

Workshop 0 D2L Computer Requirements, Syllabus

Introduction: This class relies heavily on web-assisted instruction. So, the first exercise will acquaint you with basic computer requirements for using D2L on your personal computer. On D2L you will find links to the online Lecture Notes, Lecture Quizzes, Workshops, and an unofficial listing of your current Grade.

Key concepts:

- The D2L (Desire to Learn) web system
- Personal computer requirements for D2L
- File formats for D2L submissions
- The NATS104 Class Syllabus

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS WORKSHOP

D2L basics (5 points)

Read “D2L Help for Students” ([link](#)) and view the “browser check video.” To use D2L, the computer you use must be set up properly. “D2L Help for Students” ([link](#)) describes how to do this. If you are unable to set up your personal computer, contact OSCR ([link](#)) or D2L ([link](#)).

Syllabus (5 points)

Read the class syllabus ([link](#)) and review the first lecture (in D2L!), and answer five questions about class requirements.

INTRODUCTION: D2L (Desire to Learn)

NATS104, Life on Earth, is nearly paperless. Except for exams and pop quizzes, all graded materials are submitted electronically. As UA students, you are eligible to use the computer labs to do your NATS104 homework. These labs are maintained by OSCR, the UA Office of Student Computing Resources ([link](#)). There are many computer labs on campus ([map](#)), and OSCR also provides free consultation services ([link](#)).

Most NATS104 students prefer to use their own personal computers, so this first exercise acquaints all NATSD104 students with the computer requirements for accessing D2L. Whether or not you intend to use a non-UA computer, you must complete the following exercise to be eligible to complete the other Lecture Quizzes and Workshops in this class.

The NATS104 workshops are timed! Before logging onto D2L and starting any workshop, you must read the introductory materials. Before attempting “Workshop 0” be sure to read “D2L Help for Students” ([link](#)) and the NATS104 class syllabus ([link](#))

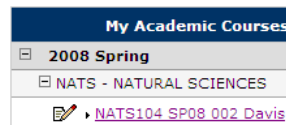
NATS 104 graded class materials will be submitted through D2L. Paper copies or electronic files emailed are not acceptable. Each exercise is available for a week. Last-minute computer problems are not an acceptable excuse.

1. To access D2L click on this [link](#),

2. Log on using your UA NetID

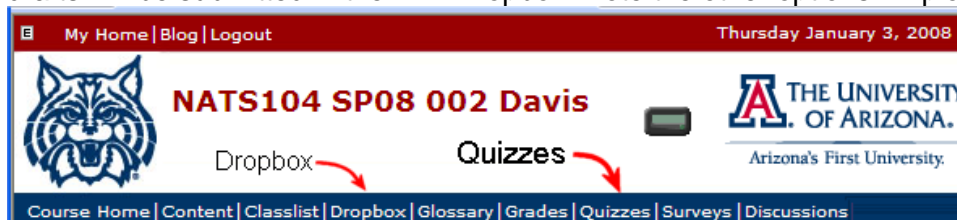


3. Scroll to the bottom, click on the tabs to open this semester; on the link to NATS104



click

Begin the workshop by clicking on "Quizzes" in the blue bar near the top of the page. Lecture Quizzes and Workshops are accessed by clicking on "Quizzes," your Term Paper and rough drafts will be submitted in the D2L Dropbox. Note the other options! Explore!



1. Read the requirements to enable personal computers to access D2L. These include the operating system, the browser, Java, and Cookies. Read "[D2L Help for Students](#)" and answer the following 5 questions.

What kind of operating system do you have?

Linux

Mac

Windows

Other -- contact OSCR ([link](#)) or D2L ([link](#)) regarding setup

2. For the Mac operating system what is the preferred browser / what are the other requirements?

Browser Explorer or Firefox / Java installed / Java & Cookies enabled

Browser Firefox Safari / Java installed / Java & Cookies enabled

Browser Mozilla / Java installed / Java & Cookies enabled

3. For the Windows operating system what is the preferred browser // what are the other requirements?

Internet Explorer or Firefox // Java installed, Java & Cookies enabled

Internet Firefox Safari // Java installed, Java & Cookies enabled

Internet Mozilla // Java installed, Java & Cookies enabled

4. Perform the "[Browser Check](#)." Which of the following is **NOT** one of the 4 checks?

Browser Check

Cookies Check

Display Check

Connection-speed Check

JavaScript Check

Finally, if you are unable to log onto D2L or complete exercises, after following these instructions, you should check your antivirus software. You can get help by contacting D2L ([link](#)) or OSCR ([link](#))

5. Your Term Paper and rough drafts must be submitted in file formats readable by other NATS104 students and your GTAs. **Formats such as MS Office 7 ".docx" or WordPerfect ".wps" are NOT acceptable.** ONLY MS Word ".doc" and ".rtf" formats are acceptable.

What file formats are acceptable for your Term Paper and rough drafts?

- .doc & .rtf
- .doc & .wps
- .docx & .wps
- .docx & .rtf
- all of the above

Other D2L Hints:

Save your work frequently – after every quiz or workshop question you answer! If you are disconnected without saving, you will have to repeat your work.

Some pop-up blockers create problems with D2L, if you leave them on you may lose your work.

CLASS SYLLABUS

The conditions governing student behavior and requirements are outlined in the [class syllabus](#). Every student is responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the class syllabus. In addition, each student is responsible for the contents of the class schedule, announcements posted on the D2L class home page, and all announcements made in class.

Before starting “Workshop 0” on D2L, read the class syllabus, find all of the following terms and be ready to answer questions about them.

Absences	Laptops
Announcements	Late-Penalties
Attendance	Lecture Quizzes
Cell Phones	Make-Ups
Cheating	Pop Quizzes
Class Schedule 3rd 100-point Exam	Respect
Grade Curve	Responsibility
D2L Class Home Page	Rough Draft
D2L Class Schedule	Student Athlete policies
Exams (100-point)	Term Paper
Grade Calculation	Workshops
Grade Official	
Grade Total Points	