

September 2015 Isidore Update

Good morning Instructors,

In our September Isidore Update, you'll find some suggestions from students who participated in our E-Learning focus group. You can also read about some new Isidore features and upcoming training opportunities.

What do students want in their Isidore course sites?

We're always striving to make Isidore as user-friendly as possible by adding new features and updating the software, but we've also found that there are small improvements that instructors can make to increase students' satisfaction. We conducted a small student focus group last academic year. Through conversation, students shared some common preferences they have regarding the setup and administration of their Isidore course sites.

Here's what students shared with us:

- "I wish my grades were updated more frequently in the Gradebook."
- "I like when my instructor uses the Schedule tool so that I can see important, upcoming dates and events."
- "It's easier to find course materials if they're organized within folders in Resources or Lessons tools."
- "I don't understand why there are some tools in the left-hand course menu bar that we don't use. I wish the professor would remove them if they're not going to use them."
- "I prefer for the syllabus to be displayed on the screen or uploaded as a PDF file in the Syllabus tool, instead of having to download a Word file."
- "I wish I could read some comments about my assignment, instead of just checking my score. I spent a lot of time on the assignment and I'm not sure why I didn't do better."

Please feel free to reach out to the E-Learning Lab via [\(937\) 229-5039](tel:9372295039) or elarning@udayton.edu if you have any questions about these items or would like any help implementing changes to your site(s).

New Features & Improvements:

Improved process for allowing assignment resubmissions

A few Isidore instructors suggested we make the process of allowing a resubmission in the Assignments tool easier. Our developers worked to improve the process. An instructor can now give an individual student the opportunity to resubmit their assignment from the "Grade" page in the Assignments tool. Once he or she enables the "Allow resubmission" option, specifies an "Accept Until" date, and returns the assignment, the student will have access to resubmit their assignment. There is no longer a need to modify the "Accept until" date on the "Edit" (or settings) page for the assignment.

Email notifications in Tests & Quizzes for faculty and students

Instructors can now opt-in to receive email notifications when students submit their tests and quizzes. This option can be found in Tests & Quizzes, in the Settings area for each assessment. On the "Availability & Submissions" tab, instructors can choose to receive an email every time a student submits an assessment or to receive a daily digest of assessment submission activity. By default, the email feature is turned off for instructors.

Students will receive an email confirmation every time they submit an assessment through Isidore. However, they have the ability to opt-out of the email notifications.

Email reminders in Assignments for students

Students will now receive email reminders for assignments that are due in 24 hours. This is designed to help students who have saved their assignment as a draft and have forgotten to submit it, or those who haven't yet started the assignment. If a student has already successfully submitted the assignment, they will not receive a reminder.

Training Opportunities:

Whether you are new to Isidore, or interested in doing more with your course site, there are a variety of group training sessions to meet your needs.

If the times of our training sessions don't work with your schedule, we are happy to schedule one-on-one consultations if you contact us via elarning@udayton.edu or [\(937\) 229-5039](tel:937-229-5039).

[View Schedule and Register for Sessions](#)

We hope that your semester continues to go well. Please let us know if we can assist you or your students.

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