

Online Course Teaching Information

The web-based course platform for ETSU is Desire2Learn (D2L)

Log in to D2L at: elearn.etsu.edu with ETSU username and password. Note that you must activate your email to set your password before the first time you log into D2L.

Note that all hiring paperwork and contracts must be completed and processed by the university prior to D2L course access. Although the department and college makes every effort to complete this paperwork early, it has happened that access to the D2L has been delayed to the first week of classes.

For information on how to fully utilize D2L, please see <http://www.etsu.edu/d2l/faculty/default.php>. There are valuable training guides and the opportunity to register for “hands-on” workshops.

The department course liaison for the online course will be available to provide information, content, and resources to support the course. In many cases, entire shells of courses may be available to transfer into your course site and you may “tweak” the course (deadlines, topic dates, assignment guidelines, etc.) as needed.

Due to the nature of online courses, we ask that you “add” the designated person (e.g., program coordinator, course liaison, department chair, etc. as instructed) so that the department can retain a record of the course upon its completion. We will provide more information.

A special note on communication in online courses:

We recommend that online course instructors be clear about how and when they will communicate with students (posting of information, answering emails, holding designated “office hours”) so that this is clear. We value our communication with students so that questions can be answered, expectations are communicated, misunderstandings, etc. and also recognize the importance of boundaries around this so that faculty are not overwhelmed with responding 24 hours a day. Providing clear parameters regarding how to request information or otherwise communicate and expected response time can assist greatly in the operation of the course.