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**When Courses Open**

By default each D2L course opens to students at 12:00 a.m. Eastern on the course section’s official start date. Most course instructors keep this default start date and time; however, each course instructor, at his or her discretion, may adjust the start date of a D2L course.

I’m eager to get started. Can I get access to the materials in a D2L course early?

Only if your course instructor chooses to adjust the start date of the course.

What is the “official start date” of a course section?

A course section’s official start date is the one recorded in Banner for that section. Banner is Millersville University’s student information system.

If a D2L course is for more than one course section (CRN), what official start date is used?

When multiple sections are combined into a single D2L course, the earliest start date of all the combined sections becomes the default start date of the D2L course.

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**When Courses Close**

By default each D2L course closes at 11:59 p.m. Eastern seven calendar days after the course section’s official end date. Most course instructors keep this default date and time; however, each course instructor, at his or her discretion, may adjust the end date of a D2L course.

Why do D2L courses remain open for a full week after their official end dates?

The additional time at the end of a course provides students with time to check final grades after they are calculated and submitted.

What if I need extra time, say for an incomplete?

Please work with your course instructor. He or she will determine if, and how, you should access course materials past a course’s end date.

Why do I still see some D2L courses from past semesters?

Some course instructors choose to make D2L courses available to students for longer than seven days past the official end date of the course. Some instructors even choose to leave past D2L courses available indefinitely. If you have questions about why a past course remains available to you, please contact that course’s instructor.

What is the “official end date” of a course section?

Like the official start date, the official end date is the one recorded in Banner for a course section.

If a D2L course is for more than one course section (CRN), what official end date is used?

When multiple sections are combined into a single D2L course, the latest end date of all the combined sections becomes the basis of the “end date plus 7 days” calculation.