

Social Course Home

A New Front Page Style

Social Course Home is a new style of course homepage which mimics the look and feel of popular social media applications like Facebook and Twitter. It has several functions which can help make your course homepage more useful for your students and for you.

The screenshot displays the Social Course Home interface for the course **ENG 1302: Written Argument and Research**. The header features the Texas A&M University Commerce logo and the course title. A navigation bar includes links for Course Admin, Gradebook, Email, Doc Sharing, Dropbox, Weblogography, Tech Support, and Help. The left sidebar lists course-related links such as Syllabus, Technical Support, Library, Student Lounge, Virtual Office, Philosophy, Course Schedule, and Helpful Terms. The main content area is divided into sections: **Welcome** (a greeting and overview of the course), **Announcements** (a list of recent updates with 'Unread' and 'Read' buttons), **Upcoming** (a section for upcoming events), and **For Review** (a section for review items). The bottom section shows a **Syllabus Receipt** link. The interface also includes a **Activity** feed with a search bar, a 'Post a remark...' input field, and a list of recent discussions with preview posts.

In order to activate Social Course Home, simply go to Course Admin, Enable and Disable Tools, and then enable Social Course Home.

US-Written Argument/Research

Instructor: [REDACTED]

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Lecture Notes

A: Discussion

B: Discussion

C: Discussion

D: Discussion

E: Discussion

Choose a Fandom

Writing Assignment

Research Proposal*

Course Admin

Course Information & Preferences

Course Enrollment

Group Management

ENABLE/DISABLE CLASS TOOLS AND ITEMS

Use the options below to customize your course. You can enable or disable any of the following features at any time. Remember that any feature you enable/disable will be enabled/disabled for both you and your students.

Syllabus:	☒ Enable	☐ Disable	The course Syllabus often includes features such as Course Description, Course Objectives, General Course Policies and Procedures, Grading Policies, Course Textbooks, etc. Enabling the syllabus displays a link to the syllabus in the navigation tree.
Gradebook:	☒ Enable	☐ Disable	Create an online Gradebook that is available to both you and your students. As the instructor, you determine which course items appear in the Gradebook (i.e., which course items will be graded) and you are responsible for entering students' actual grades (and any comments you may have) into the Gradebook. Students can view their course progress in the Gradebook.
Email:	☒ Enable	☐ Disable	The Email tool is a convenient and effective way for you and your students to communicate with each other.
Document Sharing:	☒ Enable	☐ Disable	Class members can upload assignments or other document files that they want to submit for general class review and consumption.
Journal:	☐ Enable	☒ Disable	The Journal can be a personal, one-to-one communication tool between the instructor and student. It can also be a place where students can make notes and record private thoughts.
Webliography:	☒ Enable	☐ Disable	The Webliography course tool lets you and your students work together to create an annotated bibliography of World Wide Web sites that are relevant to your course.
Chat:	☐ Enable	☒ Disable	Like a regular online chat room, the Chat tool lets you and the students in your course communicate with each other in real time.
ClassLive:	☐ Enable	☒ Disable	The ClassLive tool is an interactive graphical chat tool (or whiteboard) that allows you to communicate with your students in real time.
Path Builder:	☐ Enable	☒ Disable	The Path Builder lets instructors set performance conditions on content items within the course. When using the Path Builder, students must meet conditions set by the instructor in order to access new content. If using Path Builder with Course Scheduler, students must meet both time restrictions and performance conditions before content is accessible.
Social Learning Course Home:	☒ Enable	☐ Disable	A collection of tools designed to foster communication and collaboration within your course. Key components include the ability to create and share online profiles, an Activity Feed that displays

The Activity Feed

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Activity

People

Showing: All Activity

Post a remark...

140 characters remaining

Post

[Redacted]

started a new discussion: Social Media Accounts

Today 10:41 AM

Preview Post

[Redacted]

started a new discussion: Fandom

Just curious if anyone has chosen a fandom yet? I'm assuming that sinc...

Yesterday 11:13 PM

Preview Post

[Redacted]

started a new discussion: About Me

What is your nickname? My nickname is [Redacted]

Yesterday 5:08 PM

Preview Post

[Redacted]

started a new discussion: My Info

Hello, my name is [Redacted] The only nickname I have is Daddy, I liv...

Yesterday 4:31 PM

Preview Post

[Redacted]

started a new discussion: I love me some mel

Hello, my name is [Redacted] The only nickname I have is Daddy, I liv...

Yesterday 4:19 PM

Preview Post

[Redacted]

started a new discussion: Getting to know me

Hey everyone! My name is [Redacted] but I usually go by [Redacted] I live wt...

Yesterday 10:31 AM

Preview Post

[Redacted]

said:

I opened my twitter page and I am lost and I opened the other social m... more

Yesterday 10:20 AM

Hey guys, Your introductory lecture notes had some issues uploading... Read More

Posted 8/28/2014

Show More

Upcoming

Next 7 Days

There are no upcoming events.

For Review

Syllabus Receipt

[Redacted]

Show all 24 submissions awaiting review

The Announcements

In the old eCollege style, announcements showed up as nested titles at the top of the course home page. In Social Course home, they show up in the top right hand corner, with short previews to help students find which announcement they are looking for.

Announcements

Unread Read

Activity Feed

Class, Keep in mind that when you post something directly to the act... Read More
Posted 9/12/2014

Online Progress Portfolio - UPDATE

Hey everybody, I've updated the Course Item for your Online Progress... Read More
Posted 9/8/2014

Discussion Groups!

Class, Your discussion groups are now organized and the discussion b... Read More
Posted 9/4/2014

Social Media Accounts

Hey Class, I've gotten some e-mails already about what people should... Read More
Posted 9/3/2014

Personal Responsibility Survey

Hey class, We're responsible for some different types of assessment... Read More
Posted 8/27/2014

Show More

Once an announcement has been read, it goes to the Read tab, to help keep things clean and easy for student use.

The Grading Area

The Grading area is a two section area to the right of the activity feed, underneath the announcements. It consists of an “Upcoming” box, which alerts students to upcoming due dates that have been set up through the Course Scheduler, and a “For Review” box, which is for instructor eyes only.

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For Review

Syllabus Receipt



Submitted 9/10/2014 6:01 PM



Submitted 9/4/2014 10:08 PM



Submitted 9/3/2014 4:29 PM

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The “For Review” section shows recent submissions to the dropbox which are awaiting review by the instructor. “Upcoming” will show any assignments due in the next seven days, which can be set via the Course Scheduler. Be aware: if you don’t set any due dates in the scheduler, Social Course Home will use the final day of class as the due date for all assignments, which may confuse students.