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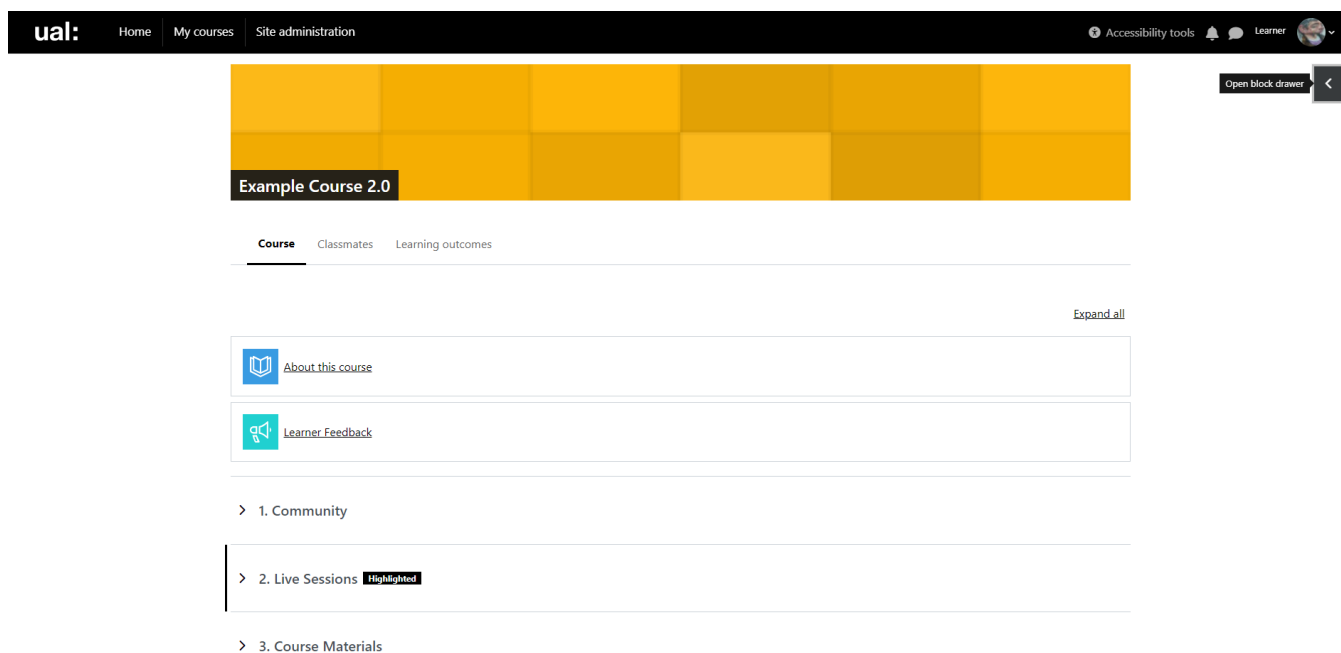
New Features for Learning & Teaching

Summary for Tutors

Richard Parry, Digital Learning Manager

Dear Colleague,

I'm excited to share new updates to the UAL Short Courses VLE that make teaching and learning simpler and more effective. These features are all in one place, making teaching easier, cutting down admin tasks, and enhancing the learner experience for more efficient, inclusive courses. Here's a quick overview:



1. "About This Course" Handbook

Clearer guidance for Learners

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About this course

Example Course 2.0 > About this course

Book More ▾

Your go-to guide for everything you need to succeed in this course!

Get Started

Before starting, please review the Learning Outcomes to understand what you'll gain from this course. >

How to Use This Handbook:

- Set aside about 15 minutes to familiarize yourself with the content.
- Use the arrows to navigate through pages.
- Refer to the 'Table of Contents' for specific sections. 🌟

Table of contents

- Get Started
- Course Overview
- Required Materials
- Learning Outcomes
- How to Use this Course
- Completion and Certification

Benefits:

- Reduces repetitive questions with a centralized guide covering course overview, materials, participation tips, and certification details.
- Ensures learners feel supported and confident from their first experience with our Learning Environment.

