Impersonating the Demo Student in D2L

To view course set up from the most accurate student perspective (viewing content, grades, attempting quizzes, etc.) instructors can impersonate the Demo Student. The “View as Student” option is not an accurate preview of quizzes, discussions, class progress, or any tool where the view is specific to an individual student. It is only a general view of your course and impersonating the Demo Student is recommended instead.

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View as Student vs. Impersonate Demo Student

There are two ways instructors can view courses from a student view: View as Student or Impersonate the Demo Student (recommended).

The View as Student option does not give an accurate preview of quizzes, discussions, class progress, or any tool where the view is specific to an individual student. It is only a general view of your course. It is recommended that instructors impersonate the Demo Student for the most accurate course view.

How to Impersonate the Demo Student

Each course has a Demo Student in the Classlist. The Impersonate option allows you to view the course just as a student would. You can take quizzes, submit assignments, check availability dates, view the gradebook and so on.

1. From your course navigation bar in D2L, click on Classlist.
2. Locate **Demo Student** (listed as Student, Demo) in the classlist. Click the dropdown arrow and select **Impersonate**.

3. Click **Yes** in the confirmation window that appears. This suspends your current session and logs you in as the Demo Student.

4. Your course will now appear as it would to your students. You can perform student functions such as taking quizzes, submitting assignments, etc. Note that the user name in the upper right-hand corner of your screen has changed to “Demo Student”.

5. To return to your normal role, click on **Demo Student** in the upper right-hand corner of your screen and click on the “X”.