Tool and Feature Availability

Which tools and features are available within Millersville’s D2L system? Which tools and features are not?

Most D2L tools and features are enabled at Millersville University, but a few, such as those specifically intended for K-12 environments, are not. Additionally, D2L, Inc. offer a number of supplemental products and services beyond those Millersville have licensed.

About Brightspace Core and Add-on Packages

D2L, Inc. now bundle their products into one, base, Brightspace Core package and two add-on packages than enhance and extend Brightspace Core: Engagement Plus and Performance Plus. Because PASSHE’s relationship with D2L, Inc. predates these new product bundles, Millersville University’s set of licensed products does not correspond to any of the bundles.

**Brightspace Core** includes:

- Brightspace Learning Environment - **Yes**, Millersville has this.
- Brightspace Learning Repository - **No**, Millersville does not have this.
- Brightspace ePortfolio - **No**, Millersville does not have this.
- Brightspace Assignment Grader - **Yes**, Millersville has this.
- Brightspace Binder - **Yes**, Millersville has this.
- Brightspace Pulse - **Yes**, Millersville has this.
- YouSeeU Virtual Classrooms - **No**, Millersville does not have this.
  Millersville has Blackboard Collaborate and Collaborate Ultra instead.
- YouSeeU Video Assignments - **Yes**, Millersville has this at the freemium level.

**Engagement Plus** includes:

- Brightspace Capture - **No**, Millersville does not have this. Millersville has MU Video CaptureSpace instead.
- Course Catalog - **No**, Millersville does not have this.

**Performance Plus** includes:

- Brightspace Insights - **No**, Millersville does not have this.
- Brightspace Student Success System - **No**, Millersville does not have this.
- Brightspace LeaP - **No**, Millersville does not have this.

Because new D2L clients all purchase at least Brightspace Core, documentation and videos produced by D2L, Inc. may assume you have access to features of Brightspace products Millersville has not licensed.

If you take advantage of documentation and help materials produced by D2L, Inc., you may run across mention of tools and features of which you've not heard. Please refer to the lists below to determine whether those tools and features are available at Millersville University.

- Available Tools and Features
- Unavailable Tools and Features
- Brightspace Products not Licensed by Millersville University

### Available Tools and Features

**A**

- Announcements
- Assignment Grader (mobile app)
- Assignments
- Attendance
- Audio Note

**B**
- **Binder** (mobile app)
- **Blackboard Collaborate** (3rd party tool)
- **Blackboard Collaborate Ultra** (3rd party tool)
- Blog

C
- Calendar
- Cengage MindLinks (3rd party tool)
- Chat
- Checklist
- ChemVantage (3rd party tool)
- Classlist
- **Collaborate** (3rd party tool)
- Collaborate Ultra (3rd party tool)
- Competencies
- Content

D
- Discussions

E
- EBSCO Curriculum Builder (Reading List) (3rd party tool)
- Email
- Examity (3rd party tool)

F
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

G
- Glossary
- Grades
- Groups

H
- Homepages
- HTML Editor
I

- Import, Export, Copy Components
- Insert Stuff
- Intelligent Agents

L

- Links
- Locations (with limitations)*
- Locker

M

- Manage Dates
- Manage Files
- McGraw-Hill Connect (3rd party tool)
- Microsoft Office Mix (3rd party tool)
- Microsoft OneNote Class Notebook (3rd party tool)
- My Media (3rd party tool)

N

- Notifications

O

- Online Rooms (see: Collaborate)

P

- Pearson MyLab & Mastering (3rd party tool)
- Pulse (mobile app)

Q

- Question Library
- Quizzes

R
- Reading List (EBSCO Curriculum Builder) (3rd party tool)
- Release Conditions
- Rubrics

S
- Seating Chart
- Sections (with limitations)
- Self Assessments
- Special Access
- Surveys

T
- Templates
- Turnitin Feedback Studio (3rd party tool)

U
- User Progress

V
- Video Note

W
- Widgets
- Wiggio

Y
- YouSeeU Video Assignments (Freemium) (3rd party tool)

Unavailable Tools and Features

- Awards
  - Why?
  - Awards must be defined university-wide. Therefore awards should be established by an appropriate academic committee.

- Course Builder
  - Why?
  - The course builder is an extension of the instructional design wizard which is also disabled.
• Course Design Accelerator
  Why?
  The course design accelerator is not supportive of the way courses are created at Millersville University.

• Course Overview Widget
  Why?
  The course overview widget is tied to D2L Brightspace Insights, an add-on product not purchased by Millersville University.

• Getting Started Widget
  Why?
  The getting started widget is a launcher for the course design accelerator which is also disabled.

• Impersonate
  Why?
  Impersonation disrupts user progress information as well as access and activity logs.

• Instructional Design Wizard
  Why?
  The instructional design wizard is not supportive of the way courses are created at Millersville University.

• Messages (previously: Pager)
  Why?
  The messages tool interrupts course work.

• Navbar customization
  Why?
  One navbar is used university-wide to maintain consistent navigation across courses.

• Picture Library
  Why?
  The picture library is a legacy tool, one not updated since D2L v9. Additionally, the picture library is system-wide, not per-course.

• Themes
  Why?
  Themes will not work with the Daylight update to D2L.

• Virtual Classroom (YouSeeU Freemium)
  Why?
  PASSHE have contracted with Blackboard for the Collaborate synchronous classroom tool.

• Visual Course List Widget
  Why?
  The visual course list widget is designed for pre- and early readers in K-12 environments.
Brightspace Products not Licensed by Millersville University

- Brightspace Core
- Brightspace Engagement Plus
- Brightspace Performance Plus
- Campus Life (defunct)
- Capture
- Course Catalog
- Degree Compass
- ePortfolio
- Insights (previously Analytics)
- LeaP
- Learning Repository
- LiveRoom (defunct)
- Student Success System
- YouSeeU Video Assignments, Premium level
- YouSeeU Virtual Classroom, Premium level
Help Desk Contact

Info

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  - Fall/Spring Semesters:
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    - F 7:00am - 5:00pm EST
  - Summer Sessions:
    - M-F 7:00am - 5:00pm EST

Walk-in TAC
Technical Assistance Center - access via W. Frederick Street side of building

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