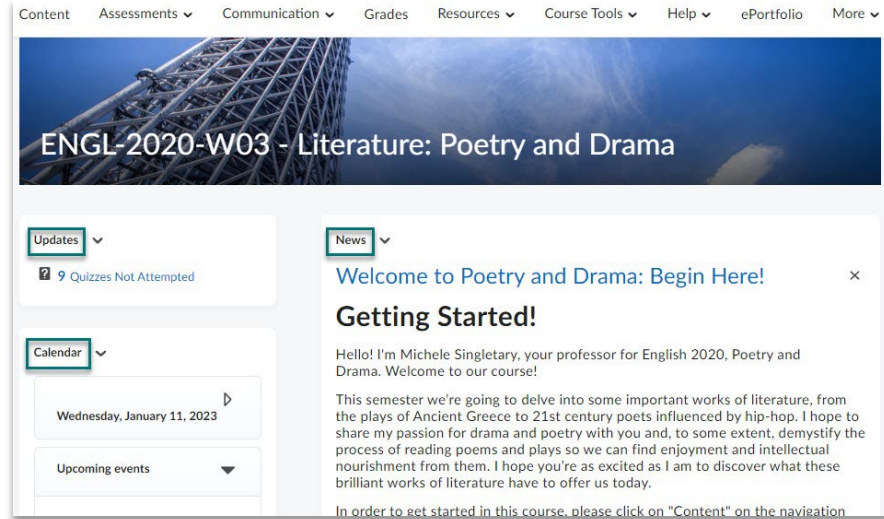# The Course Home and Navbar

The **Course Home** is the first thing you will see when you login to a course in NS Online/D2L. This is basically the "home page" for your course.
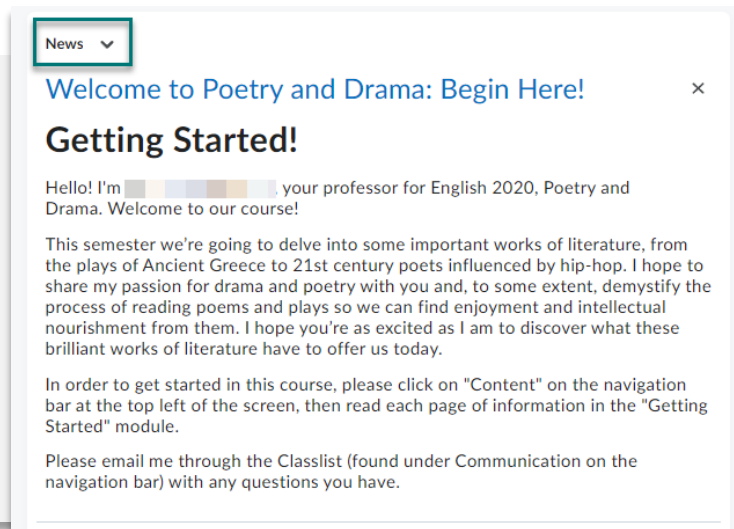

News

The **News** area of the Course Home is where your instructor will post important announcements and updates.
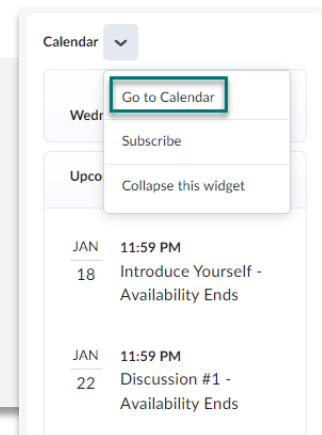
Make sure you check this often.

You can also subscribe to text message updates!

Welcome to Poetry and Drama: Begin Here!

Getting Started!

Hello! I'm _____, your professor for English 2020, Poetry and Drama. Welcome to our course!

