



## What is Brightspace Pulse?

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*Brightspace Pulse is a mobile app that can help learners stay connected and on track with their courses in D2L Learning Environment. It provides one easy view of course calendars, readings, assignments, evaluations, grades, and news. The schedule view and weekly visualization enables learners to quickly see at a glance what is due today, this week, and upcoming across all their courses.*

## Use Brightspace Pulse to do the Following:

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- See all the important dates and deadlines for each course
- Anticipate busiest times with a quick glance
- Receive the latest grades and news
- Share updates via email, text messages, and social media
- Enter events and deadlines
- Edit course details and customize how much assignments and tests are worth
- Seamlessly log in to D2L Learning Environment via a browser to complete tasks

## Download the Brightspace Pulse App

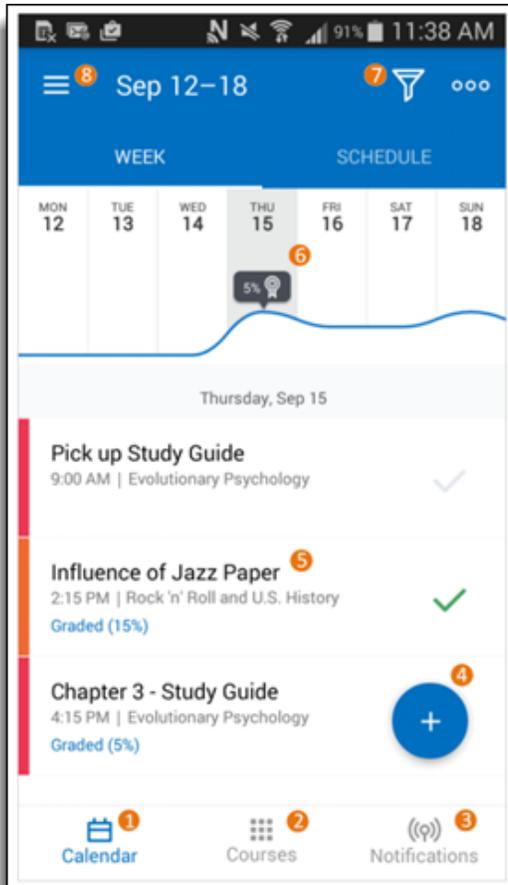
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## Getting Started

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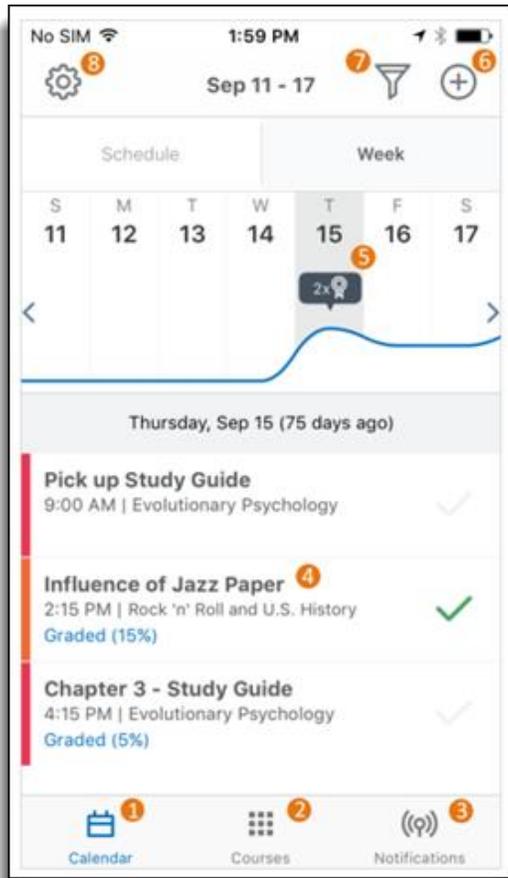
On your mobile device, tap . Learn more about the app by swiping left/right or proceed to the next step by tapping **Next**. Tap **Pick Your School**. You can quickly find your institution by turning on your device's geolocation service. **Note:** Brightspace Pulse searches for all institutions within a 55km / 34 mile radius from your current location. Log in with your school's or organization's credentials just as you would for D2L Learning Environment and then tap **Log In**. Brightspace Pulse loads your course data by retrieving calendar events from Assignments, Content, Checklist, Discussions, and Quizzes in D2L Learning Environment.

