“NAVIGATING DESIRE TO LEARN (D2L)”

COURSE NAVIGATION

Understanding the Course Menu Functions inside the Desire to Learn (D2L)
As you navigate this site, use the course menu at the left of the screen. You can print a copy of this page and learn the purpose of each of the items on the course menu. Click each item in the list to see the content as you learn to navigate within NS Online.

MY HOME

This is the page shows a list of the student's courses for the semester in the “My NSCC Courses widget box” Each ground and online course has a NSOnline page available with information about the course.

CALENDAR

The calendar gives you a quick look at when assignments are due and suggests times to begin work on the several lessons, often looking ahead to a larger assignment such as the research project.

Click the link below to watch a video tutorial:
Calendar Video Tutorial
COURSE HOME

After clicking into your course, you will notice a “second row of navigations links” and “many widget boxes.” You will click these links to navigate the course. This is the page where you will find instructor contact information, help desk information, as well as other sources of help. Also, there are new boxes below the instructor’s contact information that will show announcements for the course throughout the semester.

E-MAIL

Mail is an internal email program to communicate only with the instructor and students in the class. When students are added to the class roll, an email account is automatically set up. NS Online email is to be used for private communication between instructor and students or between students. You can access this tool by clicking on the "New Email" icon in the top right corner of the course home page.

Click the link below to watch a video tutorial:

Email Video Tutorial
This section has several pages--The screen you are reading now explains the Course Menu. As guide through some the course system, use the NSOnline Tip Sheet help you. The Netiquette page helps you understand the rules and appropriate conduct for an online course. The next screen contains your Course Syllabus and Weekly Class Schedule.

Discussions

Discussions are an area where the instructor or student can post messages to be read by others. It is referred to as a threaded discussion because once a message has been posted, class members can respond to the message. All students enrolled in this class are required to check in with me at least once per WEEK. Failure to login once a week will result in a FA grade. To check in, please write a brief response to each of the questions listed in the Discussion section of NS Online. Check the NS Online Tip Sheet for information on how to compose and submit discussions.

Click the link below to watch a video tutorial:
Discussion Board Video Tutorial

Quizzes/Tests/or Exams

A link to the quizzes, tests, or exams is provided. All work is due at specified dates and times, so please make sure to get your work in on time. There may also be links to quizzes from Lesson pages. Click Quizzes/Tests/ or Exams to take tests. The first time you take a test, carefully read the instructions provided. You may want to print the instruction page for further reference. Check the NSOnline Tip Sheet for information on how to take and submit quizzes.

Click the link below to watch a video tutorial:
Quiz Video Tutorial

Assignments

There are several assignments, which are listed on the weekly schedule as well as under the Assignments tab. Click the Lessons to see the material your instructor has provided to support the course content, practice exercises and links to other websites. Your essays and research assignments will be submitted to the assignment folder as attachments. Check the NSOnline Tip Sheet for information on how to check grades.

Click the link below to watch a video tutorial:
Submit an Assignment Video Tutorial
GRADES

This link allows a student to see his or her individual score on discussion questions, quizzes, and assignments. Most quiz and test scores are automatically posted. Items graded by the instructor (manually) will be posted at least a week after the due date. Final grades are entered after completion of the final exam. Check the NSOnline Tip Sheet for information on how to check grades.

Click the link below to watch a video tutorial:
View Grades Video Tutorial

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Follow these steps:

1. Click on the Classlist link on the upper navigation bar.
2. Click on the Students tab.
3. Click on the icon on the same row with your name under "Actions." Click on the icon (blue circle made of dots." From the dropdown next to "Tool," choose the item you wish to see. A page with your progress will open.

Classlist
This link list all of the students in the class and the instructor as well. Here you can email other classmates as well as the instructor. Check the NSOnline Tip Sheet for information on how to email.