

## Major Features in D2L Brightspace Upgrades versions 10.8.1 to 10.8.4

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 10.8.4 (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**

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- 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\***

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- Faculty and Students can edit images from within the editor

## **Intelligent Agents (IAs)**

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- 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