

April 2016 Isidore Update

Good afternoon, Instructors,

The countdown to summer is on! Only 18 full days until the Spring 2016 grades are due, so the end is in sight. In our April update, you can read about:

- How to prepare for online final exams
- How to get your course ready for final grading
- Summer 2016 course creation
- Isidore upgrade coming in August

Preparation for Online Final Exams

We've created a guide to help you with creating, publishing, and grading final exams online. If you prefer in-person training, we'd be happy to meet with you for a 1-on-1 appointment.

- [View our guide](#) to help prepare for online final exams

Closing out the Semester with Isidore

At the end of each semester, we provide you with a checklist to make sure that your final grades are ready to be entered into Porches. If you prefer to ask Gradebook questions in-person, contact E-Learning to set up a 1-on-1 appointment.

- [View our checklist](#) to make sure your final grades are ready to be entered into Porches.
- Please remember that even if you use Isidore's Gradebook, final grades need to be submitted **through Porches** by Tuesday, May 10th, at 9:00 a.m. For your convenience, here's a link to the [University's final grading instructions](#).

Summer 2016 Course Creation

Summer term courses that begin May 16th are now available for creation. Summer term courses that begin June 27th will be available in Mid-May. View the [site creation instructions & video](#) to get started.

Isidore Upgrade. . . Coming Soon!

On August 10th, 2016, we will be releasing a new version of Isidore. Below are answers to some questions you might have about this upgrade.

Why is Isidore being upgraded?

Many new features and enhancements have been developed to enrich Isidore's appearance and usability. We are upgrading so our users have the best experience possible in Isidore.

Will Isidore be unavailable while it is upgraded?

We will begin the upgrade on August 10th, during which time Isidore will be unavailable. We scheduled the upgrade to take place after final grades are due for the Summer terms and well before the Fall semester begins. We understand many of you will be busy creating sites for the Fall semester, but hope this downtime does not cause too much inconvenience. **We will send you more details about this time frame over the coming months.**

What can I expect when I log in after the upgrade is completed?

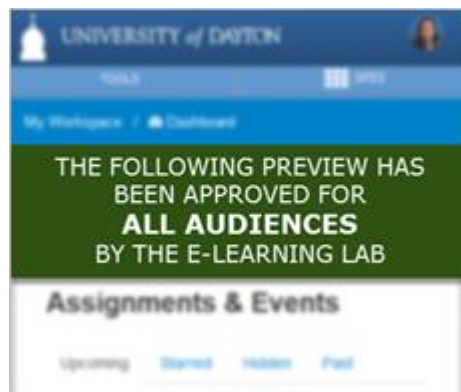
Don't panic! Your existing course sites, content, and data will be in exactly the same location. You will easily be able to pick up right where you left off.

Upon logging in for the first time, the updated look and feel to Isidore will be the most noticeable change. As you build sites and use tools, you will start to notice the improvements and new features that have been added. We will be communicating those after the upgrade as well.

What training will I need?

We do not expect re-training to be necessary as many commonly used features will be similar to what you are currently using in Isidore. However, we will hold training sessions throughout the semester, and you are always welcome to schedule 1-on-1 appointments with us.

Will I be able to see the upgraded version before August 10th?



As we continue to refine the updated version of Isidore, we are interested in your feedback and input. To that end, we will host a “first-look” preview session to demonstrate some of the coming changes and ask for your ideas and suggestions. If you are interested in attending such an event, please complete [this form](#). The date of this session is still to be determined, but we will send you invitations well in advance.

Do you have a burning question that we haven't answered?

Send us an email (via elearning@udayton.edu), and we'll be happy to answer it!

Best wishes for the end of the semester, and please let us know if we can assist you or your students.

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