

Course Tour Video Transcript: Suzanne O'Hop, professor of English:

Hi everyone, this is Dr. O'Hop. I thought I'd spend a few minutes giving you a brief overview of how to get around the course. What you are looking at here is the homepage of our class. Some things you want to do when you get into the class is always scroll down to the news. Each module there will be new news posted and if there are any other sorts of announcements it will be posted here. Please note in the news that there are links to the first page of the learning module introduction, learning goals and reading assignments. There are also links to the checklist. For this very first news posting you will also see links to the syllabus.

To actually get to the course content you can either use up here the content button on the navigation bar, when you click on that you're going to see either a link for your checklist or for the actual learning modules. Or you could use what's called the content browser right here. Click on learning module. You're not going to see these right away, but as an example if you click on learning module one you're going to see specific components to the module. There's the first page of the module. There's a lecture section, there's a checklist section, there's an assignment section and in the case of module one you'll also need to complete module one part two. So when you click on that you're going to see again that same pattern of an introduction page, a lecture page, and in this case there's the addition of a key terms page which you'll see from here on out, the checklist page and the assignments page. Please note these arrows to the right of the header and that's going to actually open up the various components of that section of the module. So in this case module one part these there's a discussion board and there's a quiz on the Middle Ages history. So that kind of shows you what a module looks like and how to get to them. Like I said you're not going to see all of these modules right now but you can get the idea that there are those four major components of all modules- an introduction, a lecture, a key terms section, and assignment section.

Up here on the navigation bar there are other ways to get to your content. If you click on assessments section you can see a link for your Dropbox assignments, grades, quizzes and tests, and any rubrics I might use. If you click on the Communications tab you can see a list for the class list, discussion board, email and again for the news. Resources can take you to things like the library, Smarthinking which is an online tutorial service, D2L tutorials, your progress in the class. You will have a few assignments you will need to use the group tab for; and in this case you need to select either the author's project, poetry journal, etc. And of course there's a link for the calendar. You do not see this link over here that's called faculty- that's just for me.

Anyway, to return to the homepage there's also a section here that talks about upcoming events, and at the very bottom of that there's what's called Remind. Maybe if you have kids you use this with your kid's school. I use it. It's a texting service for which you can sign up and get texts from me and send texts to me. It's quite frankly the easiest way to get in touch with me. Of course, I can't be online logged in all the time but my phone is usually next to me. SO I encourage you to sign up for that and use it. Anyways I hope that gives you a bit of an overview of the course and please do not hesitate to reach out to me and ask questions. Good luck with the start of class.