

## UWS webCampus changes for Summer 2017

After over four years using the current design theme, it's time for a refresh of webCampus. The transformation was motivated by both technical developments in Moodle and a desire for usability improvements, especially on mobile devices. Parts of webCampus are already using the new design, with full implementation on the site scheduled for Wednesday, June 28.

Here are a few of the visual changes you can expect:

- A new set of colors, backgrounds, and icons
- More useful links and menus at the top of every page
- Fewer blocks for less clutter
- Remaining blocks moved from the right to the left side of page
- Courses that use "Folder View" will now display as "Collapsed Topics"

The new UWS webCampus home page:

The screenshot shows the new UWS webCampus home page. At the top is a purple navigation bar with links: Home, Dashboard, Webmail, UWS sites, Library, Learning Tools, and Support. On the right of the bar are notification and message icons, and a user profile for 'Example Learner'. Below the navigation bar is the University of Western States logo and the text 'webCampus'. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a 'CALENDAR' for June 2017, 'UPCOMING EVENTS' (Finals Week), 'NAVIGATION' (Home, Dashboard, Home, Courses), and 'COURSE CATEGORIES' (Student & Faculty Resources, Academic Programs). The central content area features a 'Welcome to UWS WebCampus!' message, followed by links to 'Using webCampus', 'webCampus FAQ', and 'W.A. Budden Library Resources'. Below this is a 'Site news and announcements' section with a highlighted announcement: 'Students - please remember to complete your end-of-course surveys' by Jim Friscia - Thursday, June 15, 2017, 10:37 AM. The announcement text states: 'This is a reminder for students in all programs to complete their available end-of-course evaluations. These are completely anonymous and are extremely valuable for our faculty. Understanding your perceptions of courses and instructional techniques contributes to our continued improvement of the course experience - whether in the classroom or online. Please follow the link to the surveys that are sent to your UWS email. Most online program students will also find links to the surveys in their webCampus course sites.'

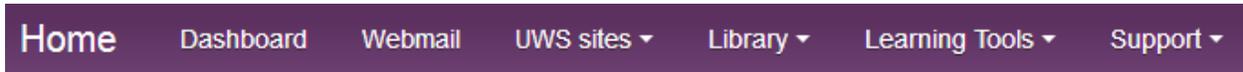
### Major differences:

There is now a drop-down menu associated with your login name in the upper right corner. From the menu you can access your dashboard (formerly "My Course"), your profile, grade information across courses, messages, and your webCampus preferences. You will also find a logout link.

**Messages** preferences and **Notification** preferences have been separated and simplified. **Notifications** and **Messages** icons are now in the menu bar.

The screenshot shows the user profile dropdown menu. The menu is open, showing options: Dashboard, Profile, Grades, Messages, and Preferences. The user's name 'Example Learner' and profile picture are visible at the top of the menu.

At the top of every page is a set of links and drop-down menus that will connect you to important services and locations.



- **Home** always returns you to the webCampus homepage.
- **Dashboard** takes you to a list of your courses (formerly called "My Courses")
- **Webmail** takes you to your UWS email.
- **UWS sites** are most-used sites by students and faculty on the main UWS website
- **Library** takes you to the W.A. Budden library and important library links and assistance
- **Learning Tools** provides links to Panopto, ProctorU and other tools you may use in your online courses
- **Support** provides links to the *Using webCampus* guide and FAQ, how to contact the UWS help desk, and the support center for Panopto

**Blocks** have been moved from the right side of the page to the left. They can still be docked onto the left margin.

A screenshot of a web page titled "UWS Orientation For New Online Students - Summer 2017". The page has a breadcrumb trail: Home &gt; Student &amp; Faculty Resources &gt; Student Resources &gt; Student Orientations &gt; Online Students &gt; NewOnlineStudentSummer2017. On the left side, there is a sidebar with three blocks: 1. "UPCOMING EVENTS" showing "Spring Term Finals Week" on Friday, June 23, 11:55 PM. 2. "COURSE COMPLETION STATUS" showing a status of "In progress" and a table of required criteria with 8 of 20 completed. 3. "NAVIGATION" with a menu including Home, Dashboard, UWS webCampus, Current course (highlighted), and My courses. The main content area has a heading "UWS Orientation For New Online Students" and a sub-heading "Welcome to the UWS Ori...". Below this is a paragraph of text and a list of "News and Announcements for New Online Students" with three items: "Important messages about this orientation course...", "Skills for Being a Successful Online Learner at UWS", and "How do I prepare to be an online student?".

Courses that have been organized using **Folder View** will be converted to the **Collapsed Topics** view. This change mostly affects the fully online courses in UWS graduate programs. Like with the folder view, collapsed topics let you open and close course sections by clicking the section name. You can also open and close all sections with one click.

### Folder View (old)

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 **Ask Your Instructor** 5 unread posts

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 **Course Cafe** 2 unread posts

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 **WELCOME AND COURSE INFORMATION** □

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 **WEEK 1: APRIL 10-16** □

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Available from **April 15, 2017**

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 **WEEK 3: APRIL 24-30** □  
Available from **April 22, 2017**

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▶ **Open all**   ▼ **Close all**

Instructions: Clicking on the section name will show / hide the section.

▶ **Welcome and Course Information**

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