

Getting started with D2L

This brief guide will help you get started using the D2L course system. Knowledge of the following topics will prepare you for engaging with your course:

- Your system **requirements**
- Obtaining and changing **passwords**
- Running a **system check**
- Logging in to your **personal home page**
- Creating and editing your **profile**

System requirements

The first step to accessing your online courses is to ensure you have the appropriate system requirements.

The D2L system is web-based. The following table outlines the required and recommended components for you to successfully run the D2L system software.

System Requirements		
Component	Required	Recommended
Browser (Windows)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netscape Navigator* 4.7, 6.0 up to and including version 7.2 • Explorer 5.0-6.0 • Mozilla 1.3 -1.6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Explorer 6.0, or • Netscape Navigator 7.1 or higher
Browser (Mac)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netscape Navigator 6.0 up to and including version 7.2 • Mozilla 1.3 -1.6 	Mozilla 1.6
Browser (Linux)	Mozilla 1.3 -1.6	
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows 98, or higher • Mac OS X 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows 98 or higher • Mac OS X
Video	SVGA monitor -- set at a minimum resolution of 800 x 600 --	Resolution: 1024x768 or greater
Internet Speed	56K modem	56k, or DSL or Cable modem
Sun Java Runtime Environment (JRE)	JRE v1.4.2.xx (required to run Mojo 3.1.)	
Java Script	Enabled	
Cookies	Enabled	

Obtaining a course password

Your course passwords are included with the welcome letter or registration confirmation sent to you by the institution with which you are registered. After you have received your initial password notification, you can change your password from the Course Home page.

Changing your password

To change your password from your **Course Home** page, select the *My Password* link from the Welcome box:

The **Change your password** dialog displays allowing you to type your old password and select and confirm a new password:



The dialog box has two tabs: "Password" (selected) and "Secret Question". Under the "Change your password" heading, there are three input fields: "Old Password:", "New Password:", and "Confirm New Password:". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Change Password".

Running a system check

A system check (available from the **Course Home** login page) automatically checks that your system configurations (for example, browser version and display settings) are up-to-date and installed correctly.

To run a system check on your computer, select the **System Check** link on the main Course Home login page.

Logging into your homepage

1. Open your web browser and type the appropriate URL into the web address text box.

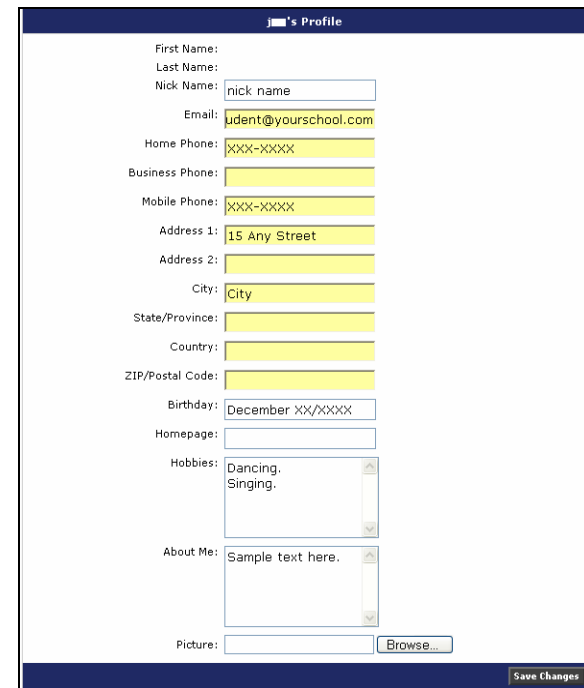
2. Type your username and case-sensitive password in the appropriate fields in the login dialog box and click **LOGIN**.

Creating and changing your profile

You can create a profile that contains personal and public information, and that is accessible to your classmates and other users.

To create or change your profile from your **Course Home** page, click the *My Profile* link on the **Preferences** box.

You can add and change information, as applicable, using the available fields, and then clicking **SAVE CHANGES**.



The "User Profile" form includes the following fields: First Name, Last Name, Nick Name (text input), Email (text input), Home Phone, Business Phone, Mobile Phone, Address 1, Address 2, City, State/Province, Country, ZIP/Postal Code, Birthday (calendar), Homepage, Hobbies (list box with "Dancing" and "Singing"), About Me (text area), and Picture (text input with "Browse..." button). A "Save Changes" button is located at the bottom right.