

Migration from BbLearn to Brightspace

As previously communicated to the Dalhousie community and the Faculty of Medicine, Blackboard (also known as BbLearn or OWL), Dalhousie's learning management system that houses web-based course content, is being replaced by a product called Brightspace by D2L. **BbLearn will not be accessible after July 31, 2016.**

Important dates and Brightspace access/navigation details for the **Clerkship 2015-2016** site are provided below.

Target groups

- Med 3 & 4 Committee members
- Med 3 & 4 Students
- Faculty
- Staff

Important information

- On **July 18, 2016** you can access Clerkship 2015-16 academic year content in Brightspace.
- BbLearn Clerkship 2015-16 content will continue to be updated until July 22, 2016.
- Archived content from previous academic years will be available in BbLearn until July 31, 2016. After this date, content will only be available in Brightspace.

Brightspace access & navigation

Brightspace Access

You will log into Brightspace at the same locations you did for BbLearn (Blackboard). Dalhousie NetID and password is still required.

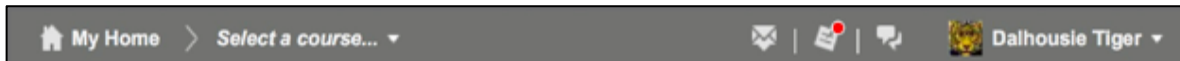
Location	Steps
<i>myDal</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to http://my.dal.ca 2. Login using your NetID and password 3. Click on Brightspace located below the Quick Links
<i>Dalhousie University Homepage</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to http://www.dal.ca 2. Click on OWL on the navigation bar 3. Click on Brightspace 4. Login using your NetID and password
<i>DalMedix</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to https://www.med.dal.ca/medix/index.cfm 2. Click Brightspace under Online Resources 3. Login using your NetID and password
<i>UGME website</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to http://medicine.dal.ca/departments/core-units/undergraduate.html 2. Click Brightspace on the right-side of the page
<i>Brightspace Homepage</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to http://dal.brightspace.com 2. Login using your NetID and password

What is new and different with Brightspace?



The functionality with Brightspace is very similar to past learning management systems that Dalhousie has used. You will still have access to materials, as you always have, along with some updated features.

Note: The information is for viewing on a desktop/laptop. Viewing on a mobile device will be much different.

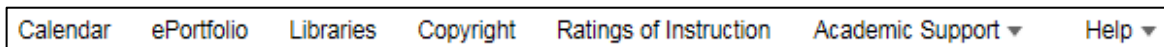
The Mini Bar



A navigation bar that provides the following access:

1. **My Home** - will take you back to the Dalhousie homepage.
2. **Select a course...** - click on the dropdown arrow to see a list of all courses you have access to.
3. **Message alerts**  - access the Pager for instant messaging or send an email that will arrive in the recipient's Dalhousie email box. The tool is highlighted with a red circle if there are alerts waiting for you.
4. **Update Alerts**  - Is highlighted with a red circle if there have been updates to the content or other items within the course.
5. **Profile** - The dropdown arrow to the right of your name gives you access to your profile, a link to change your notification settings and one to change your account settings. Finally, you will find your log out button here.

The Navigation Bar



This navigation bar gives access to the various components of the course including academic supports and library access. This navigation bar along with the mini bar at the top of the page in the grey banner, are accessible from any page within your course.

Course Homepage

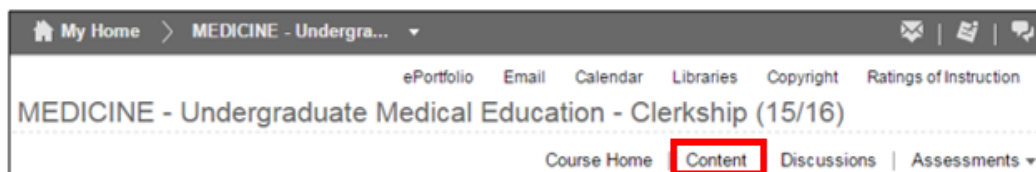
Each course you have access to has a course homepage and the homepage can look different depending on the tools set up on the page. There are two ways to locate the homepage:

1. From the Mini Bar, click on **Select a course** dropdown menu.

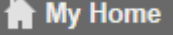


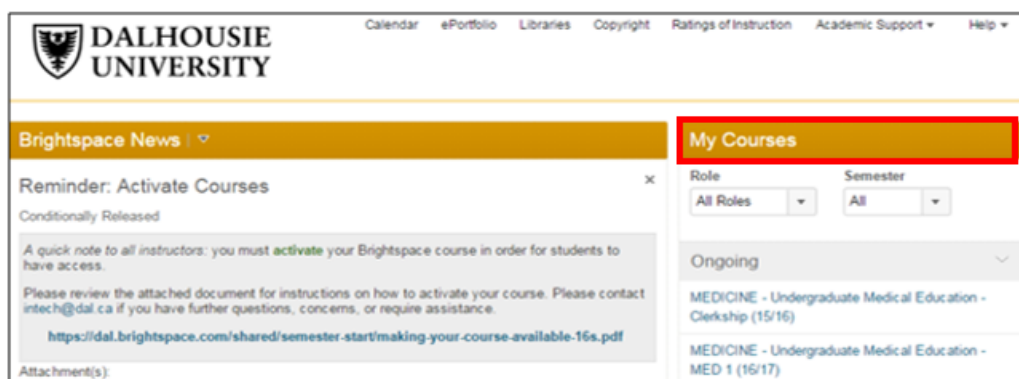
2. Choose the desired course from the menu list: eg. Medicine – Undergraduate Medical Education – Clerkship (15/16).

3. Click on **Content** from the options headings.



Or

1. From the Mini Bar, click on **My Home** 
2. Your enrolled courses will appear within the **My Courses** widget on the right side of the home page



Course Content

Content is placed in Modules (folders) and Sub-Modules (subfolders). Content may vary depending on the program.