2. Discussion Forum Framework

Simplified Communications

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Discuss, collaborate, and learn together asynchronously.

Search forums

Separate groups
All participants

Discussion	Group	Started by	Last post ↓	Replies	Subscribe
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Welcome to [Course Name]! Locked		Richard Pa... 12 Mar 2024	Richard Pa... 12 Mar 2024	0	<input type="checkbox"/> ⋮
TBC Your First Class with us! Locked		Richard Pa... 12 Mar 2024	Richard Pa... 12 Mar 2024	0	<input type="checkbox"/> ⋮
Forum Overview Locked		Richard Pa... 12 Mar 2024	Richard Pa... 12 Mar 2024	0	<input type="checkbox"/> ⋮

Benefits:

- Brings all communication into one place, with pre-populated posts for welcoming learners, reminders, and community support.
- Builds a stronger sense of community and reduces admin.

3. Course Materials Section

Easier Access to Resources

3. Course Materials

Padlet
Handouts
[Course Name] Book Hidden from students
Author Name

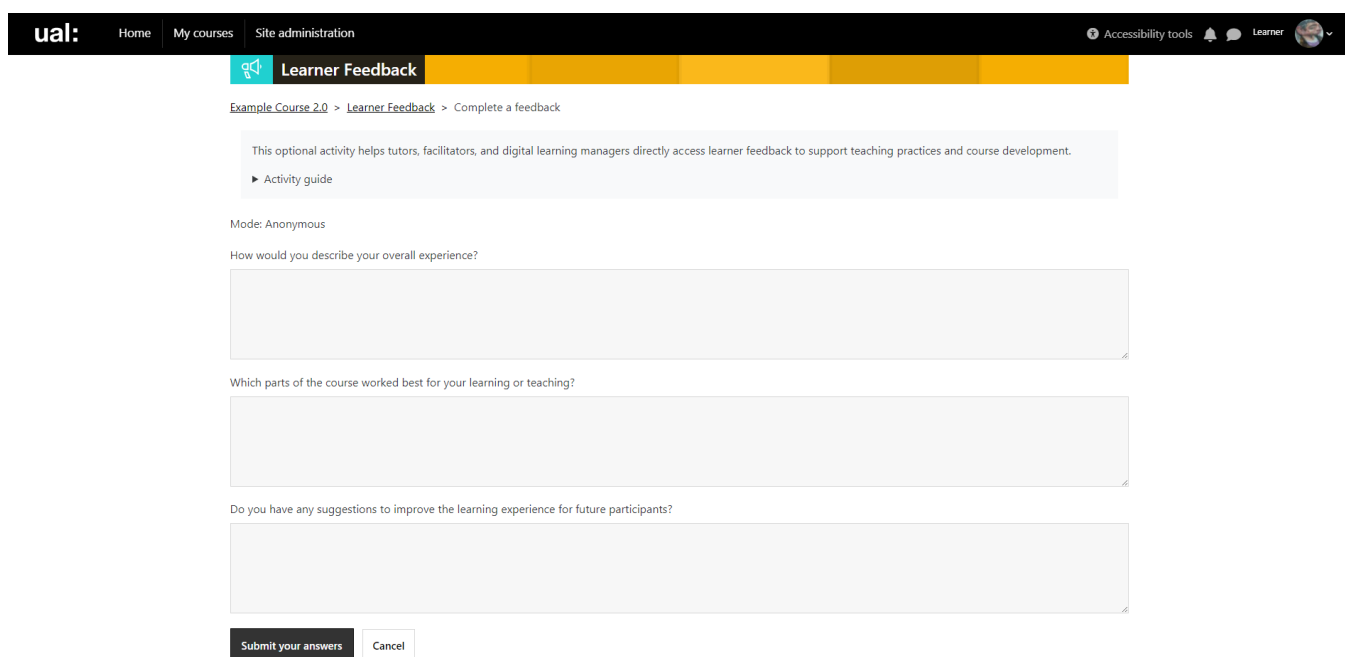
Benefits:

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- Centralizes materials and supports inclusive teaching practices and Accessible UX.
- Reduces admin work and makes materials easier to find for learners.

