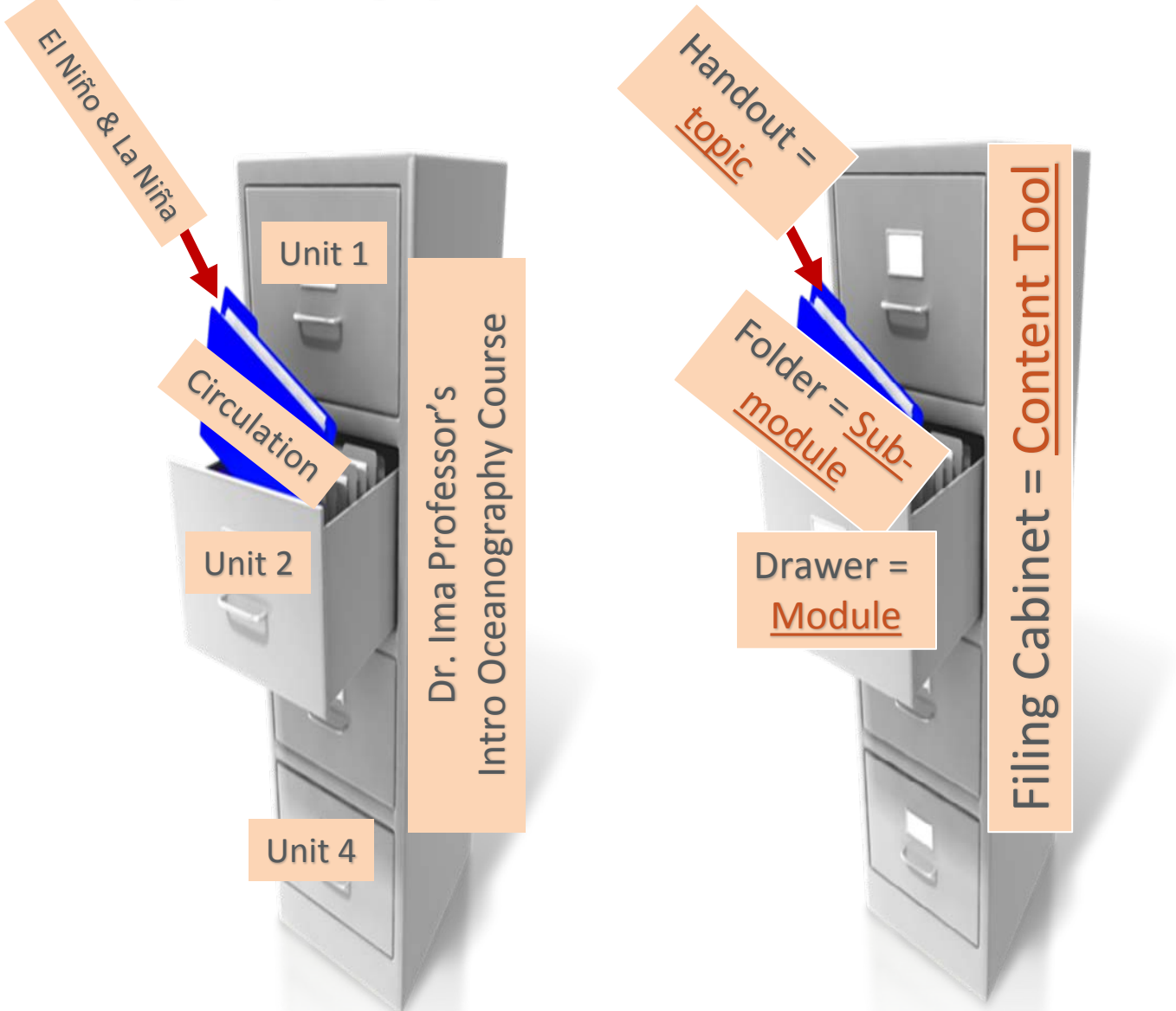

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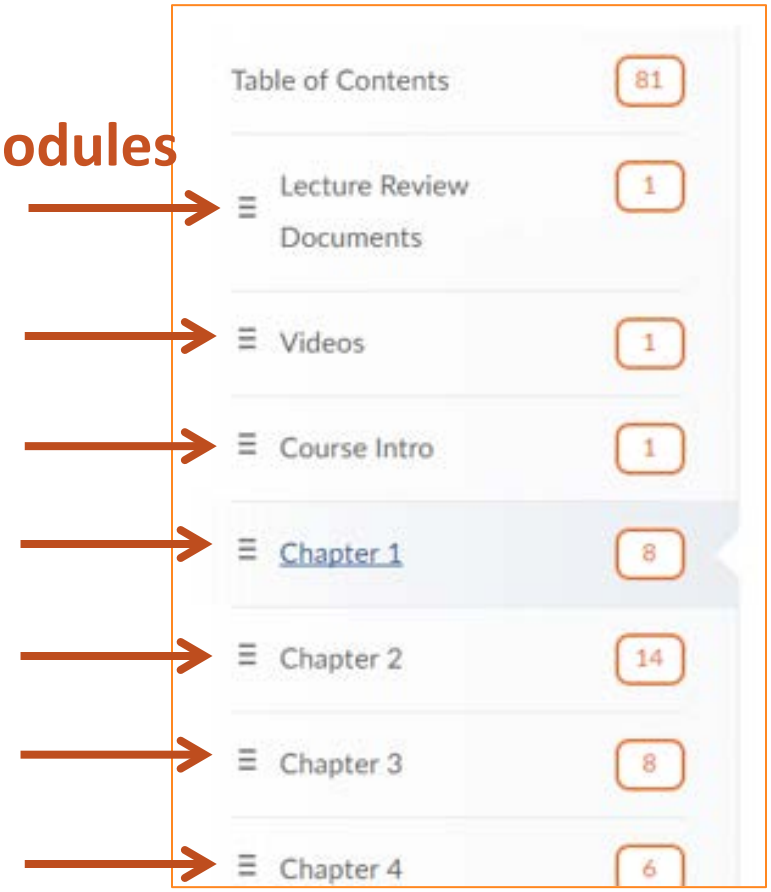

