



## **Online Student Orientation**

A Virtual Walk to Class

## **Outcomes**

Upon completion of this orientation, you will be able to:

- Access your online courses.
- Locate important information on the Moodle portal and within your online courses.
- Navigate your courses in Moodle.
- Find resources using the Phillips Library and contact a librarian for help.
- Recall other important university services, such as the writing center, financial aid, academic advising, the bookstore, and the office for students with disabilities.
- Review and apply tips for success in your online program.





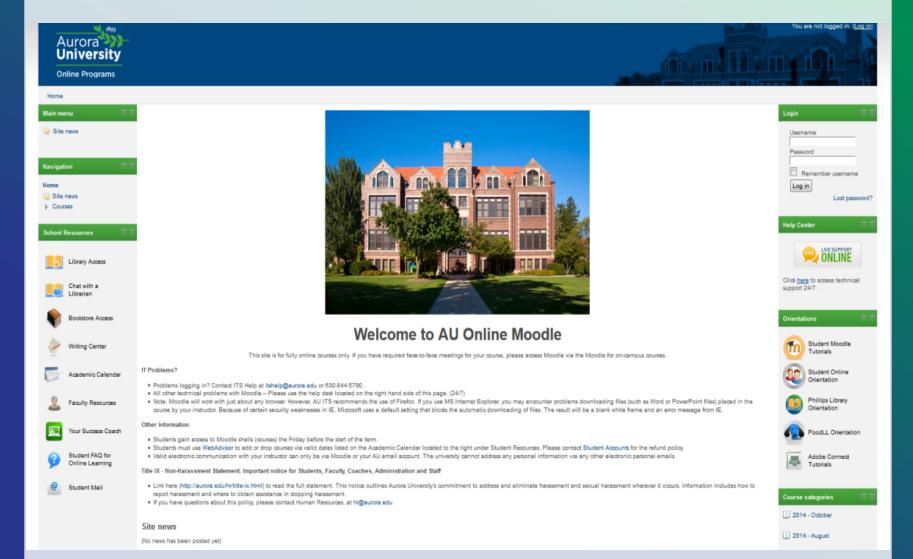


An Overview of AU's Moodle Portal

**ACCESSING YOUR ONLINE COURSES** 

# **Introduction to the Moodle Portal**

Visit <a href="http://aurora.learninghouse.com/">http://aurora.learninghouse.com/</a> to begin.

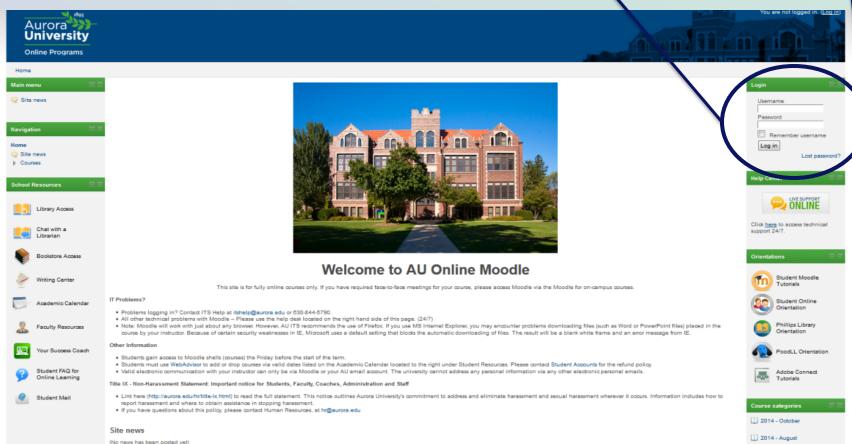


### Logging in to Moodle

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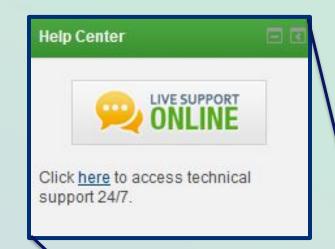
Contact Aurora's ITS Help desk at <a href="mailto:itshelp@aurora.edu">itshelp@aurora.edu</a> or 630-844-5790 if you have trouble logging in.

