

Daylight Preview: Upgrade to VIULearn

Daylight is a new look and feel for VIULearn (D2L) that also incorporates responsive design to provide a more consistent experience across all devices – including tablets and mobile devices. Although the look of VIULearn will change, there will be no major functional changes to the tools you already know and use. Look for these exciting changes April 30, 2017.

Benefits of Daylight on Desktop

- **No functional changes** to any tools in VIULearn
- **Responsive design** - better experience for all screen sizes
- Changes to look and feel, including:
 - Cleaner, crisper icons and fonts
 - More space between text
 - Brighter colours used for emphasis
 - Unnecessary icons removed to reduce clutter

Read more about the enhancements:

https://community.brightspace.com/blogs/product/the_daylight_design_system_a_closer_look_at_the_new_look

Watch D2L's video overview:

<https://www.d2l.com/resources/videos/the-brightspace-daylight-user-experience/>

OLD: CURRENT DESKTOP INTERFACE

The current desktop interface is cluttered. It features a blue header with 'My Home' and 'CIEL 101: COURSE DE...'. Below the header is the Vancouver Island University logo and the course title 'CIEL 101: COURSE DEVELOPMENT - F##N01'. A navigation bar includes 'Course Home', 'Content', and 'Assessment & Evaluation'. A search bar is located above a sidebar on the left containing 'Overview', 'Bookmarks', and 'Course Schedule'. Below the sidebar is a 'Table of Contents' with items like 'Introduction to the Course' (9), 'General Course Discussions' (3), and 'Module 1' (14). The main content area shows 'Introduction to the Course' with options to 'Add dates and restrictions...', 'Add a description...', and 'Upload / Create'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Upload / Create', listing options like 'Video or Audio', 'Upload Files', 'Create a File', 'Create a Link', 'Add from Manage Files', 'New Checklist', 'New Discussion', 'New Assignment', 'New Quiz', and 'New Survey'.

NEW: DAYLIGHT DESKTOP INTERFACE

The new Daylight desktop interface is clean and modern. It features a white header with 'CIEL 101: COURSE DEVEL...' and navigation icons. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Course Home', 'Content', 'Assessment & Evaluation', 'Communication', 'Instructor Tools', and 'Help'. A search bar is located above a sidebar on the left containing 'Overview', 'Bookmarks', and 'Course Schedule'. Below the sidebar is a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' with items like 'Introduction to the Course' (9), 'General Course Discussions' (3), and 'Module 1' (14). The main content area shows 'Introduction to the Course' with options to 'Add dates and restrictions...', 'Add a description...', and 'Upload / Create'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Upload / Create', listing options like 'Video or Audio', 'Upload Files', 'Create a File', 'Create a Link', 'Add from Manage Files', 'New Checklist', 'New Discussion', 'New Assignment', 'New Quiz', and 'New Survey'.

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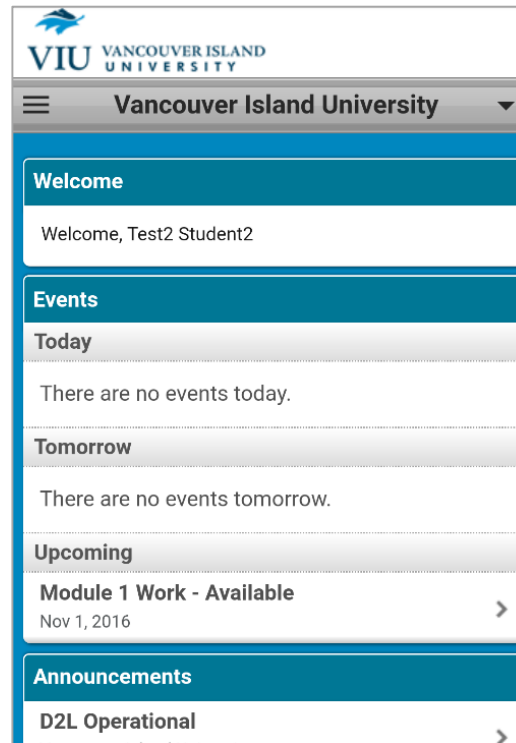
Benefits of Daylight on Mobile

- **No functional changes** to any tools in VIULearn
- **Responsive design** - improved mobile experience
- **New Functionality**
 - Instructors can manage content
 - Students can submit to assignment submission folders
- **Enhanced Functionality**
 - Students can more easily take quizzes
- **Changes to look and feel, including:**
 - Mirroring of desktop and mobile look, feel and navigation

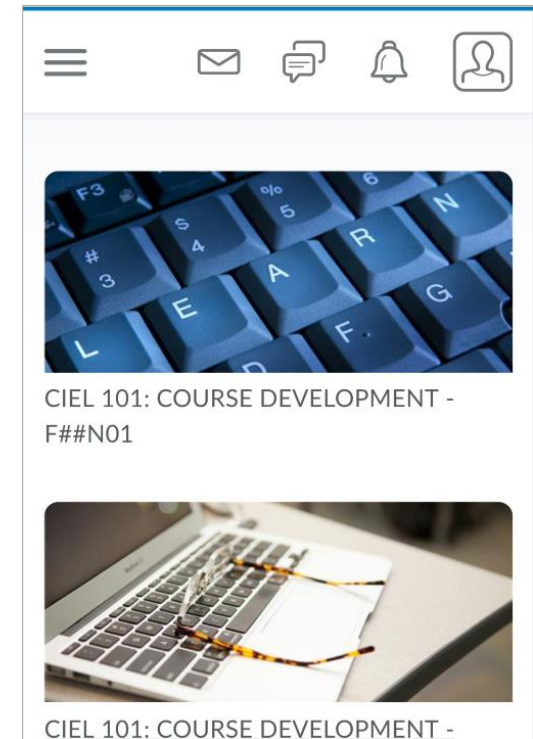
Responsive Design

- Automatically resizes and scales for different sized screens, including mobile devices
- Allows students and faculty members to use a wider variety of devices
- Provides increased access to online materials for students without a personal computer or those that cannot commute to campus
- Much more accessible for students and faculty members with disabilities

Current Mobile Interface



Daylight Mobile Interface



Same web environment as for desktop access, just scaled for a smaller screen with components stacked for access on touch screens and scrolling down to see all items.

How Do We Get Ready For This Change?

The Centre is already testing out the new look and feel to make sure you get the best experience possible when Daylight rolls out. We are updating and improving our support resources for students, staff and faculty members. Our first priority is to ensure our student support resources are ready to go for orientations, and then we will focus on the support resources most commonly accessed by faculty members and staff. You can help us too! Talk to your colleagues and students about these exciting new changes. Invite them to attend a Daylight Awareness Session.



Questions: contact us at learnsupport@viu.ca or call 250.740.6179 Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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