This semester we're going to delve into some important works of literature, from the plays of Ancient Greece to 21st century poets influenced by hip-hop. I hope to share my passion for drama and poetry with you and, to some extent, demystify the process of reading poems and plays so we can find enjoyment and intellectual nourishment from them. I hope you're as excited as I am to discover what these brilliant works of literature have to offer us today.

In order to get started in this course, please click on "Content" on the navigation bar at the top left of the screen, then read each page of information in the "Getting Started" module.

Please email me through the Classlist (found under Communication on the navigation bar) with any questions you have.
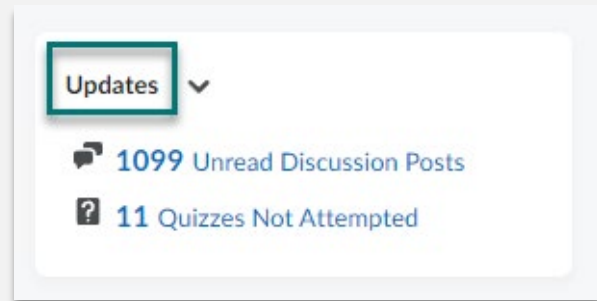
Calendar

The **Calendar** widget shows upcoming due dates for your course. Be sure to note any due dates in your personal planner.

Note: You can view all due dates for the course in the full Calendar, by clicking the drop-down arrow next to "Calendar" and then "**Go to Calendar.**"

Updates

The **Updates** box shows you any incomplete discussion posts or quizzes you have in the course. It also shows any unread emails you might have. The links will take you to the respective page to complete that activity.
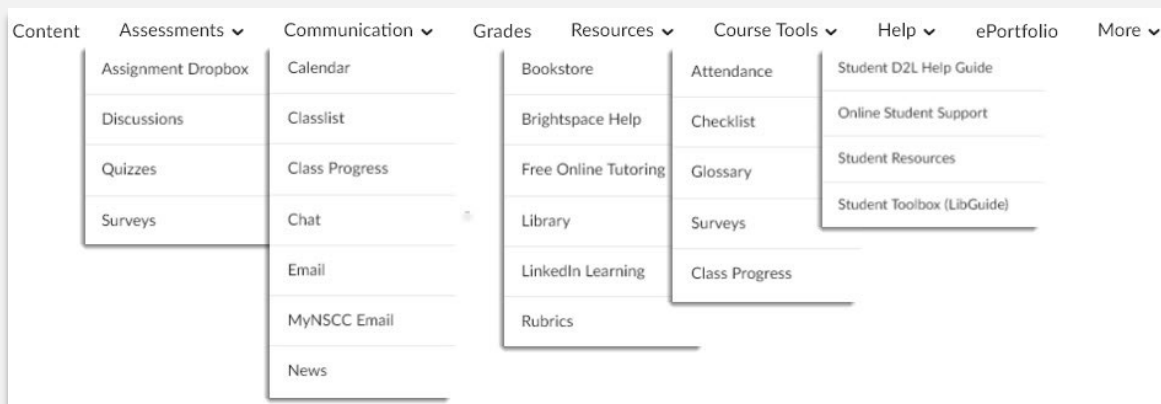

The Navbar

The **Navbar** is located at the top of every screen in your course. It is the main way you will navigate to different parts of the course.

Note: Your instructor may use a different Navbar than the one shown below. This is the just the default for most classes.

The following links will be most useful to you:

- **Content:** Contains any readings, videos, and other materials for your course
- **Assessments:** Links to Assignment Dropbox, Discussions, Quizzes, and Surveys
- **Communication:** Links to Calendar, Classlist, Class Progress, Chat, Email, MyNSCC Email, and News
- **Grades:** Links to the grades area
- **Resources:** Links to Bookstore, Brightspace Help, Free Online Tutoring, Library, LinkedIn Learning, and Rubrics
- **Course Tools:** Links to Attendance, Checklist, Glossary, Surveys, and Class Progress
- **Help:** Links to student D2L help and resources