

Setting up your Norton course in Brightspace/D2L through VitalSource

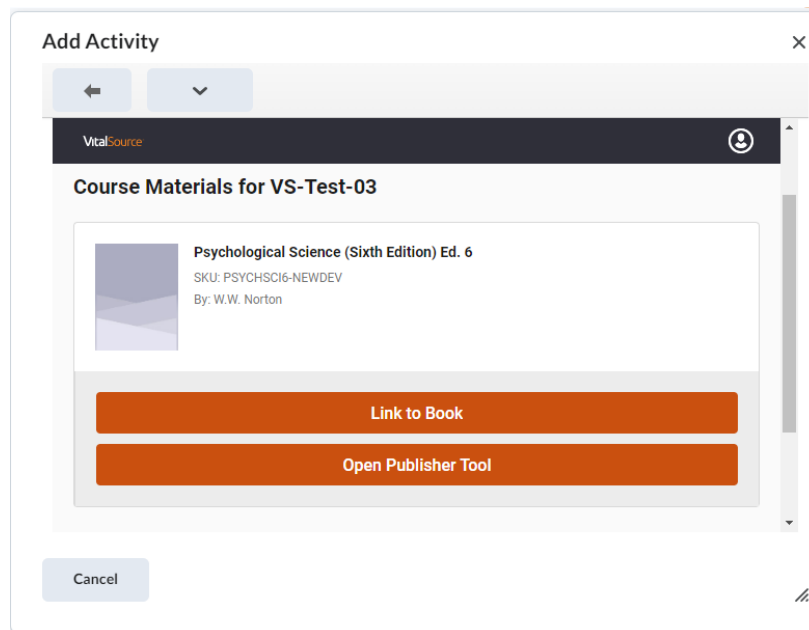
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Step 1: Setting up your Norton course

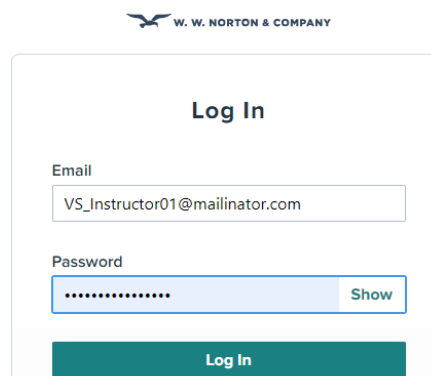
1. From the D2L/Brightspace course, add a module to the course where you can add links. From the module, click on Add Existing Activities and select "VitalSource Content Links" from the drop down menu. (Note that the name for the VitalSource Content tool may vary.)

The screenshot displays the Brightspace/D2L interface for a course titled "W. W. Norton Instructor Resources". The top navigation bar includes links for "Content", "Syllabus", "Quizzes", "Grades", "Classlist", "Course Admin", and "Help". The main content area is titled "VitalSource Connect" and features a search bar, "Print", and "Settings" options. Below the title, there are fields for "Add dates and restrictions..." and "Add a description...". A "New" button is visible, and the "Add Existing Activities" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of activity types: ePortfolio Item, External Learning Tools, Form Templates, Google Drive, Media Library, OneDrive, Quizzes, Self Assessments, Surveys, and VitalSource Content Links. The "VitalSource Content Links" option is highlighted. The interface also includes a "Bulk Edit" button and a "Table of Contents" sidebar on the left with options for "Syllabus", "Bookmarks", "Course Schedule", and "VitalSource Connect".

2. Launch the VitalSource tool
3. You will see the Norton text and courseware that has been paired with your course. If your course pairing is not complete, reach out to your bookstore.



4. Click the **Open Publisher Tool** button
5. Log in using the email and password tied to your Norton account. If you don't have a Norton account yet, reach out to your [Norton rep](#) for help.



6. Follow the steps in the wizard to create a Norton course, which is matched to your D2L/Brightspace course. You'll need to set this up just once per D2L course
 - a. Step 1. This step confirms that you're connected with your D2L/Brightspace course

Create a Course with W. W. Norton

Step 1 of 4

LMS Connection

✔ Successfully connected to your Learning Management System (LMS).

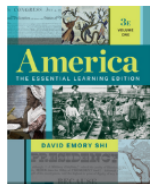
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- b. Step 2. Confirm that the course material paired to your course is correct. If this is not correct, please contact the bookstore to get it updated to the correct material before proceeding.