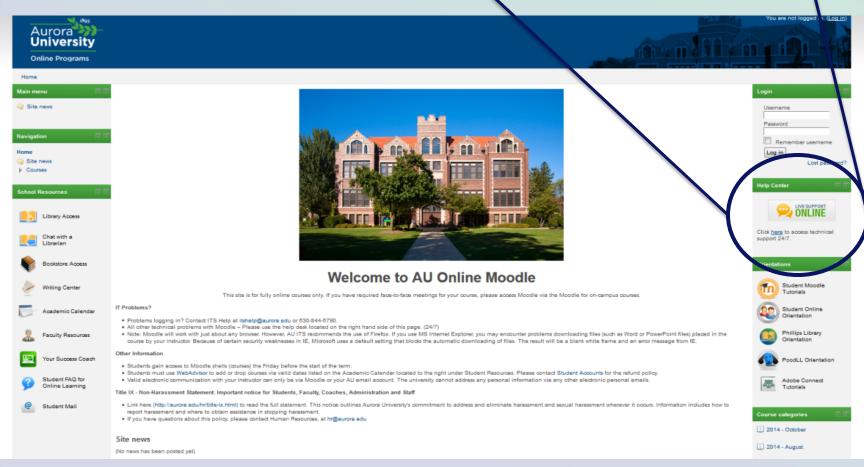




### **Help Center**

- For Moodle technical questions
- Available 24/7
- Options for live chat, email support, or call support





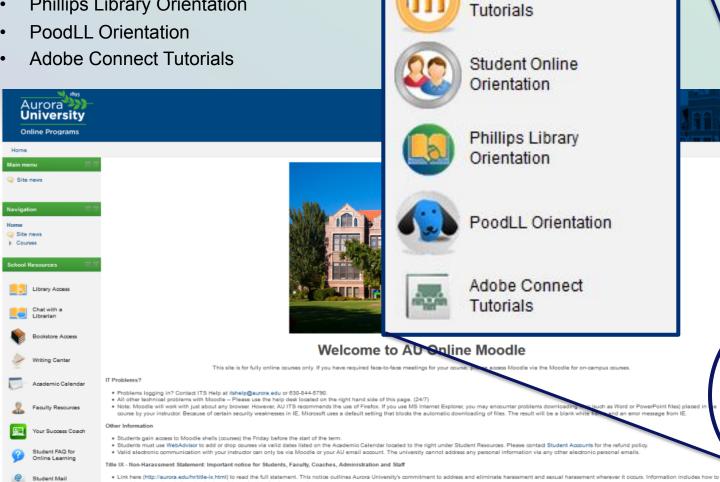
### **Student Orientations**

- Student Moodle Tutorials
- Student Online Orientation
- **Phillips Library Orientation**

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Site news

(No news has been posted yet)



Orientations

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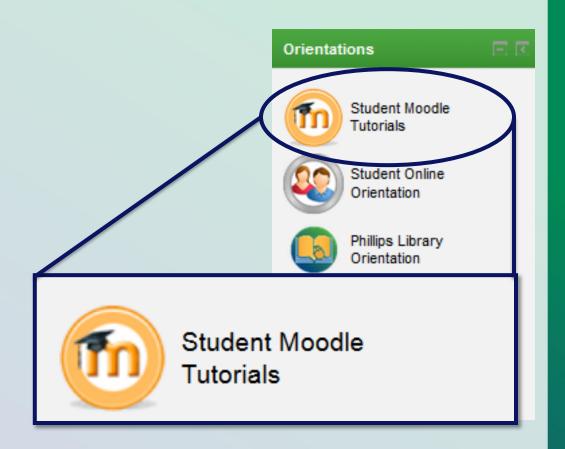
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Tutorials

### **Student Moodle Tutorials**

Click on the link to learn about:

