



Getting Started with Moodle Activity

Moodle is the name of a Web-based software program used for online learning. This activity is designed to introduce you to the basic content and features of your Iowa Learning Online (ILO) course using the Moodle system. If you can use a word processing program, such as Microsoft Word, e-mail, and Web browser, you should have no problems mastering the capabilities of Moodle. Once you start your course, you will have many opportunities to explore each feature in-depth. You are welcome to complete this activity by yourself or with your student coach.

What is Moodle?

Moodle is a Web-based set of tools designed to deliver online learning. Some of the Moodle tools you might encounter in your course include:

- Forums
- E-mail
- Assignments
- Calendar
- Quizzes & Tests

Each of the Moodle tools enable you to communicate and interact in many of the same ways you would in a traditional course. As with any type of class, the tools and techniques used will be different from course to course based on the instructor and the content.

Step 1: Log in to Moodle

Your instructor or student coach will provide you with your Moodle User ID and password. The first time you log in, you will be asked to change your password. Please use something you will remember and be sure to write it down in a safe place. If you have problems with your Moodle User ID or password, contact your instructor.

To log in to Moodle:

1. Go to the ILO Moodle login page at <http://ilo.iowa.gov/>
2. Type your Username and password.
3. Click **Login**.

ILO Iowa Learning Online

ILO Login to the site You are not logged in. (Login)

Returning to this web site?

Login here using your username and password
(Cookies must be enabled in your browser)

Username

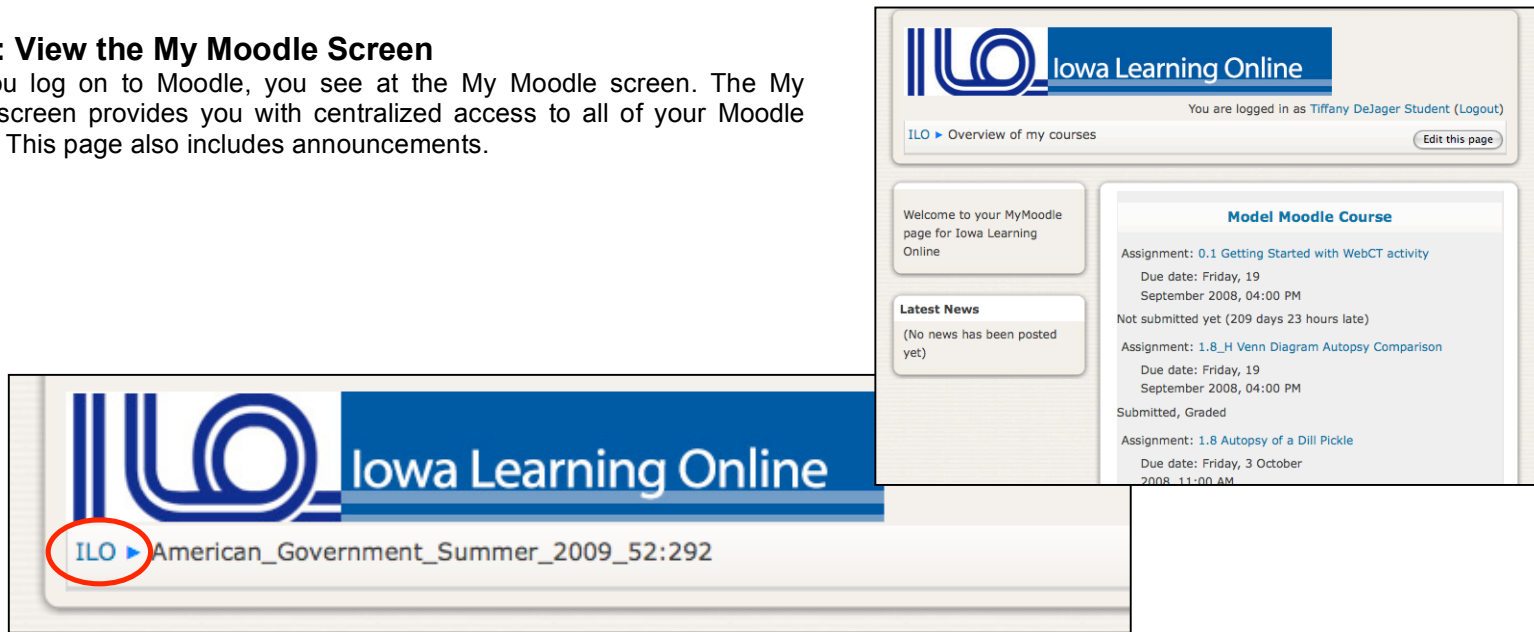
Password Login

Forgotten your username or password?
[Yes, help me log in](#)

You are not logged in. (Login)
[Home](#)

Step 2: View the My Moodle Screen

Once you log on to Moodle, you see at the My Moodle screen. The My Moodle screen provides you with centralized access to all of your Moodle courses. This page also includes announcements.



The screenshot displays the My Moodle interface. At the top, the ILO logo and 'Iowa Learning Online' text are prominent. Below this, a navigation bar shows 'ILO > American_Government_Summer_2009_52:292', with the 'ILO >' link circled in red. The main content area is divided into several sections: a welcome message, a 'Latest News' section (currently empty), and a 'Model Moodle Course' section. The 'Model Moodle Course' section lists three assignments with their respective due dates and submission status.



Student Tip: You can return to the My Moodle screen from within a course at any time by clicking the **ILO** link from the navigation bar at the top of the screen.