**Figure 1: The Brightspace Pulse interface (Android)**

0. The  **Calendar** tab includes **Week** and **Schedule** sub-tabs to toggle between views:
  - **Schedule** view displays a complete list of all activities for the duration of your courses.
  - **Week** view displays a list of activities for the selected day and a graph that displays the week's activities at a glance.
2. The  **Courses** tab displays the courses you are currently enrolled in, and a button to access the org homepage in Brightspace Learning Environment. By default, this tab displays when you log in to Brightspace Pulse.
3. The  **Notifications** tab displays notifications about course-related news, updates, and grades from Announcements, Grades, and Content in Brightspace Learning Environment. In addition, you can read and reply to discussion threads.
4. The  **Add activity** icon allows you to create activities to fill in any gaps in your schedule.
5. The activity list displays **To-dos**, **Readings**, **Assignments**, and **Evaluations**.
  - Navigate activities by swiping up/down.
  - Swiping left/right moves to the next/previous day. As you navigate, the graph updates.
  - Tapping an activity displays detailed information and actions you can perform.
  - Tapping a  checkmark icon marks the activity as complete (.
6. From the **Calendar** tab, with **Week** view selected, the graph indicates which days are the busiest.
  - Navigate weeks by swiping left/right. As you navigate, the activity list updates.
  - Tapping a day updates the activity list for that day.
  - Streamline your view by tilting your device to landscape view, hiding the activity list.
7. The  **Course filter** icon filters the **Week** and **Schedule** views by courses and/or activities.
8. The  **Settings** icon allows you to log out, provide feedback, or view the version number

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Figure 2: The Brightspace Pulse interface (iOS)



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    - Tapping an activity displays detailed information and actions you can perform.
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5. From the **Calendar/Upcoming** tab, with **Week** view selected, the graph indicates which days are the busiest.
  - Navigate weeks by swiping left/right or using Apple VoiceOver. As you navigate, the activity list updates.
  - Tapping a day updates the activity list.
6. The  **Add activity** icon allows you to create activities to fill in any gaps in your schedule.
7. The  **Course filter** icon filters the **Schedule** and **Week** view by courses and/or activities.
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## Activity Categories in Brightspace Pulse

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Brightspace Pulse displays the following activity categories for the following D2L areas:

Icon	Activity	Mapping from D2L Learning Environment
	Assignment	Dropbox, Discussion (Forum and Topic), Checklist, Survey
	Evaluation	Quiz, Grade Item
	Reading	Content Topic
	To-Do	None. A To-Do activity is personal data created in Brightspace Pulse by the learner.

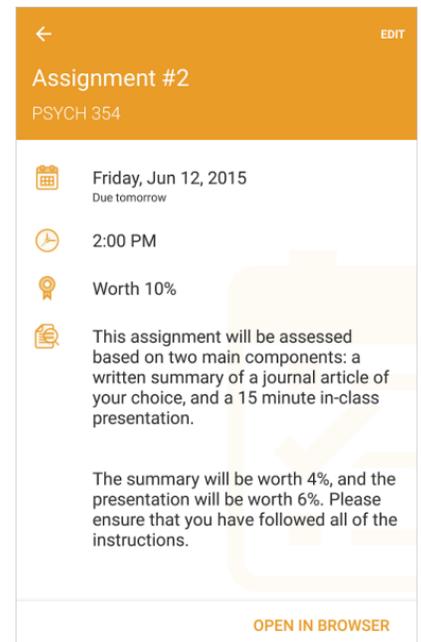
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## Viewing Activity Details

From the activity list, tapping an activity displays complete details. For example, viewing an assignment activity may display the due date, percentage worth, and special instructions. Edit the activity details by tapping **Edit**.



**Note:** When editing a date created in D2L Learning Environment, the **Title** and **Percentage worth** fields are the only editable fields.



Open the activity in D2L Learning Environment by tapping **Open in Safari** (iOS) or **Open in Browser** (Android). Brightspace Pulse automatically signs you in to D2L Learning Environment and takes you to the appropriate page, for example, an exam opens in the Quizzes tool.

You can easily distinguish between personal dates you created in Brightspace Pulse and dates created by your instructors in D2L Learning Environment. A personal date is identified by a **Personal** label.

## Add an Activity on Calendar

To fill in any gaps in your schedule or add your own personal activities, you can add an activity.