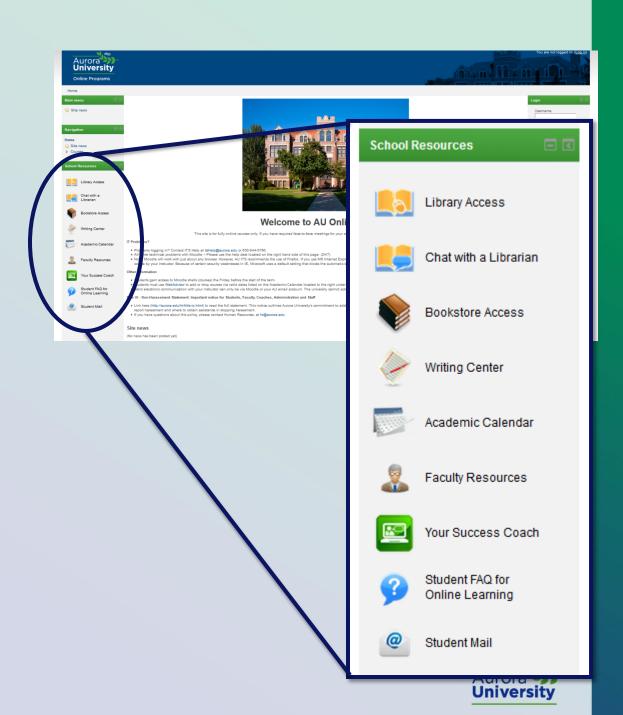
- Navigating Moodle's layout
- Communicating in Moodle
- Submitting assignments
- Participating in discussion forums
- Taking quizzes
- Viewing your grades





### **School Resources**

- Library Access
- Chat with a Librarian
- Bookstore Access
- Writing Center
- Academic Calendar
- Your Success Coach
- Student FAQ for Online Learning
- Student Mail





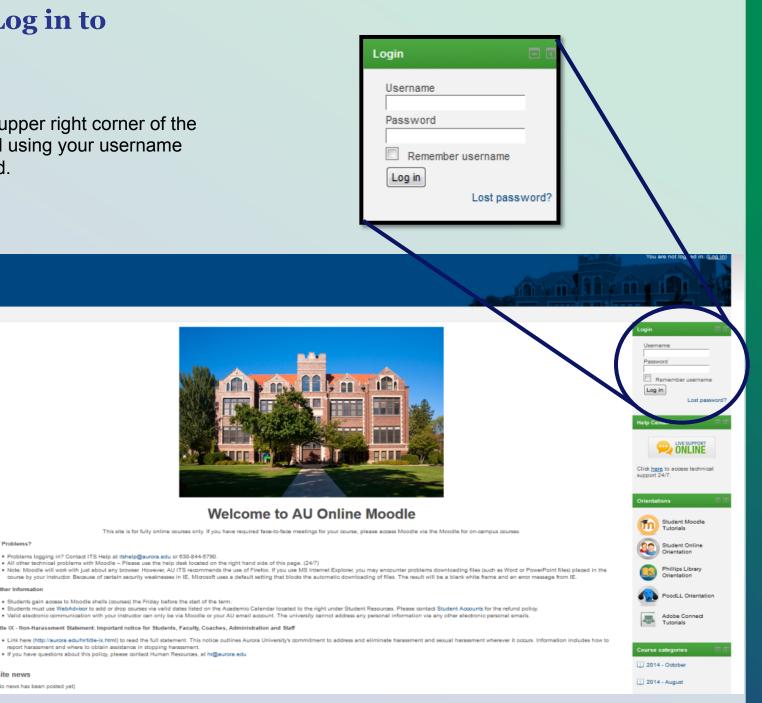


What to Expect and Where to Find Important Information

**COURSE SHELL OVERVIEW** 

### Step 1: Log in to Moodle

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Student FAQ for

Student Mail

Online Learning

IT Problems?

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. Students gain access to Moodle shells (courses) the Friday before the start of the term.

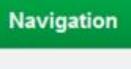
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All other technical problems with Moodle – Please use the help desk located on the right hand side of this page. (24/7)

Title IX - Non-Harassment Statement: Important notice for Students, Faculty, Coaches, Administration and Staff

# **Step 2: Finding Your Courses**

On the left-hand side of the page, under the heading "Navigate," click "My courses."



#### Home

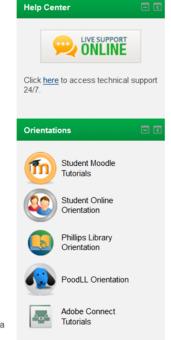
- My home
- Site pages
- My profile
- My courses





