

Course Tour Video Transcript: Matthew Fesser, associate professor of communications:

I'm going to give you an overview of the course and a little bit of a tutorial as to how to use D2L to navigate the class if you are not familiar with D2L. If you are familiar, this may not be a tutorial that you need to go any further with. When you access our class, it will bring you us to the home page. In the course homepage you have your navigation bar, which is going to be the same no matter where you are in the class you can always go back to this navigation bar. There are news items which I will update weekly. They will be updated at the beginning of the week, during the week, giving you any pertinent information that you need to know. Updates, you will see updates here as far as email, discussions updates, etc. My contact information is here, tasks will pop up so you know exactly what you have to do during the course of the week once the course becomes active. The calendar you can access you can collapse any of these windows and streamlines them and open them as you please. So if I want to see the calendar I just click that you can see the calendar and the same with upcoming events if I don't want to see everything that is upcoming I can just click that and that closes it. I can also close the contact information all the widgets can be closed so you just for these you just go down to collapse this widget and then it goes away it just depends what you want to see. I would recommend keeping them open but that's just me.

The content of the course that you need to access can be accessed two ways. I'll show you both ways. First you can just simply click content browser and that's going to take you to the content of the course. You can see everything is laid out sequentially, this is the start here module that you may be doing soon or will be doing soon, online resources the first week you are able to access the second week you will be able to access as of May 27 and you'll be able to see it until August 9 the last day of the class. Let me know go one second and I will show you how to access this another way. Go to course home to go back to the course home at any point in time and you can also access by going to content in the content pulldown menu. Click content and that will take us to the same place we just were.

When you go into any week, I'm just going to show you what you're going to see pretty much every week, the format is consistent. The overview section which will give an overview of what will be covered in this particular module. Some of the weeks have a video here in which I will talk about what's coming in this week and review some concepts from the previous week. You'll also here I'll just click this to overview so you can see what it looks like it gives you a basic message then you can click these arrows to go to the next component which is the objectives and the objectives are laid out here you know what you have to read in the book and the module and the assignments you will need to complete so it's just kind of a quick overview for you. You can go back to that menu any time you want. You can go back to the overview, you can go back to week one introduction just by clicking there this will take you right back. Now here we are back to the week one module. In the second portion lessons you can click that and it will open lessons in an isolated window. You have all the videos this first one is a bit of reading you want to do. You want to read the components of communications so that pulls that up again you can navigate like this to the first video the first video you just click pay watch the video etc like I said we can go back we'll go back to week one introduction and once you get through

all the content for the class for a particular week you then have your assignments and activities. So here's an introduction assignment you'll click that and you'll see all the directions it will be laid out for you might have embedded videos it's all there pretty easy to follow. At any point if you have questions just text me, email me, post something on the discussion board that says ask the instructor, and I will get back to you as soon as I can so you're not alone I will always be here and that's my job to help you not only navigate the class and find things you may need but to answer any questions you may have.

That one thing I want to point out are the graded discussions you will do each week. To access graded discussion click on that link. It will give you the instructions for what you're going to do. In order to start a graded discussion you cannot see any contributions that anyone has made before you make your own. So to make your own you have to click start a new thread and then you'll enter your subject into here. We're just going to put a little dummy text in here. You'll write the answer to your assignment and then once you have that click post and it has been posted. Once you post it then you'll be able to see everybody else's contribution so you'll be able to see yours as well as everybody who has replied to this point and you can go and respond to your post and they can respond to your post. That's something that's explained in the class, explained through a number of place that have directions. It's an important part of the class and important part of participation in class.

We can go back to discussion lists and from here go back to content. That takes us back to the week 1 one module. That last part of week 1 module is the summary. The summary is essentially a checklist, everything will be checked off if you completed it that way you can make that you've done everything that you need to go and once you've done that there is a basic summary that says what we did and what we're going to do in the next class. Then you can go back to table of contents.

A few other things if you want to access you grades and see what you grades are just click on grades and boom it pulls that up. Communication if you want to go straight to any discussion boards you can click discussion. You can get to your email there. Here's one where you introduce yourself, here's the student lounge, this is the ask the instructor discussion board I was mentioning. Resources there are various resources you can access here. That's a basic overview of the class. If you have any questions as you are going through the class by all means let me know and I'll be glad to help you out. Hopefully this was helpful for you.