



# DISTANCE EDUCATION

## ***GUIDED TOUR!***

A NEW Guided Tour is available in D2L to take you through building a course from scratch.

This guided training is an excellent way help strengthen your online courses or learn something new that you would like to incorporate.

For this opportunity or any training in D2L just email [D2Lhelp@msutexas.edu](mailto:D2Lhelp@msutexas.edu) or call 397-4868.

Training can be done in person or via Zoom.

## **New Discussion Evaluation Experience**

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The first thing you'll notice when entering our new eval experience is that it looks just like our New Assignment Evaluation Experience.

Evaluation tools like Grades, Rubrics, and Feedback are moving to the Right-Hand panel to display in the same way. This is the same rubric component as the New Assignment Evaluation experience uses.

One change that may be noticeable is that the title of the topic or the reply is a link. It will open the post in a new window so that the evaluator can get an idea of the context in which the post was made. The draggable divider will work the same here, too! The best part? It stays where you put it.

When you first view the new experience, it gives you the chance to opt out. Keep in mind, this new experience will be permanent starting in December.

## **Discussion Restrictions Word Changing**

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With the new discussion experience, some of the wording in the restrictions tab has changed. You will now have three options when it comes to availability:

- "Visible with access restricted before start" which will allow students to see the discussion but not access it in any way.
- "Visible with submission restricted before start" which will allow students to view the discussion topic but not make a submission.
- "Hidden before start" which will hide the topic from students until the date specified.