D2L - NEIU Student Course Home Page Navigation

When you log in to Desire2Learn (D2L) and click one of your courses, the course home page displays. The two main components are a **Navigation Area** (Items 1-6) and **Tools** (Items 7-11).

**Note:** Each component has a separate guide on the *Desire2Learn: For Students* web page ([http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L_students.html](http://www.neiu.edu/~ctl/D2L_students.html)), as well as in the Desire2Learn *Help* tool (Item 6).

- **Course Home (1):** This link re-loads the course home page, which is similar to the example above.
- **Assessments (2):** This menu contains links to tools that help you demonstrate or check on skills: *Dropbox, Grades, Quizzes, Rubrics, Self Assessments, Surveys,* and *Attendance.*
- **Communication (3):** This menu links to the *Blog, Chat, Classlist & Email,* *Discussions, Groups, News,* and *Pager* tools.
- **Resources (4):** This menu links to the *Content, Calendar, Checklist, FAQ, Glossary, Links,* and *Locker* tools.
- **ePortfolio (5):** This link provides access to the ePortfolio tool (both your own and ePortfolios shared with you).
- **Help (6):** This link opens the *Desire2Learn Resource Center* in its own window. Click the *Learning Environment* link at the top of the *Help* window to display the help guides.
- **Course Updates (7):** This tool indicates anything that has been changed or added to the course since your last log-in.
- **Course News (8):** This tool displays course announcements from your instructor.
- **Course Content Browser (9):** This section displays the *Table of Contents* for the course. Click the title of a *Module* to display its contents or an item title to display it.
- **Tasks (10):** This tool allows you to create individual reminders for things you wish to do.
- **Bookmarks (11):** This tool allows you to create custom links on the course home page to elements within the course.

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