#### **Welcome to AU Online Moodle**

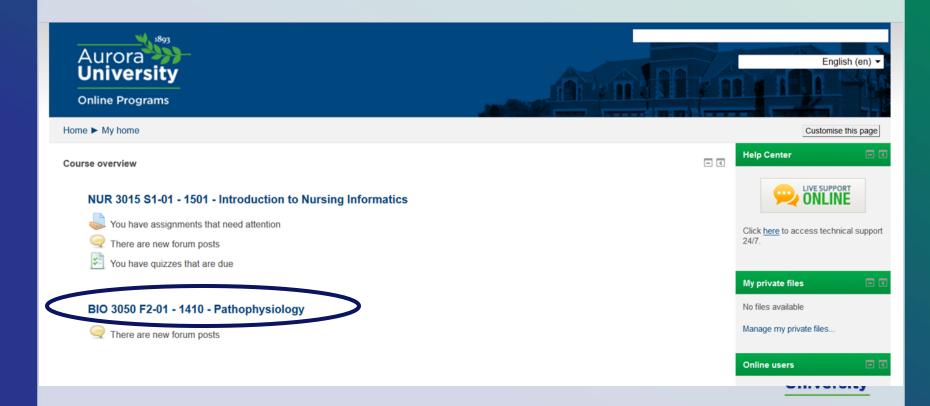
This site is for fully online courses only. If you have required face-to-face meetings for your course, please access Moodle via the Moodle for on-campus courses.



### Step 3: Course Overview Page

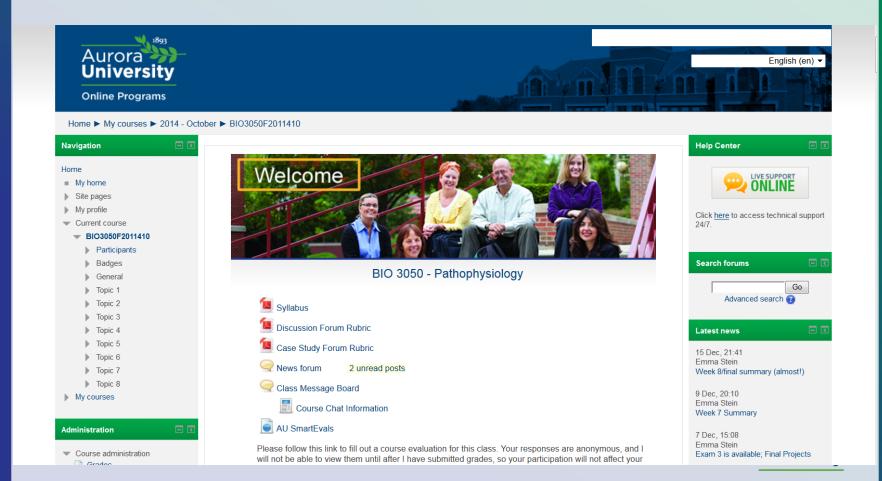
The Course Overview page shows you all of the online courses you are registered for in the given term.

To navigate to a specific course, click the course title.



# Step 4: Inside the Online Course

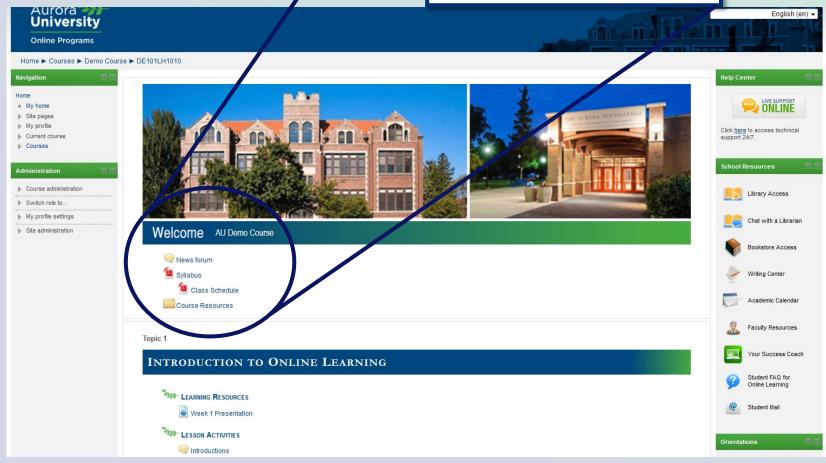
Inside each course you will see the syllabus, class resources, weekly assignments, grades, and other course-specific information.



### **Locating the Syllabus**

- The course syllabus contains important course information.
- It will always be located on the main course page just below the Welcome banner.





# **Instructor Contact Information**

- Instructor contact information is located at the top of the first page of the syllabus.
- Important information about the course can be found in the Course Information section.
- Pay special attention to:
  - Course polices and procedures.
  - Grading and evaluation information.
  - Class schedule.



