New Moodle Information

Overview

There will be a new version of Moodle for the upcoming 2018/19 academic year.

>> Why are we doing this?

Getting Ready

This section contains important information for staff

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To ensure UCL's core Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) is compatible with new module codes being introduced this summer. (Refer to the Academic Model Project (AMP) for more information on changes to module codes.)

>> Attend an Information Session Demonstration and drop in sessions for staff will be taking place through until the end of August. Please make sure you attend one of these sessions if you haven't done so already.

Details of sessions and how to register are available on the Information Sessions page.

Click here to view a video recording of a New Moodle Demonstration session.

>> 09/07 - New Moodle is here!

'Shell' courses will be created for all Academic Model Project module codes, with an E-Learning Baseline compliant template applied to them. Note that this will be overwritten if content is migrated from legacy Moodle courses.

If you have a new module for 2018/19 or want a new Moodle course created for some other purpose, request it in the normal way by completing the course request form. Note that, to focus on content migration, we will not be processing new course requests until late July, even if they are received before then.
To ensure UCL’s VLE can accommodate future growth.

- To improve the reliability and performance of the system.
- To ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into effect in May 2018.

The new Moodle platform is now accessible! While new courses are not available yet, and we’ll still be fine tuning the platform, it’s a milestone for this summer’s Moodle project.

2. Migrating course content

Each teaching department has a Moodle Migration Coordinator. They are requesting the migrations that your department needs, and the Project Team will process these migrations from the middle of July to the end of August. After this, the courses will be available for you to review and update for the forthcoming year.

You can find out more information about the migration process here.

3. Reviewing and updating content
To make the user interface more accessible.

>> What's changing?

- A new Moodle platform is being implemented, running updated software with a fresh look and feel.
- It will use a new, more accessible theme, based on an accessibility study.

We'll be migrating teaching-focused courses from legacy to new Moodle until the end of August. We're working with departmental Moodle Migration Coordinators (MMCs) to provide information about what should be migrated. We want to avoid piecemeal requests, so please make sure you communicate your requirements to your MMC. You can find out more about migration here: https://wiki.ucl.ac.uk/x/AQyBQ

The migration process should be complete by the August Bank Holiday, and your MMC will inform you when your department's migrations are done.

At that point, all modules in the new Moodle should use the AMP module codes and module names. From then you can:
• Moodle courses for 2018/19 will use new Academic Model module codes.

• The current (legacy) Moodle will be accessible until 2019 to allow completion of 2017/18 modules.

• A landing page allows all users to access both systems.

The IOE and the Medical School will be migrated first, due to early teaching starts. Following that, we will work through every other request, aiming to complete high priority requests by the end of July. Your MMC will let you know when your department’s courses have all been migrated and are ready for you to review.

• Format and layout in the new Moodle.

• Check that activities and resources work as expected.

• Ensure deadlines for assessment etc. are updated.

• Check your course against the E-Learning Baseline.

Resources for Moodle Migration Coordinators
Plugs are being updated and some older functionality is being reviewed.

**How will it impact me?**

- The interface will look different, with more options for view and navigation.

For the next few weeks, to focus on successfully migrating around 8000 existing courses, we won’t be creating new courses outside of the migration process. However, after this you will be able to request new courses for teaching new modules, or test courses to experiment, as before.
• Modules for 2018/19 session using new Academic Model codes will run in new Moodle.

• Existing modules for 2017/18 will continue to run in legacy Moodle.

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Thanks to all those who have attended the Information sessions so far, and question and answers from these have been added to the FAQs here: https://wiki.ucl.ac.uk/x/EwdtBQ
If you haven’t attended a session yet, you can find details here: https://wiki.ucl.ac.uk/x/D4OXBQ

Watch the video!
Watch a short video about the Moodle Migration that is happening this summer.
• New start of session processes for teaching - you will not be required to reset your courses.

• Course content for 2018/19 courses will be migrated to new Moodle courses, and will need to be reviewed.
Some legacy Moodle activities e.g. Campus Pack, will not be available in the new platform as these are no longer supported.

Transitioning to new Moodle
The new Moodle (containing 2018/19 courses) and legacy Moodle (containing 2017/18 courses) will run in parallel until all academic processes associated with 2017/18 courses are complete.

During this time you will need to select new Moodle or legacy Moodle each time you log in.
Which Moodle should I use?
Use new Moodle for all 2018/19 session courses with new Academic Model codes.
Use legacy Moodle for:
- Completion of post graduate courses
- 2018 Summer courses
- 2017/18 submissions
- Any 2017/18 resits and grading activities
- Professional Services courses

What happens to legacy Moodle?
It is
It is expected that legacy Moodle will remain active until July 2019.

This will allow for:

- The completion of Masters courses
- Summer courses to be run
- 2017/18 submissions to take place, and
- 2017/18 resits and grading activities to take place
There will be no Moodle archive in July 2018. **PLEASE DO NOT** follow normal reset processes for your courses this year.

In July 2019, the Project team will then archive legacy Moodle. This archive will be made available as a read only version, as per current yearly archive practices.

If you have any other special requirements please contact us by email.
When this will happen?

We are aiming to have new Moodle available early July to allow teaching and administration staff sufficient time to prepare 2018/19 academic courses prior to the start of this academic session.

Once academic courses are available, we will then transition other active courses to new Moodle.

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More Information

Frequently Asked Questions

Find answers to some common questions in our list of FAQs.

Information Sessions

Information and hands on sessions for staff are taking place from June through August.

Details of these can be found here: Information Sessions.

Moodle Resource Centre

Visit the Moodle Resource Centre for general information about Moodle at UCL.
Contact Us

If you have any general questions about the Moodle Improvements Project, please contact us by email.

If you have questions about migration of content, please email moodle.migration@ucl.ac.uk.