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Moodle 4.0 Upgrade - New Features & Key Differences for Students
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Site Level Navigation Updates

Changes to ANU Navigation bar

Home, Dashboard and My Courses are now available through the horizontal navigation bar at the top of every site page.

Figure 1 - Home, Dashboard and My Courses are Included at the site level navigation settings.

Site language and Profile settings are now available under your profile icon. Your profile icon will be your initials by default, or your personal profile picture if you've uploaded one.

Figure 2 - Language settings are now available under your profile icon.
Changes to Dashboard

The Dashboard retains the look and feel most prior functionality, but My Courses block now has its own page to be more accessible at the site level from any course.

Dashboard (1 of 2)

Figure 3 - Dashboard 1 of 2 - Recently accessed courses and Course search

Dashboard (2 of 2)

Figure 4 - Dashboard 2 of 2 - Timeline
New page - My Courses

My Courses is a dedicated page that lists all courses that you are currently enrolled into. This list can be filtered to current, future, or past courses and includes the option to star and quickly search your favourite courses or archive courses if you no longer wish to see them in searches.

Figure 5 - My Courses page, showing all sites you are enrolled into
Course Level Updates

Collapsible / Expandable Interface Improvements

Course index and Block drawer

Both the Course index (left side) and the Block drawer (right side) are now collapsible/expandable. This is a personal setting that only impacts your view of that item, not anyone else's. The item will remember if it was expanded or collapsed on future site visits.

Figure 6 - Opening the Block drawer from its collapsed state

Figure 7 - Opening the Course index from its collapsed state

Topics Format - Course Topics

The topics used in the 'Topics' format are also collapsible/expandable by all users. This can be done either at a topic level by the arrow on the left hand side of the topic, or at a site level via the 'Collapse all' text in the first topic at the top of the site.

Figure 8 - Individual topic collapse (left) Collapse all topics (right)
Course Site Navigation Changes

Site level navigation options are now located in the centre of the page below the course title. The options for this menu are described below though some options have experienced very little change;

Figure 9 - Horizontal navigation - Site Level

Course

The **Course** option navigates you to the course main page - useful when navigating back from the Participants or Grades pages.

Participants

The **Participants** option navigates you to the Participants page. There are no major changes to this page’s functionality from version 3.9.

Grades

The **Grades** option navigates you to the course grades page. This page now uses dropdown lists for further navigation.

Figure 10 - Grades page - New dropdown menu
New Navigation Menu - Course Index

The new navigation menu on the left side of the screen is the Course Index. It scrolls independently of the main course area and if an activity is clicked in the Course Index, the activity opens up in the main course area. As a user navigates down the course page, the Course Index follows along and highlights the location.

If activity completion is enabled and configured in the site, and displays activity completion indicators for students.

![Course Index - left](image)

*Figure 11 - Course Index - left*
Activity / Resource Level Updates

New colour coded activity & resource icons

Moodle 4.0 has introduced a new

Certain colours represent different activity functions,

- Green activities use collaboration,
- Pink are traditionally assessment,
- Blue activities focus on content and
- Orange activities focus on user contribution

![Activity Icons](image_url)

*Figure 12 - Activity Chooser - New activity icons*
Activity Completion Tracking Upgrade

Activity completion conditions are clearly displayed on the course main page;

![Assessment](image)

**Figure 13 - Activity completion conditions - grey incomplete, green complete**

Further basic tracking is included in the course index. A grey circle shows that the activity is not yet complete, while a green circle shows that the activity has been completed.

![Assessment](image)

**Figure 14 - Course Index activity completion tracking - Quiz 1 incomplete, Assessment Task 1 is complete**
Activity Update – Assignment

Assignment - Time Limit

The Assignment activity can now have a time limit, similar to the Quiz activity. This time limit doesn’t prevent submissions, but work submitted after the time limit will be noted as late.

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Figure 15 - An Assignment with a time limit
When a time limit is enabled, students will need to progress through a 'Begin Assignment' screen to start the assignment and the timer. Once they select 'Begin assignment' they will receive a warning noting that there is a time limit, and will receive a final prompt prior to starting.

Assessment Task 1

![Begin assignment button]

**Figure 16 - Assignment time limit - Initial assignment begin screen**

![Confirmation window]

You have 30 mins to complete this assignment. When you begin, the timer will start to count down and can’t be paused.

![Begin assignment button]

**Figure 17 - Assignment time limit - Warning pop-up prior to start**

![Assignment submission interface]

**Figure 18 - Student view of an assignment submission with a time limit**
Assignment - Activity Instructions

Assignments can now also display separate instructions on the assignment submission screen. This information is only available once you have started working on the assignment, and not before.

Assessment Task 1

Remember when submitting this assignment that the instructions below must be followed:

Instruction 1: Upload a file
Instruction 2: Double check the file is uploaded is the correct one
Instruction 3: Select the submit option

Figure 19 - Assignment - Entering Activity instructions
Activity Update – Quiz

*Quiz - Essay Question Word Limits*

Essay questions in Quizzes can now be assigned word limits (both minimum and maximum) for the text entry component. Please note that the question currently only checks the word count when you navigate to a different page of the quiz.

![Quiz navigation](image-url)

*Figure 20 - Quiz navigation displaying a essay question that doesn’t comply with the question’s word count*

![Essay question creation](image-url)

*Figure 21 - Essay question creation - Minimum and maximum word limits*
**Quiz - Timer now scrolls with the page**

The Quiz timer is now always visible during your quiz attempt. It will now follow along with you as you progress through the quiz and scroll down the page.

*Figure 22 - Quiz attempt - tracking timer*