#### **Aurora University**

Course Title, Course Number, Term, Year

#### Professor Contact Information

- Name:
- Email:

Feedback is one of the critical elements for student success in distance learning. This is particularly true in the eight week courses, where the pace is accelerated. For this reason, you can expect a response to your email within 48 hours.

- Office Hours:
- Telephone:

#### **Course Information**

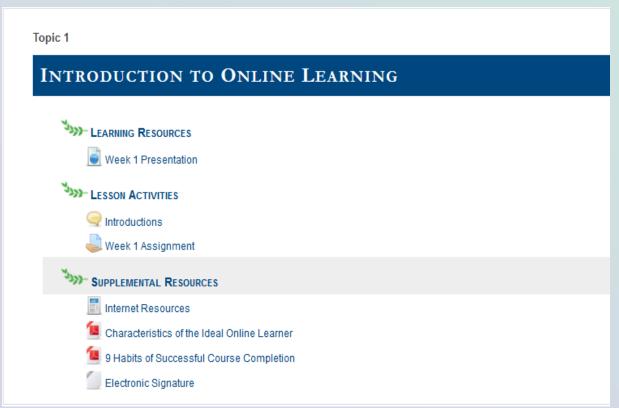
- Course:
- Section:
- Course Number:
- Credit Hours
- Prerequisites:

**Required Course Materials** 



### **Course Layout**

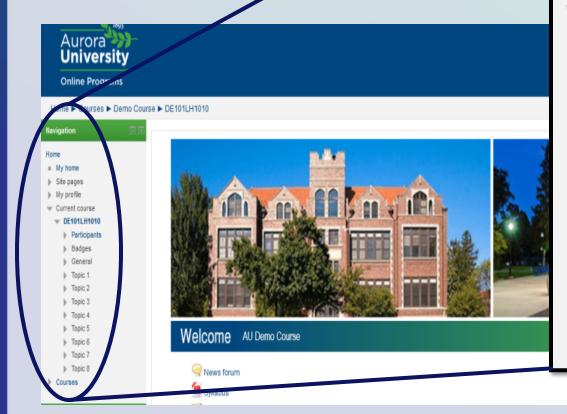
- Each week's resources and activities located in a block.
- Learning resources are required.
- Lesson activities contain weekly assignments.
- Supplemental resources.

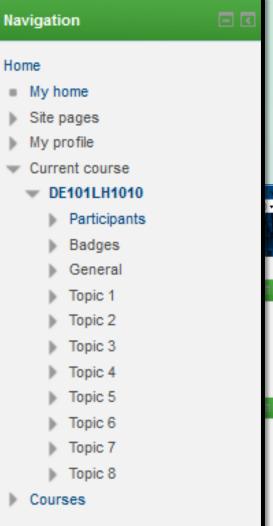






- This menu can help you find information in the course.
- View specific modules, your profile, and your courses here.

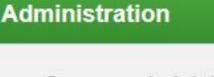




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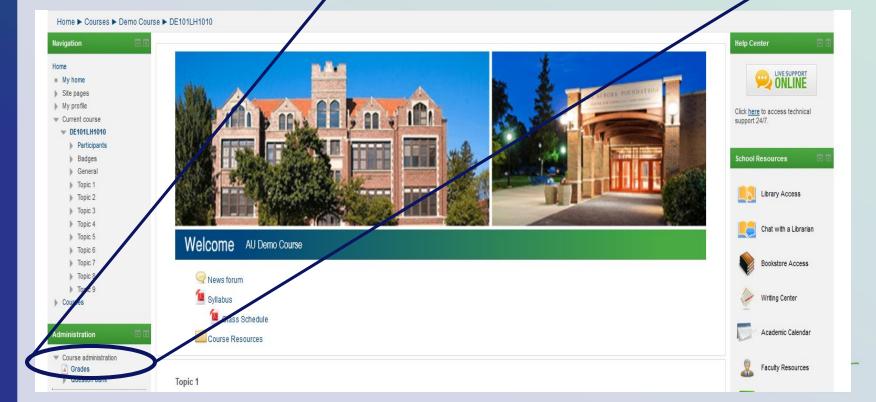
### **Viewing Grades**

- On the left-hand side of the page, under the heading "Administration," and "Course Administration," click "Grades."
- You will see the grade item, grade range, percentage, and instructor feedback for each assignment.



