

D2L Blog

The blog tool can be used to share information by commenting or posting questions on other students’ blogs. Once made public, the entries can be viewed by anyone in the university to discover in their blog list.

**Objectives:**

1. Create and edit private or public blogs.
2. Follow and comment on public blogs.



## Create a Blog

1. Under Communication (Main Navbar) > Blog, select **New Entry**.
2. Enter a name for the blog title.
3. Enter text or multimedia in the Content box.
4. Select the checkboxes to make entry public and to allow for comments under the Properties section.
5. Enter date and time under Entry Date.
6. Click **Save**.

## Edit a Blog

1. Under Assessments (Main Navbar) > Blog, click drop-down menu next to the name of the blog and click **Edit**.
2. Edit title or content box.
3. Changes can be made to make entry public or private or to allow or not allow comments.
4. Click **Save.**

## Blog Settings

Use the Blog Settings found in the upper right-hand of the page to edit general settings for making entries public by default or when to remove entries from Blog Watch. You can opt in to receive email when comments are added to your blog. Remove entries from Blog Watch after a specific number of days. If 0 is entered, blog entries remain in your Blog Watch indefinitely.



## My Blog

Use the New Entry blue button to add a new blog entry. The Preview Blog button allows you to share a permalink to your blog. The tabs sort the public from private blog entries. The default will display all blog entries. Public entries will have an “Add Comment” hyperlink available to add comments or questions to other blogs. Unread comments will be indicated as well as a link to the comments. Selected entries can be deleted and printed.



## Blog Watch

The blog watch is used to follow other individual’s blogs. Navigate to the classlist to click the drop-down menu next to the student’s name to select **View blog**. To remove a blog from the blog watch, click the drop-down menu next to the blog title to select the remove option. Search for a student’s blog using the search box.



## Blog List

The blog list displays all the public entries in the university. You can choose to use the add button to follow the student listed in the blog list. Once added, the student’s blog will show up in the Blog Watch tab. Use the remove option to remove students from the blog list. Email a selected student or all students. Displayed in the list are the total entries and total comments for the student’s blog along with the date and time stamp for the latest entry and comment.

