

New to Online Learning

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Being Successful in Online Courses

It is very common for students to think that an online class is easier than a face-to-face one. However, many find the opposite is true.

To be successful in an online course, you should:

- Have a working computer with stable internet access (a wired internet connection is recommended for taking quizzes).
- Have a [supported browser](https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/d2l-supported-browsers) (<https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/d2l-supported-browsers>) installed.
- Consider your motivation, self-discipline and home support system.
- Evaluate your time, your level of self-motivation, and how savvy you are with technology.
- Find out about the support services available and who to contact to access those services.
- Set aside a time and place for study.
- View the [Good Start Checklist](https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/good-start-checklist) (<https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/good-start-checklist>).



Is Online Learning for you?

Before you enroll in an online course, take some time to assess your current skill sets that are essential for the successful online student.

- [SmarterMeasure](https://lonestar.smartermeasure.com/) (<https://lonestar.smartermeasure.com/>) is an assessment that will give you an idea of your strengths in various components. Use the following login and password to access:

Login: **lscstudent**

Password: **lonestar**

Lone Star College Advising and Registration Resources

Once students have completed the admissions and advising process, the next step is registration. The Advising process is an integral part of your academic success.

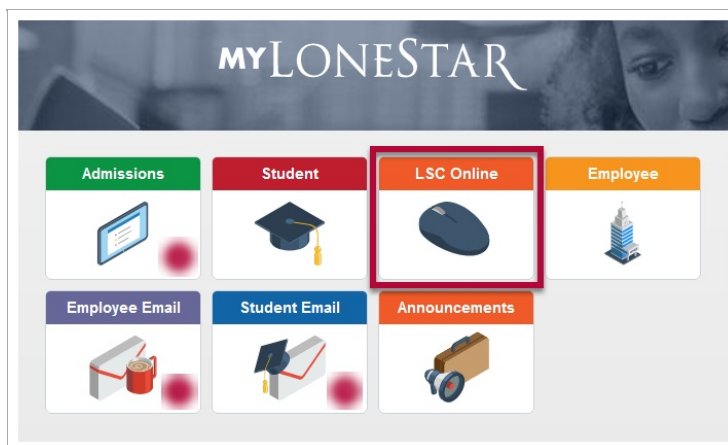
- [Advising Services for Online Students](https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a279) (<https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a279>)
- Do not hesitate to contact us if you need additional assistance. We're here to help you!

Login to D2L

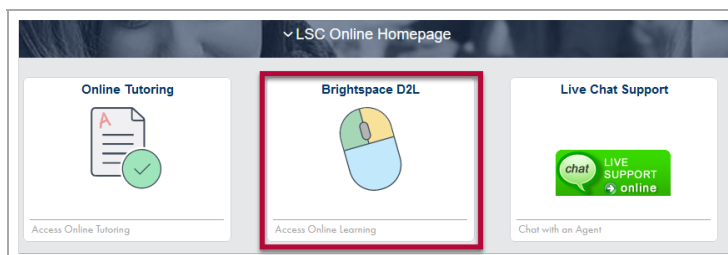
All online course activities like taking a quiz, turning in an assignment, and online discussions are done through **D2L Brightspace**, LSC's Learning Management System.

To access **D2L Brightspace**:

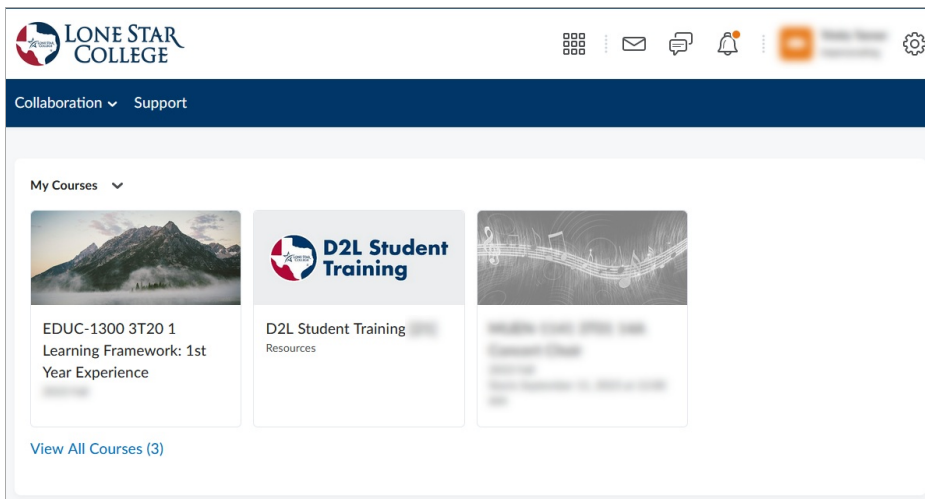
1. Login to [myLoneStar \(https://my.lonestar.edu/\)](https://my.lonestar.edu/) and click on the **[LSC Online]** tile.



