Combining courses

How can I combine courses/sections in D2L Brightspace?

Please contact the IT Help Desk with your course combination requests, and for each combination provide:

- exactly which courses you want combined
- in which of the courses you have already begun working, if any

Only one course from each set of combined courses will remain at the end of the combination process. So if you ask that three courses be combined, two of those three courses will be deleted during the combination process. Any one of the three can be the one to "survive" the combination process, but the Help Desk needs to know if you have a preference, for instance if you or your students have already begun work in one of the courses.

If you have questions, please contact the IT Help Desk.

Wait, didn’t combinations end?

Almost.

During most of the 2020-2021 academic year, it did appear Millersville University would have no choice but to end, beginning with the Fall 2021 semester, the long established practices of instructors: 1. requesting & receiving combined courses and 2. manually enrolling students and other instructors in courses. Recognizing the huge impact these changes would have, the Office of Student Success, Information Technologies, and others provided warnings to campus, and those warnings were accurate at the time they were given.

But then, during the summer of 2021, Information Technologies identified a means to a better, non-disruptive path forward. Expanded cloud data processing services in D2L Brightspace provided an opportunity for Information Technologies to build a custom integration to connect Brightspace with Millersville University's new student success system, Starfish. Because Millersville University's custom integration can be designed and tuned specifically for the D2L LMS as well as Millersville University’s unique processes and procedures, it can avoid limitations forced upon Starfish's own LMS integration by its need to be universal.