4. Integrated Learner Feedback

Better learning and teaching



The screenshot shows the UAL Learner Feedback interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ual:' on the left and 'Home', 'My courses', and 'Site administration' in the center. On the right of the navigation bar are 'Accessibility tools', a notification bell, and a 'Learner' profile icon. Below the navigation bar is a yellow header with a microphone icon and the text 'Learner Feedback'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Example Course 2.0 > Learner Feedback > Complete a feedback'. Below this is a light blue box with the text: 'This optional activity helps tutors, facilitators, and digital learning managers directly access learner feedback to support teaching practices and course development.' and a link '▶ Activity guide'. The form is titled 'Mode: Anonymous' and contains three text input fields with the following questions: 'How would you describe your overall experience?', 'Which parts of the course worked best for your learning or teaching?', and 'Do you have any suggestions to improve the learning experience for future participants?'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Submit your answers' and 'Cancel'.

Benefits:











- Quickly gather feedback directly from learners to refine in-session teaching.
- Helps tutors adapt and meet diverse learner needs.

5. Coursework Tool

Streamlined Coursework Management



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List View


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[Add entry](#)

Single View

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Title	Test assignment upload
File	 test.pdf
Last modified	15 Jan 2025

▶ [Comments \(1\)](#)

 [Richard Parry](#) - Thu, 18 July 2024, 5:49 PM
This is just a test upload to make sure everything works - tutor's can delete it!

Add a comment...

[Save comment](#)

Benefits:

- Easy submission, search, and commenting, all in one secure and accessible place.
- Saves time for tutors and simplifies the process for learners.
- Customisable to specification.

6. Accessible Tutor Profiles

Integrated Profiles for Better Accessibility

The screenshot displays the user profile for Taylor Jordan. The header includes navigation links for Home, My courses, and Site administration, along with accessibility tools, notifications, and an edit mode toggle. The profile section features a profile picture, name, and a greeting. It is organized into three columns: User details (Email address: taylorjordan@ual.fyi, Timezone: Europe/London), Course details (listing various courses like Vectorworks Short Course and Graded Award in Drawing: Tone), and Miscellaneous (links for Full profile, View all blog entries, Notes, My certificates, Forum posts, Forum discussions, Open Forum posts, Open Forum discussions, and Learning plans). A Reports section includes Today's logs, All logs, Outline report, and Complete report. A right-hand sidebar contains a calendar view and a Course Contacts section with a dropdown for 'All participants' and a list of users: Taylor Jordan (Tutor), Loana Rondot (Tutor), and Riley Kim (Learner).

Benefits:

- **Cleaner course page:** Improved navigation, readability and UX across devices.
- **Better Accessibility:** Profile details are no longer duplicated, ensuring a streamlined experience for all users.

7. Automated Certification

Integrated Accredible Certificates (Accredible Moodle Plugin)



Course Classmates More ▾

[Collapse all](#)



[About this course](#)



[Learner Feedback](#)



[Certificate](#)

 Hidden from students

Benefits:

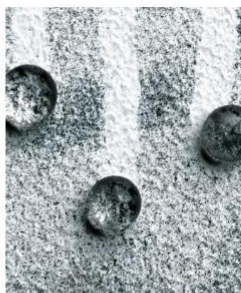
- Integrated certification process - no extra admin required.
- Enhances course experience for learners (issued sooner).

8. Image Gallery

Better Visual Collaboration



Test assignment



Another test assignm...



Add entry

Another test assignment

Users can add a description



▶ **Comments (1)**

 **Richard Parry** - Wed, 15 Jan 2025, 10:28 AM
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[Save comment](#)

Benefits:

- An Accessible and secure space for sharing and commenting on images.
- Encourages collaboration and engagement.

