

USER INTERFACE: Course Home Page

There are two areas of the Brightspace environment that users need to navigate- outside of a course and inside of a course. In this document we will discuss navigation inside of a course.

You will notice that the minibar and navbar are visible both outside and within a course, but while the minibar will look the same in both settings, the options and tools of the navbar will vary greatly. For example, the navbar within a course usually contains considerably more options.

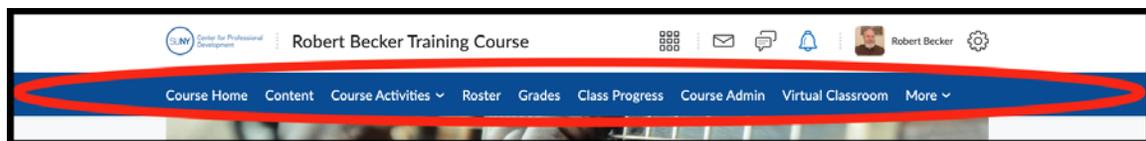
*Your campus Nav Bar and Home Page may have different links and widgets.

MINIBAR



As mentioned above, the minibar options will be the same for you within your course. The only difference you may see is the addition of an institutional name.

NAVBAR



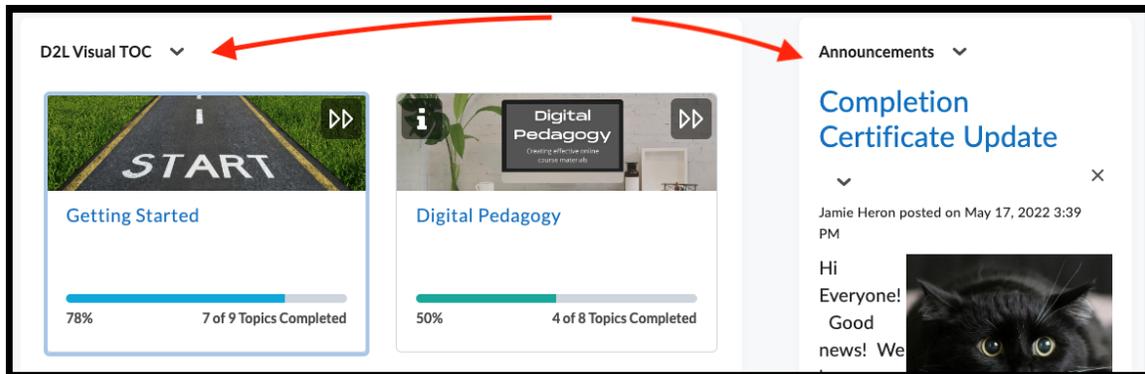
The **navbar** is located below the minibar. This is where you will find the primary tools you need for running your course. Navbar links can include quick links to your course **content**, various **assessments**, and **grades**. For a full walkthrough of the navbar, please see the document on that subject. Remember: the navbar options change depending on whether you are outside or inside a course.

BANNER



The banner appears directly below the navbar. This area usually consists of an image and text of the course name. It also houses a hidden ellipses which gives the instructor the option to change the image, remove the image, and edit the text.

Widget



Widgets are main links to important categories of information. Clicking within a widget will take you directly to the content it has been linked to. Common widgets within a course include the **visual TOC** (“visual table of contents”, which lists your course modules), **announcements**, **calendar**, and **activity feed**.