

Major Features in D2L Brightspace 10.8.x Upgrades (June to December 2018)

As of **June 2, 2018**, Minnesota State D2L Brightspace environments were migrated to D2L's cloud hosting services, and moved onto D2L's [continuous delivery \(CD\) model](#). On D2L's CD model, we receive monthly updates for our D2L Brightspace Production environment.

The recent D2L Brightspace [upgrade release notes](#) are available at our [D2L Knowledge](#) site (view [how to login instructions](#) PDF). After each upgrade, users will see these new features in D2L Brightspace.

- Starred (*) items are new features that all users will experience.
- Remaining items are features that will be available to faculty only.

Upgrade to version 10.8.8 (December 20, 2018)

- Faculty can change an assignment type (individual or group) and submission type (file, text, on paper, observed in person) for an assignment without file submissions
- Faculty will see the new Question Creation experience when creating/editing questions in Quizzes, Surveys, and Self Assessments
- Faculty can now opt-in to the new rubrics creation experience when creating or editing a rubric
- Faculty can grade rubrics from assignments and discussions, and those graded rubrics automatically display to Students in the associated grade item in the gradebook

Upgrade to version 10.8.7 (November 15, 2018)

- Faculty will see updates to anonymous marking option in Assignments
- When faculty evaluate assignments, the page displays in full screen without the navbar or minibar
- When students take a quiz, the page displays in full screen without the navbar or minibar*
- Visual updates to the My Courses widget includes:
 - Cleaner layout of course name, code, semester, and dates*
 - New course notification icons, sorted by tool: Assignments, Discussions, Quizzes*

Upgrade to version 10.8.6 (October 18, 2018)

- Faculty can create new assignment types
- Students and Faculty will no longer see "submission" terminology in the Assignments tool*
- When students take a quiz, question responses are saved automatically (view [5 minute video](#))*
- Faculty can no longer associate a rubric with a quiz
- Students can view content module due dates display as events in the Pulse app*
Note: This feature was delayed until Dec. 12, 2018 due to an issue.

Upgrade to version 10.8.5 (September 20, 2018)

- Faculty can copy awards between courses
- Faculty can release course material using the final grade
- Students and Faculty can access the new Chemistry equation tool within the HTML editor*
- Students and Faculty can see interface workflow improvements within the Video Assignment and Virtual Classroom tools*

Upgrade to version 10.8.4 (August 15, 2018)

- Access the site and course homepages in the Brightspace Pulse App*
- Dynamic preview for question pools in Quiz tool
- Rubrics provides more access to feedback in User Progress and Content tools*
 - User Progress displays General Feedback, Score, and Graded Rubric (Grades, Discussions, & Assignments)
 - Content tool displays General Feedback, Score, and Graded Rubric

Upgrade to version 10.8.3 (July 18, 2018)

- Non-file submission option for Assignments*
- My Courses widget grouping options*
- Export Course Components retains Rubric associations
- Text and Image Quiz Questions types deprecated (converted to Sections)

Upgrade to version 10.8.2 (June 21, 2018)

- HTML Editor introduces a limited set of emoticons to express feelings or moods*
- Annotate all submission types with D2L credentials in Assignment Grader app
- Offset dates when copying a course
- Question pools replace random sections
- Graded Rubric displays in Discussions tool to students*
- Instructors can set rubric visibility for assessment items
- YouSeeU Virtual Classroom and Video Assignments have a new interface*

Cumulative upgrade to version 10.8.1 (June 2, 2018)

Quizzes, Question Library

View [Quizzes, Question Library](#) (7 minute video recording)

- Search question titles/text by keyword, filter by question type/point value
Note: Answers cannot be searched
- Add due date to quiz – submission after due date is flagged as late
- New interface to create quiz section
- Restrict/track quiz IP address
Note: Please consult with your Campus Admin and campus network staff to use the appropriate IP addresses.
- Fewer clicks to take and submit quiz (student experience)*
- Imported quizzes come in as “inactive”

Manage Dates

View [Manage Dates](#) (5 minute video recording)

- Due Date column included for Content, Quizzes, Assignments
- Checklist and Survey tools included in Manage Dates
- “Other Dates” field added and offset:
Discussion [Unlock Dates](#), Quiz [Submission View](#) and [Report](#) Dates, and Survey [Report](#) Dates
- Edit and offset manually created Calendar events
- Edit the Visibility Status of activities

HTML Editor*

View [HTML Editor](#) (5 minute video recording)

- Faculty and Students can edit images from within the editor

Intelligent Agents (IAs)

View [Intelligent Agents \(IAs\)](#) (5 minute video recording)

- Screen changes to maximize space and improve workflow
- Edit screen has numbered sections for 1) Criteria, 2) Actions, and 3) Scheduling
- Link to Intelligent Agents from Class Progress screen

Grades

- Top row and left column frozen in place in Gradebook view (i.e. Enter Grades)
Note: Not available for Edge, IE 11, or mobile/tablet devices
- Add text feedback in bulk

Discussions

- Assess Topic window opens as a pop-up, which allows you to move it while reading discussions

Groups and Sections

- New group category 'Restrict Enrollments To' option allows instructors to restrict group enrollment by course sections and groups; populates the 'Group Prefix' with relevant title

Course Image Library

- Hundreds of new images added with increased diversity and more educational context

ePortfolio (new tool)*

- Each campus will decide when they're ready to turn ePortfolio tool on at their school
- Students can utilize to showcase their learning experiences
- Faculty training [session was recorded](#) (64 minutes)

My Courses Widget / Course Selector / View all Courses *

- Course Start message is now 'Opens on'; Course End message is now 'Closed'
- Course Start message includes a time along with date
- Pinned courses have a visible pin icon on course title in My Courses widget
- Newly pinned courses are added to the bottom of pinned list