Moodle Guide for Students at Northern Lakes College
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Introduction

What is Moodle?
Moodle is the Learning Management System (LMS) used at Northern Lakes College. It is a place for you to communicate with your instructor and classmates outside of class. Your instructor can use Moodle to store class materials, discuss class topics with you, receive your assignments, and much more!

When can I get access to Moodle?
You can access a Moodle course as a guest, prior to registering with Northern Lakes College. This course allows you get an idea of what Moodle is and how it works.

Click this link: https://moodle.northernlakescollege.ca/course/view.php?id=542
Click Log in as a guest

Some courses may allow guest access
Log in as a guest

Once you register and get accepted, you will be given a Northern Lakes College account which will provide you with full access to Moodle and the courses in your registered program.
How do I access Moodle?

1. Go to the College website: www.northernlakescollege.ca
2. Click on My NLC
3. Select Moodle!
4. Select the appropriate Moodle server (MyLMS or Moodle) based on your current program.

Username and Password
Your username will be your email address if you chose MyLMS and just your student ID number if you chose Moodle. Your password will be your date of birth in the format of MmmDDYEAR. For example: Someone born on April 7, 1988 would type Apr071988.

Note: If you are taking a course through Continuing Education & Corporate Training, your password will be randomly generated from our system and you will receive an email with your Username (NLC Student Number) and Password along with the link to Moodle before your first class.

Who do I contact if I cannot log into Moodle?
The most effective way to get help is to send an IT Help Desk ticket. You can do this by emailing helpdesk@northernlakescollege.ca or by using the NLC SERVICE DESK icon on your desktop. You should include your full name, student ID number, the best phone number to reach you at and a description of your problem. You may also call 780-751-3290 from Monday to Friday between 8:15am – 4:30pm!

If you have logged into Moodle, but do not see your courses listed – please contact your instructor!
Navigating in Moodle

Moodle Home Page

Once you have logged into Moodle you will see the My courses page where all your courses that use Moodle will be listed. Enter a course site by selecting the name of the course.

Course layout

Once you select the course name, you will see your Moodle course. Moodle content is divided into topic blocks in the centre and side blocks on the right. The blocks are organized to provide you with ease of navigation within the course. Blocks may vary from course to course depending upon what features your instructor will be using.
Courses may contain the following side blocks:

- **Navigation**: The Navigation block is a quick way to navigate within Moodle. From here, you can navigate to another topic in any of the courses you are currently enrolled in, to a different course you are enrolled in, to your Profile, etc.
- **Administration**: The Administration block is where you will find the link to view your grades. You can also edit your profile here.
- **Activities**: The Activities block lists and allows navigation between the different activities available in your course (Forums, Quizzes, Assignments). Simply click an activity, such as assignments, to be linked to a list of all assignments in the course. Once in the list, click on the specific assignment to which you want to go to.
- **Calendar**: The Calendar shows the day’s date plus important course dates. It will help you get your assignments in on time. To see the previous month, click on the arrow to the left of the month and year. To see what's scheduled for the next month, click on the arrow to the right of the month/year.
- **Upcoming Events**: This block displays future events in a summarized list.
- **Quickmail**: This block allows you to send emails to your instructors and classmates

**Course Resources and Activities**

Moodle supports a range of resource types which teachers can add to their courses. Students can read but do not interact with course resources. Some examples of resources are weblinks, Word documents, PowerPoint files. Activities could be assignments, quizzes and forums.
Course Navigation

Most of the courses have been set up in topics format. Each topic or unit will have a title and description to provide you with information on what is being covered as well as any activities or content related to that topic. To access a topic’s content, simply click the title. You can also see off to the bottom right that there are 3 URLs (weblinks), 5 files, and 1 webpage.

To navigate between topics, you can click the Unit titles. If you click the title on the left you go back one topic and if you click the title on the right you go forward one topic. These titles can be found both at the top and bottom of the topic block. You can also jump to a different topic using the Jump to... menu. Just click the dropdown menu and choose your topic!
Participating in Course Activities

Forums

The forum activity module enables participants to have discussions that take place over an extended period of time outside of the live class (Collaborate). Forums have many uses, such as: being a social space for students to get to know each other, for course announcements (using a news forum with forced subscription) or for discussing course content or reading materials.