Step 2 of 4

Confirm Course Material

Please confirm that the course material below is the one you are using for your course. A mismatch in the course material will result in an incorrect course setup.



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America

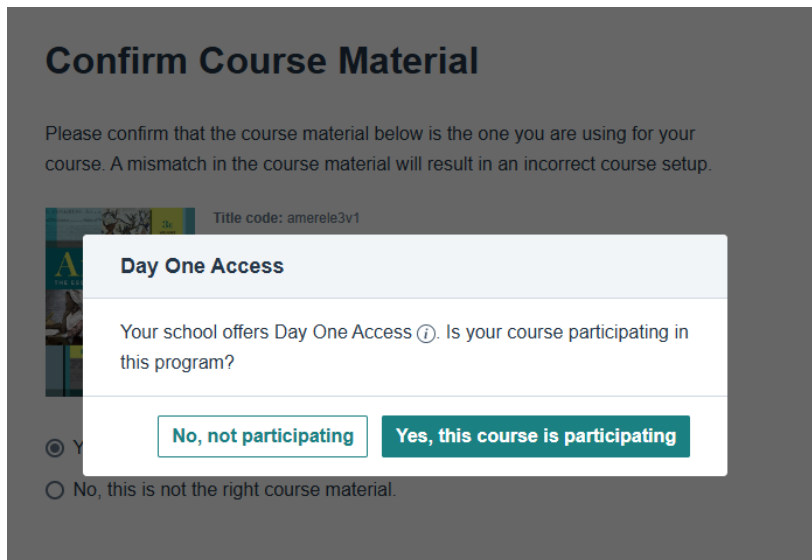
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- Yes, this is the right course material.
- No, this is not the right course material.

- c. If applicable, confirm whether your course is participating in your school's inclusive or equitable access program. Note that this program can be called different names.



d. Step 3. Enter some required course details.

The screenshot shows a white form titled "Enter Course Details". It contains several sections with radio buttons and text input fields:


- School Type (required)**: Radio buttons for "College" (selected) and "High School".
- Country (required)**: Radio buttons for "United States" (selected) and "Canada".
- School State/Province (required)**: A dropdown menu with "Select State" selected.
- School Name (required)**: A dropdown menu with "Select School" selected.
- Course name (required)**: A text input field containing "WWN-VitalSource demo".
- Course Timezone (required)**: A dropdown menu with "Select Timezone" selected.

e. Step 4. Confirm all your course information and create the course. (Or, to correct anything, use the "Previous" button to go back and edit it.)

✓ Connected to Canvas

Course Material

Inclusive Access Activated



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🔗 Not your course material?

Course Details Edit

Course Name:
WWN-VitalSource demo

School:
W. W. Norton School, New York City

Timezone:
Eastern Time (GMT-05:00)

Start Date:
May 7, 2024 at 12:00 AM

End Date:
Jul 31, 2024 at 11:59 PM

[← Previous](#) [Cancel Course](#) [Create Course](#)

Step 2: Adding deep links to course material

Choose your integration type

For graded assignments, you may choose to send individual assignment links (most popular), or product homepage links.

- Choose individual assignment links if you want your students to access separate links for each assignment in Blackboard. This will create separate grade columns in the Blackboard gradebook for each assignment per student.
- Choose product homepage links if you want your student to have one link in Blackboard for each Norton product. This will create one grade column for each Norton product in the Blackboard gradebook per student. This grade is a cumulative average of all assignments for that product.

Select the type of integration for all gradeable Norton Learning Tools (required).

- A. I want individual assignment links for desire2learn **Most Popular**

Gradebook		
Name	Assignment 1	Assignment 2
Average		
First Last		
First Last		
First Last		

Why choose individual assignment links?

- You want your students to access separate links for each assignment in desire2learn.
- You want to have separate grades columns in the desire2learn grade book for each assignment per student.

- B. I want product homepage links for desire2learn

Gradebook	
Name	Product Total
Average	
First Last	
First Last	
First Last	

Why choose Product Homepage links?

- You want your students to have one link in desire2learn for each Norton product.
- You want to have one grade column for each Norton product in the desire2learn gradebook per student. This grade is a cumulative average of all assignments for that product.