2. Click on the **[Brightspace D2L]** tile. The **D2L Homepage** will open in a new tab.



3. You will now be on your **D2L Homepage**.



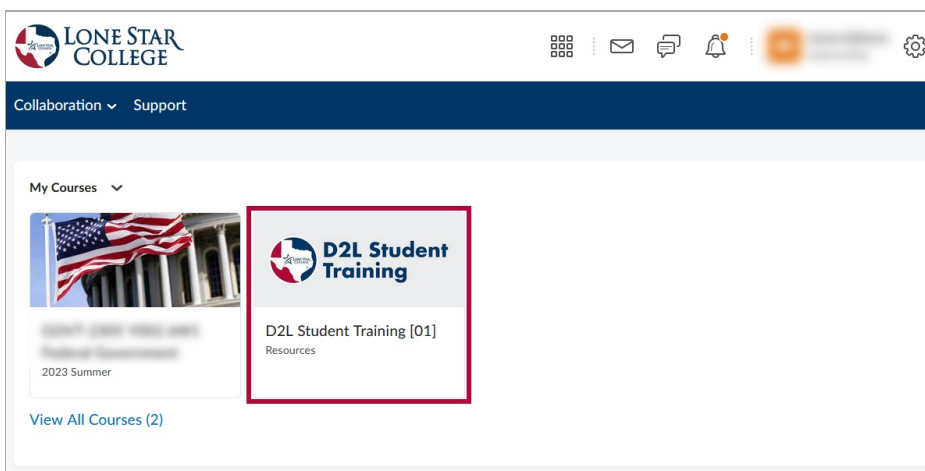
D2L Student Training

Students enrolled in online and hybrid courses are required to complete the **D2L Student Training** before they have access to their courses in the D2L Learning Management System.

You will find the training listed in your D2L course list on your **D2L Homepage**.

To access the **D2L Student Training**:

1. Access your **D2L Homepage** (see the [section above \(https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/new-to-online-learning#login-to-d2l\)](https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/new-to-online-learning#login-to-d2l) for how to access it). On your course list, click on the **[D2L Student Training]** tile.



2. On the course homepage, click **[Content]** and follow the on-screen instructions to begin the D2L Student Training process.

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Content Grades Course Activities Collaboration Support

Welcome to D2L Student Training [01]

Announcements

Welcome to D2L Student Training!

Welcome!

Click on the **Content** link in the navigation to begin.

Show All Announcements

Work To Do

All Clear For Now!
You have no activities with due or end dates available.

3. Work through the material in the D2L Student Training through the navigation: **[Start Here: D2L Student Training]** -> **[D2L Lesson]**. Click **[D2L Student Training Quiz]** to access the training quiz after you are finished with the lesson.

NOTE: After you successfully score an **80% or higher** on the quiz, you will be able to access your courses **on or after the course start date**. You will **NOT** be able to access your D2L course before the course's start date.

Start Here: D2L Student Training Print

Welcome! Students who are taking any online or hybrid courses are required to complete the **D2L Student Training** course. Access to content and course materials is restricted in online and hybrid courses until successful completion of this D2L training course. Once you complete the training course, you will not be required to complete it again unless there is a major change to the course delivery system.

To successfully complete the D2L Student Training:

1. Review the **D2L Lesson**.
2. Take the **D2L Student Training Quiz** and earn a passing score of at least 80%.

Once you have received a passing score on the quiz, you should be able to access the content in your online and hybrid courses.

If you experience technical issues, use the Support link in the navbar, or [contact the Service Desk](#) by email, chat, or phone (866-614-5014).

Accessibility (Disability) Statement

Lone Star College recognizes that all students have unique learning styles, in addition to varying backgrounds and abilities. Lone Star College aims to create accessible online learning; meaning an online environment where the greatest number of students can learn, with the least need for adaptations. If you have questions about accessibility issues in this orientation or other online courses, please contact the Disability Services Office where you are receiving your degree. Contact information for Lone Star College Disability Services Office is found on the college's [Accessibility Services and Resources webpage](#) as well as the [Campus Contacts](#) page.

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- D2L Lesson** Link ✓
- D2L Student Training Quiz** Quiz •

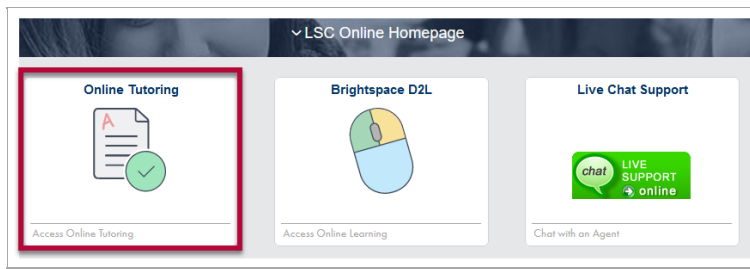
- Have more questions? See our [D2L Student Training \(https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/d2l-student-training\)](https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/d2l-student-training) article.

Online Tutoring Support

Students who are enrolled in only online courses at Lone Star College have access to online tutoring from the myLoneStar portal.



1. Login to [myLoneStar \(https://my.lonestar.edu/\)](https://my.lonestar.edu/) and click on the **[LSC-Online]** tile.
2. Click on the **[Online Tutoring]** tile.

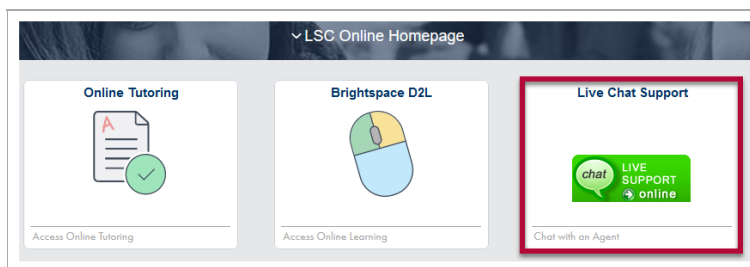


- See also [Brainfuse Online Tutoring \(https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a366\)](https://vlac.lonestar.edu/help/a366).

Live Chat and Scheduling Assistance

All students who are enrolled in only online classes or are enrolled in an online EDUC 1300 course have access to live chat with an online advisor.

1. Login to [myLoneStar \(https://my.lonestar.edu/\)](https://my.lonestar.edu/) and click on the **[LSC-Online]** tile.
2. Click on the **[Live Chat Support]** tile.



- If you are not a fully online student see [LSC Advising \(http://www.lonestar.edu/advising\)](http://www.lonestar.edu/advising) and look for your campus' contact information
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