To post in a forum:

1. Click the Add a new discussion topic button
2. Type your subject and message
3. Click Post to forum!

To reply to a forum:

1. If you see a topic that you would like to view, simply click on the title of the Discussion, in this case it is My one wish by Lab Account 10
2. You can then view the discussion and reply by clicking the word Reply.
Assignments

There are two different types of assignments in Moodle. One requires uploading files, while the other requires typing the assignment online.

To upload files and submit an assignment:

1. Click the title of the assignment

2. Click the Add Submission button. If you do not see the Add Submission button, contact your instructor

3. Click the icon circled below, to open the file picker

4. Click on Upload a file at the left, then click on Browse
5. Browse your computer for the location of the assignment
6. Click the Upload this file button
7. Click Save Changes
8. You will then see your assignment under Submission.

Your instructor will now be able to access your completed assignment file.
To complete an online text assignment:

1. Click the title of the assignment
2. Click on the Add submission button

![Add submission button]

3. Type your response
4. Remember to press Save once you have completed your submission

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Quizzes

Quizzes can be added to Moodle and can count towards your final grade or be used as a self-assessment. They could contain multiple choice, true/false, matching, essay or short answer questions.

1. Click the title of the exam which you would like to complete
2. Read the description in the white box. This is where your instructor will give you directions
3. Click the Attempt quiz now button
4. If you see a pop-up message about a time limit and/or attempt limit press Yes to begin
5. If this exam requires a password, you will be prompted for one here. Contact your instructor or exam proctor to grant you access to the exam
6. To complete a short answer or essay question, click in the text field and type in your response

![Quiz interface]

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7. To complete a multiple choice or true or false question, select the radio button next to the best answer.

8. If you have a matching question, click on the drop down menu and select the best answer.

9. Your instructor may set a maximum number of questions to display per page. If you have more than one page in your exam, you will need to click Next or use the Quiz Navigation block at the top left. Grey boxes mean you answered that question, white boxes mean you have not.

10. Once you have completed the exam, and double checked your answers, click next. This will take you to a summary of your quiz. Click Submit all and finish to “hand in” your exam.

Just for Fun - A Practice Quiz

Summary of attempt

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This attempt must be submitted by Friday, 11 July 2014, 2:18 PM.
11. You will see the following message about completing your exam attempt, if you are confident with your answers click Submit all and finish.

12. You will then be re-directed to a review of your exam. Depending on the instructor’s settings, you may see your mark, grade, the answers you chose as well as the correct answer, and you might also see feedback or an explanation below the answer.

13. Click Finish Review to close this window and be re-directed to a Summary of your quiz, and your attempt(s).

Checking Grades
Click the word Grades in the Administration block
Accessing Course Resources

Files (Word, PowerPoint, PDF etc)
Click on the name of the file you wish to open and pay attention to how it opens. It could open in the same window, it could open in a new window or tab, or you could be required to download the file. If you get a pop-up message asking if you want to open or save the file, you can click Open to view the file or Save to save it your computer for easy access at a later date.

Website/URL
Click on the name of the URL you wish to open and pay attention to how it opens. It could open in the same window requiring you to click back to go back to your course. Or it could open in a new window or tab, requiring you to close that tab/window and get back to your course.

Book
A Moodle book is a lot like an actual paper book. It has chapters and subchapters. The book also has a Table of Contents allowing you to easily navigate in the book.

Table of contents

1 The Collaborate Session Creation Email
2 How do I access my links if I don't have the email?
3 Linking Your Collaborate Class to Moodle

You can also navigate by using the arrows in the book to go from one chapter to the other.

You can print chapters or the entire book by looking under Book administration in the Settings block.
Edit your profile in Moodle

The quickest way to access your own profile is to hover your mouse over your name in the top right hand corner, then click Edit Profile. You can type in a description, some interests, a profile picture and more!