Moodle what’s changed and what’s the same guide

What’s new on a course page in Moodle

We are now using a Moodle theme designed to allow the viewer to focus on the content. To make this goal a reality two collapsible menus are used. On the left side of the screen you will find the navigation options. By clicking on the Open/Close Menu you can choose to have the navigation block stay open or condense into a series of icons. The right bar now houses ‘Moodle Blocks’ and can be opened or closed as desired.

1. New Control Gear
   This powerful gear is a combination of the Administration Block of older Moodle versions and the Turn editing on button.

2. Left Menu
   This menu takes the place of the Navigation menu of the past and scales it down to just a few tools. This menu allows for quick control of a few basic items and additional courses. **YOU MUST CLICK OFF THE MENU BEFORE IT CLOSES.**

3. Right Menu
   This collapsible menu allows you to hide items to increase the content area.

4. Topic Titles
   Section/Topic headings are now more defined.

5. Topic Content Blocks
   There is now more area for the content of a topic.

6. Your Profile
   Items like grades, Switch role to..., and preferences can all be found here.

7. Add Topics
   Gone are the + and – buttons to add or delete topics. Just click +Add topics and define how many to add.

What is the same?

With these changes, you may wonder what is the same...well almost everything! While the look and feel has been improved the basic functions are still available with some improvements. When you click +Add an activity or resource the process is the same and the plug ins work the same. Although you may see a few additions!

When in doubt look for a gear!

Where did the Admin block controls go? They can now be found in the Gear (#1 above). When in doubt look to the gears throughout Moodle to find additional tools, turn editing on, etc.

Love Google Docs?

Now so does YCP’s Moodle. When adding a file you now are able to access your Google docs and add them straight to Moodle.
New Moodle Additions and Updates

Attendance

Attendance works the same way it did in earlier versions, but with new, cleaner, session setup screens!

H5P Engagement Tools

Looking for a different engagement tool? The H5P plugin enables you to create interactive content such as Presentations, Drag and Drop images, Dialog cards, Flashcards, and Guess the Answer.

This tool is intended help students study, check what they remember from a reading, etc. These are not intended to be used as summative assessment tools, rather to be low stakes formative assessments.

Course format

When you look at the course formats you will now see the option for Collapsed topics when in the Edit settings screen. For those who have taken an OLC course this will be familiar to you. You may also note that Weekly topics has been removed due to reported issues. You can manually create your own weekly topics using the Topic format.

Text Editor

The Moodle text editor may look different.

Due to ADA Accessibility laws and recommendations from the YCP IT Accessibility team, the LTS: Instructional Design and Technology Team has chosen to use the following text editor. The text editor has been changed to facilitate best practices for accessibility. The text color has been limited to black and highlighting has been removed. Additionally, there is improved contrast ratio to assist those who need this extra definition.