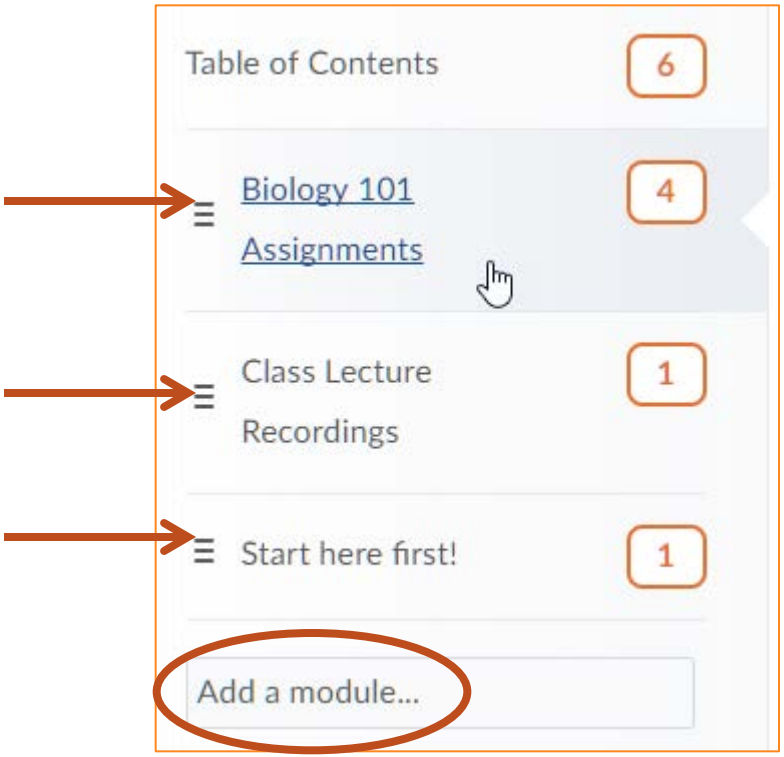

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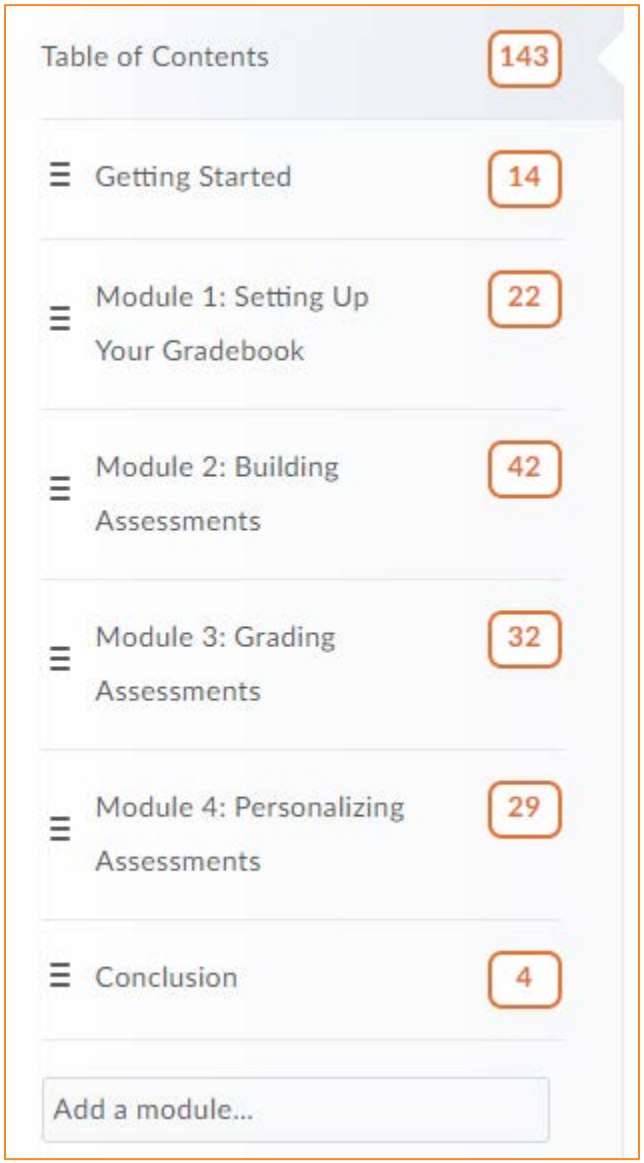