1. Tap **+** and then an activity type.
2. Fill out the necessary fields.

**Note:** You must associate the activity with a relevant course in D2L Learning Environment.

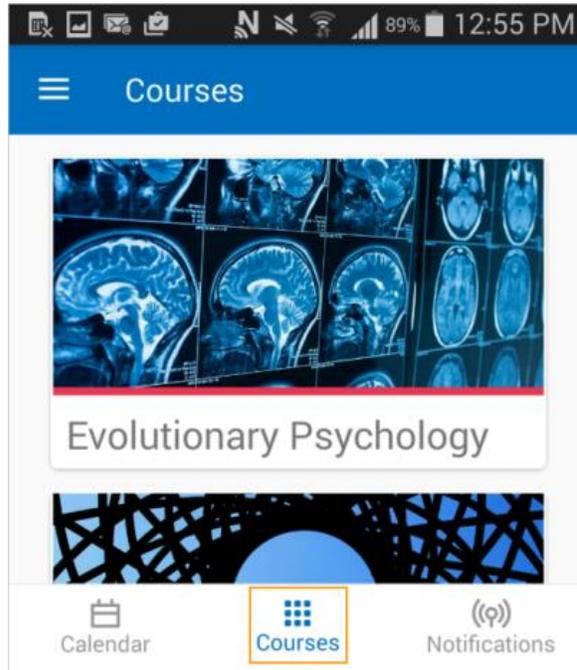
3. Tap **Save**.

## Pulse Update

1. As of this release, learners can no longer customize course names in Brightspace Pulse, for example, renaming PSYCH 211 to Introduction to Psychology.

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- Learners can now view courses and course content in Brightspace Pulse. After logging in to Brightspace Pulse, a new **Courses** tab displays, listing courses the learner is currently enrolled in. After selecting a course, the learner can browse the course outline, choose a module, and then view a content topic.



- When viewing course content in Brightspace Pulse, supported content types include:
  - HTML
  - PDF (special features such as password protection are unsupported)
  - MP4 video (H.264, AAC)
  - DOC, DOCX
  - XLS, XLSX
  - PPT, PPTX
  - MP3 audio
  - VideoNote
- Unsupported functionality includes: pinning and unpinning courses (all enrolled courses display in Brightspace Pulse)

### Discussions – Posting to a topic

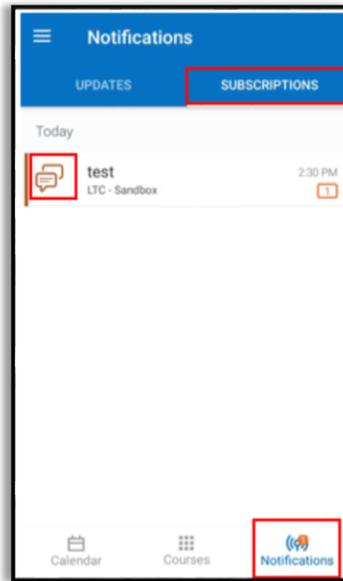
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Students are able to reply to discussion posts using the Pulse app. However, students must be subscribed to a topic or discussion thread in a course that they are enrolled in to create a reply in Pulse app. Students cannot subscribe or unsubscribe in the app. Nor, can students post an original thread within the pulse app, only replies.

#### To read and reply to discussion posts:

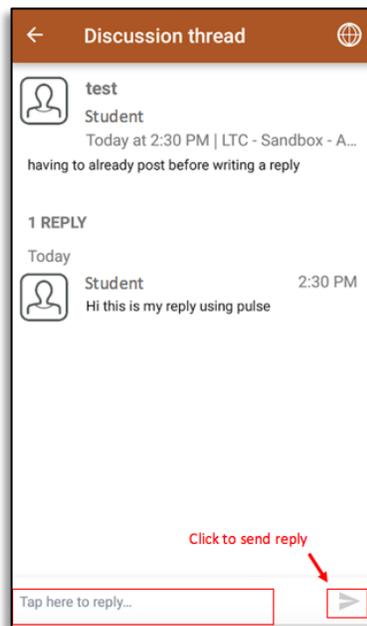
- Select the notifications icon then select the subscriptions tab to view a list of updated discussion threads. The threads state the name of the course and the topic of the discussion.

2. To view a specific click the message icon.



3. The student will see the discussion thread obtaining the original post and the replies.

4. Users can then type the reply and press the  icon to post their replies to the discussion thread.



## Log Out of Brightspace Pulse

1. Tap  (iOS) or  (Android).
2. Tap **Sign Out**.

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