Introduction to D2L
A reference sheet for the main features of D2L course sites

Course Home – This is a space to post messages for your students to see when they log in. Here you can post links and videos that are relevant to course materials or important updates without having to go through email. Also on this page is the D2L support calendar, the updates section that alerts users to new quizzes, discussion posts, and items in the dropbox.

Content – The content page is where the course materials should posted. The layout of this page uses Modules and Topics. Modules are like folders; it is a way to group items together. Topics are your links and files for the course.

Discussions – This area is a place to have asynchronous discussions with students. This can be for graded pieces of work, or a space where students can have a group think tank. Like the Content section, this area uses Forums and Topics to layout the page. Forums are the folders in this area. There are many uses for the feature beyond just digesting and analyzing or applying course material.

Dropbox – Here is a place to create digital folders for students to submit work to the faculty member. This saves your email for more emergent messages from students. This allows you to grade items with typed or audio feedback and resend the assignments marked up to students all in one location and they are saved there throughout the semester.

Quizzes – This space is for assessing student knowledge of material. These can be high or low stakes quizzes, or a space for students to take practice exams. Both objective and subjective exams can be created in this environment.

Grades – This feature allows you to keep a running grade book throughout the semester that permits the students to see their individual grades and can change the dialog of office hours with students.

More – Less often used features such as attendance, chat, competencies, email, links, rubrics, surveys, and ePortfolio are grouped here for those faculty and students who need them.