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Sample Module

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Module →

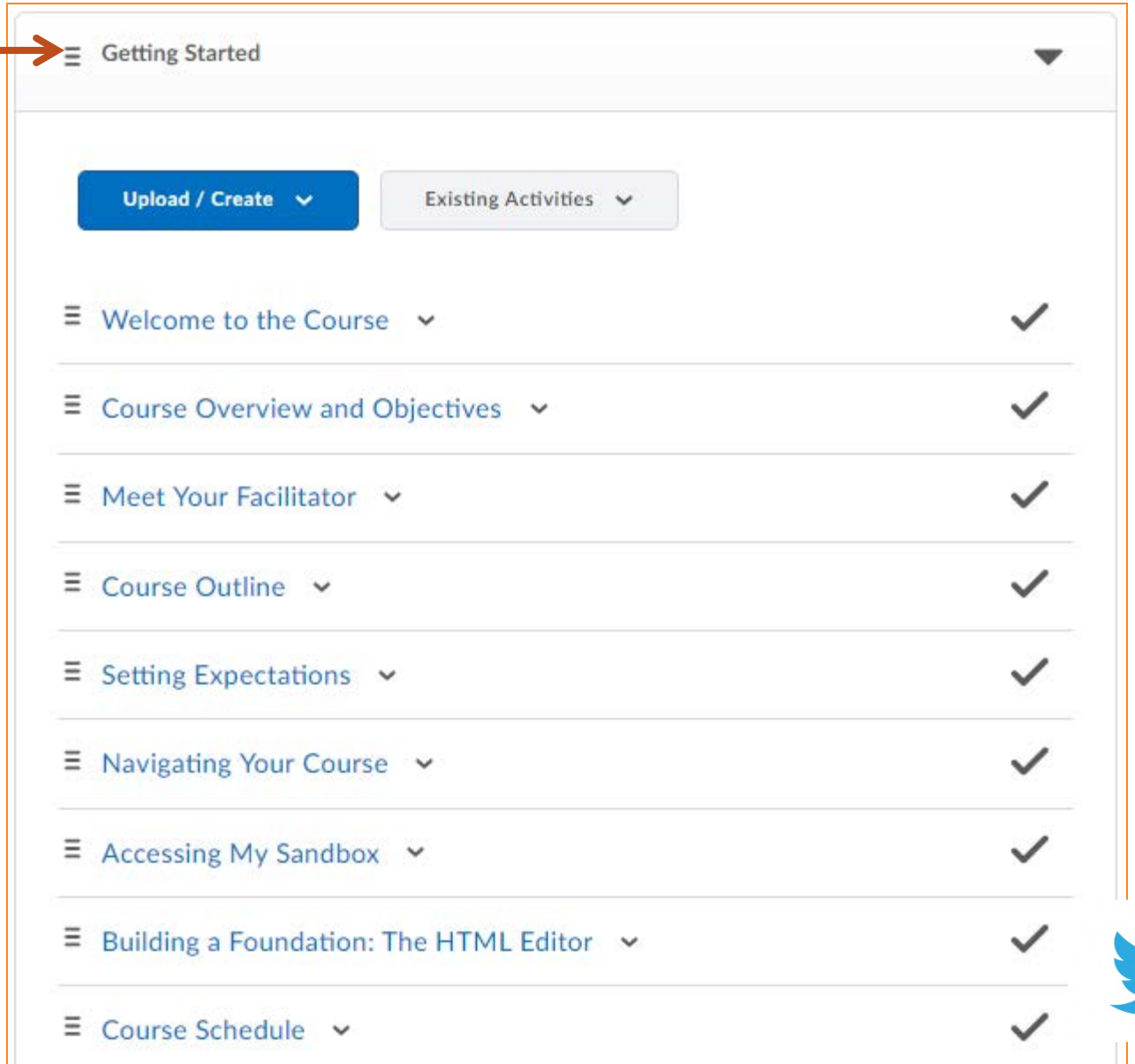

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Table of Contents