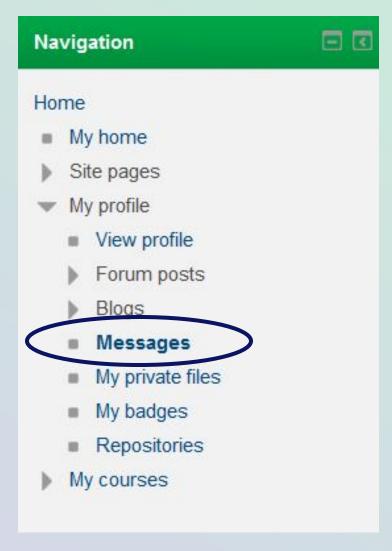
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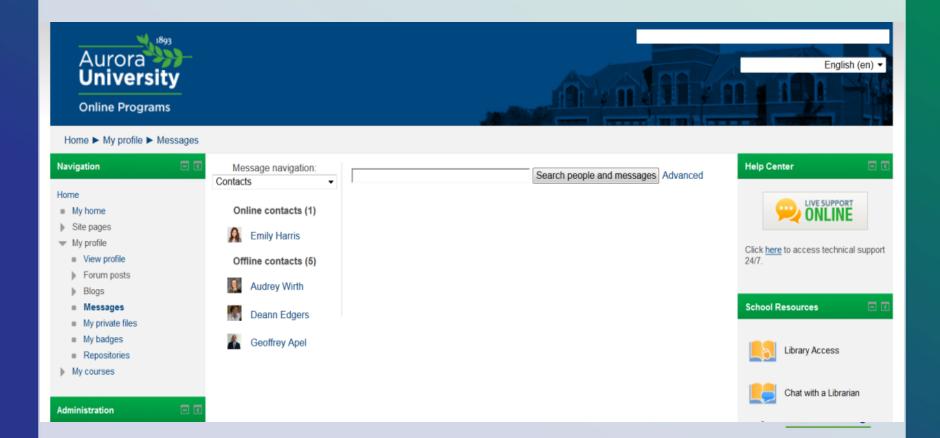
- In the **Navigation** block, open "My Profile."
- 2. Click on the **Messages** link.





# Sending a Message, continued

4. You will then see the Messages page. You can see contacts on the left, and you can add new contacts by searching people.



## Course Expectations

- Print and read the syllabus to understand course procedures and policies.
- Download and save the Aurora University Student Handbook.
- If you have a question, don't hesitate to ask your instructor.



## Office Hours and Communication

- Office hours may be held virtually by set times or by appointment.
- Contact your professor to schedule a meeting.
  - All emails must go through your Aurora University email account or the Moodle messaging system.





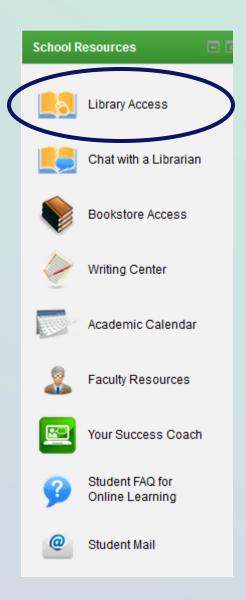


An Overview of Services

PHILLIPS LIBRARY

# **Accessing the Library Site**

- Click on the "Library Access" link under the School Resources block in Moodle.
- Visit <u>www.aurora.edu/academics/library</u>.





# Library Overview

#### Library » Library Information » Research by Subject » Find Books/Media » Renew Materials » Find Articles » Databases » Tutorials » Ask a Librarian » For Faculty » Meet the Staff » Give us Feedback! » The Jenks Memorial Collection of Adventual Materials » The Doris K. Colby Memorial Archives Commencement Home



#### **Phillips Library**

#### **HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 8am to 2am Friday: 8am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 5pm Sunday: 1pm to 2am

#### THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Tuesday, November 25: 8am to 10pm Wednesday-Saturday, November 26-29: CLOSED Sunday, November 30: 1pm to 2am (regular hours)

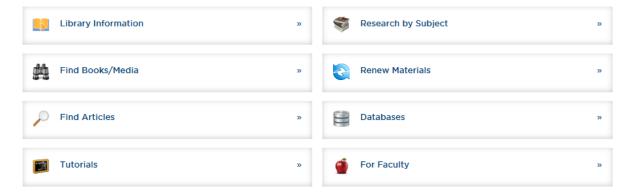
#### General Information 630-844-5437 (phone)

630-844-3848 (fax)

### **Reference Questions** 630-844-7534 (phone) 630-796-7615 (text)

#### Interlibrary Loan 630-844-5439

Hours change during breaks and holidays. Click here for more information.