9. Block Drawer Tools

Simplified Marketing, Scheduling and Networking

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The top screenshot shows the course page for 'Example Course 2.0'. The navigation bar includes 'Home', 'My courses', and 'Site administration'. A 'Close block drawer' button is visible in the top right. The main content area features a 'Course' tab, 'Classmates', and a 'More' dropdown. Below this are three blocks: 'About this course', 'Learner Feedback', and 'Verified Certificate' (with a 'Hidden from students' toggle). A 'Collapse all' link is on the right. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Course you might be interested in' section with three 'TBC' items, a 'Calendar' for January 2025, and 'Full calendar' options.

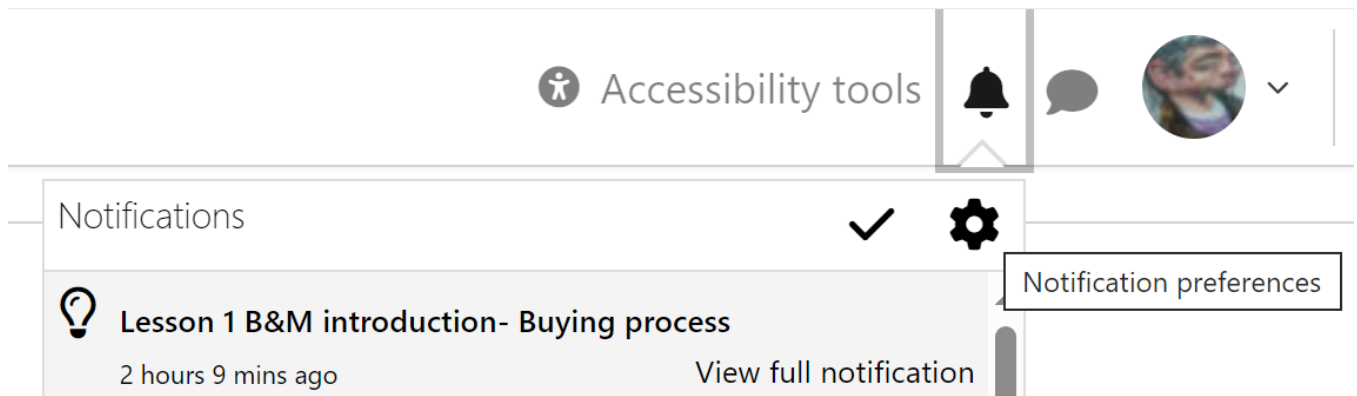
The bottom screenshot shows a user profile for Taylor Jordan. The navigation bar is the same. The profile includes a profile picture, name, and a greeting 'Hi I'm Taylor!'. It is divided into three columns: 'User details' (Email address: taylorjordan@ual.fyi, Timezone: Europe/London), 'Course details' (Course profiles: Vectorworks Short Course, Graded Award in Drawing: Tone, DEV | Bio-Inspired Design, DEV | Climate Crisis and Culture, Example Course 2.0, UAL Student Voices: Graphic Design), and 'Miscellaneous' (Full profile, View all blog entries, Notes, My certificates, Forum posts, Forum discussions, Open Forum posts, Open Forum discussions, Learning plans). A 'Reports' section includes Today's logs, All logs, Outline report, and Complete report. A sidebar on the right shows 'Course Contacts' with a 'Separate groups' dropdown set to 'All participants', and lists 'Tutor' Taylor Jordan and Loana Rondot, and 'Learner' Riley Kim.

Benefits:

- The Course Calendar and Participant Bios make scheduling seamless, and help learners connect.
- Supports preparation, participation, and discovering related courses.

10. Improved Notifications and Messages

New features make it easier to manage your forum, notification and message settings, helping you dis/connect with learners.



Benefits:

- **Effective Communication:** Streamlined messaging and notification settings.
- **Controlled Settings:** Customise your preferences and ensure privacy.

I hope these updates help with your teaching. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to email me!

Richard