- Organize your modules with consistent naming convention
- Include module descriptions
- Include multimedia, images, video, audio

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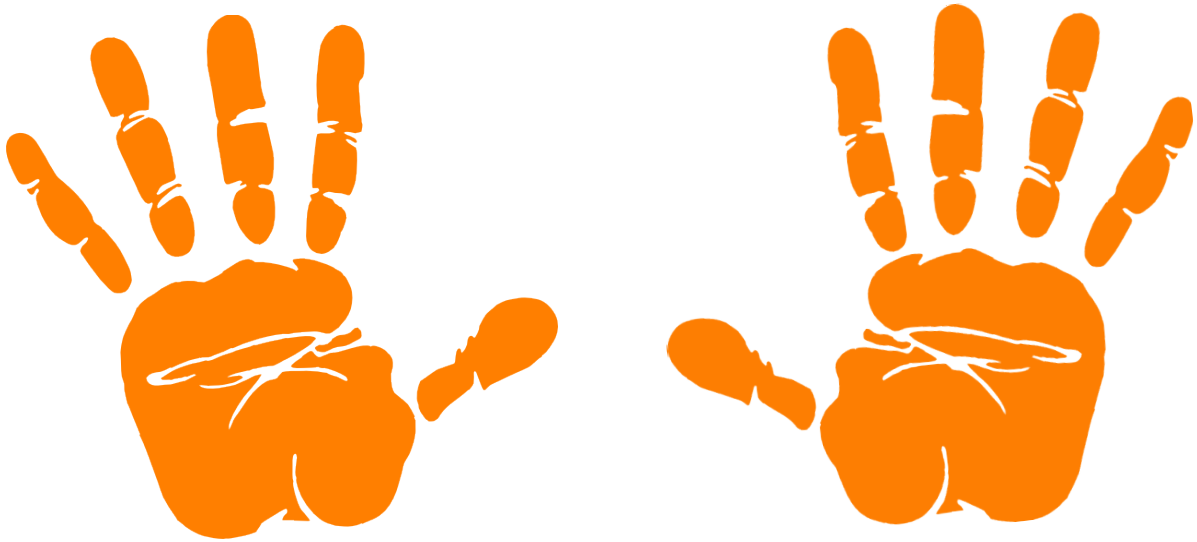