# Finding Articles





Phillips Library / Research by Subject / Find Articles / Articles

Find Articles: Articles

Enter Keywords

Search

#### Looking for an article on a your SUBJECT or TOPIC?

Databases

by Dr. Nancy Mactague Last updated Nov 5, 2014 53788 views this year

. Welcome to Research by Subject

by Kathy Clark Last updated Nov 5, 2014 19029 views this year

#### Looking for a SPECIFIC ARTICLE?

Search for SPECIFIC ARTICLE by JOURNAL (PERIODICAL) title

If you have the citation (title, periodical -journal, magazine, newspaper- name, author, etc.) to a specific article that you are trying to find enter it on the following page.

\*enter the JOURNAL (PERIODICAL) TITLE (not the name of the article)

If you can't find your article through a Journal title search, email the article's citation information to docdel@aurora.edu to request a copy of the article through Interlibrary Loan. This can take up to a week.



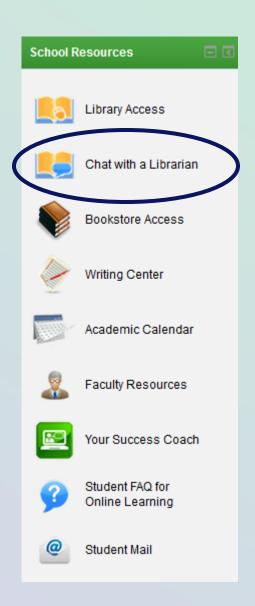
### Chat with a Librarian

Research assistance from librarians via:

Live chat

• Text: 630-796-7615

Phone: 630-844-7534









Writing Center, Financial Aid, Academic Advising, and the Bookstore

**OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICES** 

## Writing Center

- The Writing Center contains many useful handouts and writing tips.
- If you want one-on-one help, you can make an appointment with a writing consultant.
- Click on the "Writing Center" link in the School Resources block in Moodle to access the Writing Center's website.



School Resources



## Financial Aid

- Contact Information
  - Located in Eckhart Hall, Room 205.
  - Call 630-844-6190 or 800-742-5281.
  - o E-mail finaid@aurora.edu.
  - o Fax: 630-844-6191.
- Office of Financial Aid Hours
  - Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit <a href="http://www.aurora.edu/admission/financialaid/">http://www.aurora.edu/admission/financialaid/</a> to learn more!



# Academic Advising

- Call 630-844-6870.
- Visit Eckhart Hall 301/312 to make an appointment.
- Website:

http://www.aurora.edu/academics/resources/crouse-center/.



## **Bookstore Services**

- Purchase textbooks, supplies, and gear.
- Textbook buyback.
- Visit <a href="http://www.aurora.edu/bookstore/">http://www.aurora.edu/bookstore/</a> to learn more!
- Order textbooks online at <u>http://www.aurora.bkstr.com</u>.



## Services for Students with Disabilities

## Location

Center for Teaching & Learning,
 Southeast corner of Phillips Library.

## Getting Started

- Meet with the Disability Resource Office.
- Submit appropriate documentation in support of your request(s) for accommodation.
- Visit
   <u>http://www.aurora.edu/academics/resources/ada/</u> to learn more.



## **Information for Current Students**

- Visit <a href="http://online.aurora.edu/current-students/">http://online.aurora.edu/current-students/</a> to learn more!
- You can also chat live to have your questions answered.



# Other Important Contacts

### Student Accounts:

- o Email student.accts@aurora.edu.
- o Call 630-844-5470.
- Location first floor, Eckhart Hall.

## Registrar:

- Email <u>registrar@aurora.edu</u>.
- o Call 630-844-5462.
- Location first floor, Eckhart Hall.







Strategies for Success

**HELPFUL TIPS** 

## Tips for Success

- Check your Aurora email account daily.
- Order your books before class begins.
- Print and read the syllabus.
- Log in to class often.
- Schedule time to work on school.
- Create a "school space" at home.
- Communicate with your instructor.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.



# Questions? We Can Help!

Please contact your Student Success Coach or your Online Academic Advisor with any questions!

