# I Cannot Access My Online Classes

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If you are unable to access your online courses, try these troubleshooting steps to correct the problem.

## Troubleshooting

Try the following:

- 1. Verify your PC or device has Internet access by loading other websites (e.g. <u>YouTube</u> (<u>https://www.youtube.com/</u>), <u>MSN (http://www.msn.com</u>)).
- 2. Verify the start date of the course.
  - Students will not be able to enter a course until the start date of the course has arrived.
  - And if instructors have not activated the course, students cannot see it.
- 3. Make sure you are using an approved browser.
  - See <u>Browsers Supported by Brightspace (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/d2l-supported-browsers)</u>.
- 4. Clear the browser's temporary Internet files.
  - A. If you are unfamiliar with this process, please refer to the <u>Browser Cache Clear</u> (<u>https://clear-my-cache.com/</u>) instructions (Be sure to set the **Time Range** to **[All Time]** for the last step)
  - B. You can also contact the <u>IT Service Desk (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/vlac-support)</u> for assistance for this process.
- 5. Close and re-open your browser.
- 6. Reboot your PC or device and try to access the course again.

### **Contact the IT Service Desk**

- 1. Contact the <u>IT Service Desk (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/vlac-support)</u> to document the problem and get a **Ticket number** to relay to your instructor.
- 2. The technician will document the issue and provide you with a **Ticket number**.

Please have the following information ready:

- Class name with section number (e.g. PSYC-2301 1001).
- Browser and version you are using (e.g. Chrome, Firefox ESR 43.0.1 etc).
- Note the steps you took so the technician can duplicate the problem.
- Note any error messages exactly. Take a screenshot if possible.
- Provide your instructor with the ticket number.

#### Call 281.318.HELP (4357) or (toll-free 866.614.5014)

#### **Contact the Instructor**

- Email within the course.
  - See Using Classlist (https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/use-classlist).
- Use our <u>Contact Directory (https://services.lonestar.edu/contactdirectory/)</u> to locate your instructor's contact information.

• Provide your instructor with the incident number.