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Training & Help for Students

- Please point your students to help resources
  - Student Resources

    In the NavBar on main landing page
  - CAT FooD

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  - D2L's Documentation

    documentation.brightspace.com
  - 24/7 End-user Support

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System Updates

- Continuous Delivery Updates
  - No downtime required
- Routine Maintenance Window
  - First Sunday each month, midnight – 6:00 am
  - **Avoid assignment due dates in this window**

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Instructional Continuity

http://xulacat.wikispaces.com/Instructional+Continuity

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Next Steps

- Sign up for Brightspace training
- Experiment and explore Brightspace features and functions
- Migrate course or build course from scratch

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Master Course Shells

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- Faculty can:
  - Build a new course
  - Build out your course before the actual courses are made available for the upcoming semester
- Look for announcement on how to request

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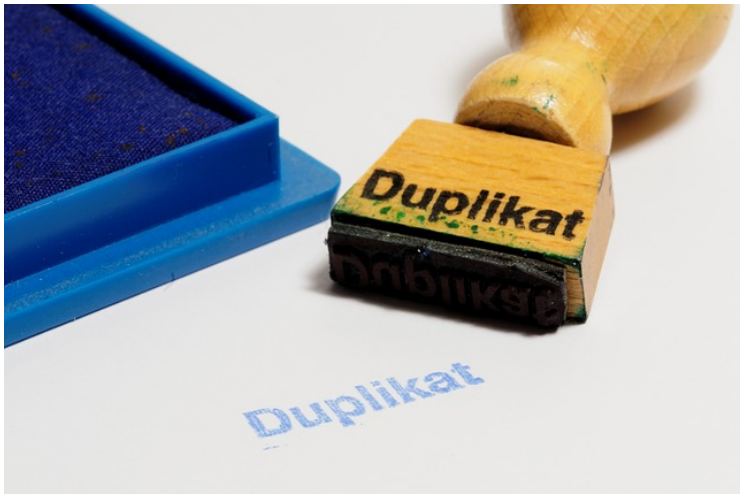
Import/Export/Copy Components

- You DO NOT have to build your courses from scratch each semester.



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Product Ideas Exchange (PIE)

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- Submit new ideas for product changes
- Vote on existing ideas

- **Goto community.brightspace.com and click on Products Ideas Exchange link**

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Additional Resources

- One-to-one help through CAT+

  Appointment: **jflorent.youcanbook.me**

  Email: **jflorent@xula.edu**

  Phone: **ext. 7418**

- CAT+ training sessions

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Brightspace Faculty Share Showcase

Coming soon to the Orange Room

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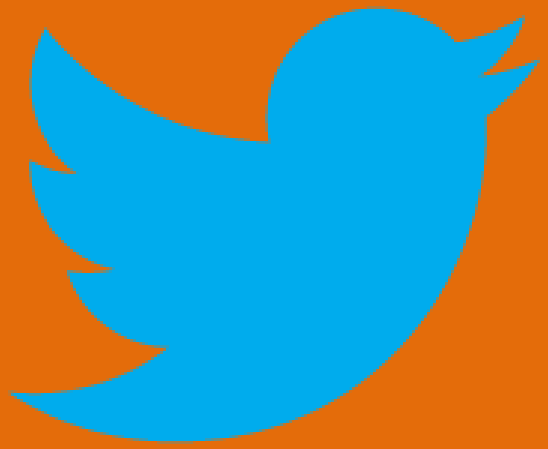

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