NAVIGATING YOUR COURSE

Getting familiar with the navigational structures of your online course will help you utilize the resources made available to you to the fullest extent.

The leftmost tab in your learning management system is Courseware. This is where you will find your course's content. Most courses contain the following kinds of content in this section:

- Pre- and Post-course surveys
- Videos
- Syllabi
- Homework assignments
- Quizzes
- Midterm and Final exams

The next tab in your online course is the Course Info section. This is the tab your course will default to after you register. The instructor typically introduces the course here, sets class expectations and adds updates as the quarter progresses. Students should check here for pointers, changes and other important information about the course.

The Discussion tab allows students to share questions and comments, and to elaborate on topics covered in the class, or to otherwise debate material as they wish. If a homework assignment or quiz question has a student stumped, this is a great place for students to pose their questions. Questions for which students have included the word "STAFF" in the subject heading are intended to be addressed by the instructor or TAs of the course.   Students should make sure to not share answers in this space, only tips and suggestions, in order to help fellow classmates along in the material. If students additionally need to upload files to the course, they can create a discussion, attach a file, and post the discussion, and in that way, have their file successfully uploaded to the course.

The Wiki is for students, primarily, to add pages of content that they think make sense. For example, a self-paced math course might have lots of resources for helping students solve problems, but if another student wants to share a series of formulas which might help other students find the right way to solve a problem, then they could use the wiki to create this resource for their fellow classmates. Sometimes instructors use the wiki to create a page containing links to files and other downloadable content available in various locations throughout the course.

The Progress tab reflects a student's individual progress throughout the course. Students can use this to measure their strengths and weaknesses. Scored received for homework assignments, quizzes and exams all get posted here and tallied up, so that students can see how they are doing.   If a student happens to spot a trend in

their progress during the course, help is available! They can then proactively contact the instructor, email a TA, post their question in the Discussion section, or reach out to a friend.