Confirm

Add links

1. Choose course material to add to your D2L/Brightspace course

Select Course Content for Your LMS

Select and send resources and assignments to your LMS for single sign on and grade syncing. You can return to this tool at any time to select additional content.

Not ready to select content? [Browse Norton content](#)

We recommend setting due dates and point values for graded assignments here *before* sending them to your LMS. [More info](#)

> Ebook: America, Third Essential Learning Edition, Volume One

> InQuizitive

> Thinking Like a Historian Exercises

> History Skills Tutorials

> Student Site

2. If LMS Grade Column is **on**, the link will send as an Assignment and will create a grade column with the specified LMS point value. Edit the LMS point value by typing a new value in the box.

InQuizitive [Gradeable] 1 selected			
Assignment Name	LMS Grade Column	LMS Point Value	Integration Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homepage Link	ON <input type="checkbox"/>	10	Not Sent

3. Due dates can be set for graded, individual assignment links.

Thinking Like a Historian Exercises [Gradeable] 2 selected				
Assignment Name	LMS Grade Column	Due Date	LMS Point Value	Integration Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1: The "Black Legend": The Spanish Treatment of Native Americans	ON <input type="checkbox"/>	Nov 21, 2024 at 11:59 PM	20	Not Sent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 2: The Development of Race-Based Slavery in the Chesapeake	ON <input type="checkbox"/>		20	Not Sent
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 3: Debating Witchcraft in New England	ON <input type="checkbox"/>		10	Not Sent
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 4: Debating the Origins of the American Revolution	ON <input type="checkbox"/>		10	Not Sent
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 5: Was the American Revolution Revolutionary?	ON <input type="checkbox"/>		10	Not Sent
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6: Debating the U.S. Constitution: Revolutionary Fulfillment or Counterrevolution?	ON <input type="checkbox"/>		10	Not Sent

Set Due Date ✕

Due Date:

Time:

[Clear](#)

4. Products that are ungradable will be sent over as links without a grade item

Student Site [Ungradeable] 1 selected	
Student Site is an ungradeable Norton Learning Tool. You will not be able to add a due date and/or an LMS Point Value.	
Activity Name	Integration Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Site: Homepage Link Most Popular More info	Not Sent

5. Click the **Review** button at the bottom of the screen. You'll see a summary of the links you select. Confirm and click the **Send To desire2learn** button

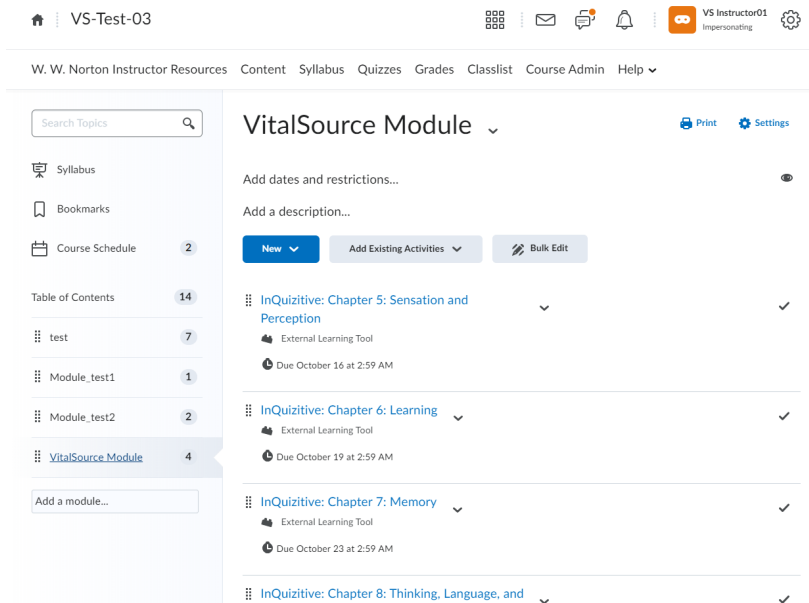
Send Course Content to desire2learn ✕

Send the selected content to your desire2learn?
You can always return to this selector and send more content later.

InQuizitive
4 graded individual assignment links

When complete, the modal will close, and you will see the content in your D2L/Brightspace course module. You can reorganize or regroup your content in D2L/Brightspace so that your course is laid out the way you want.

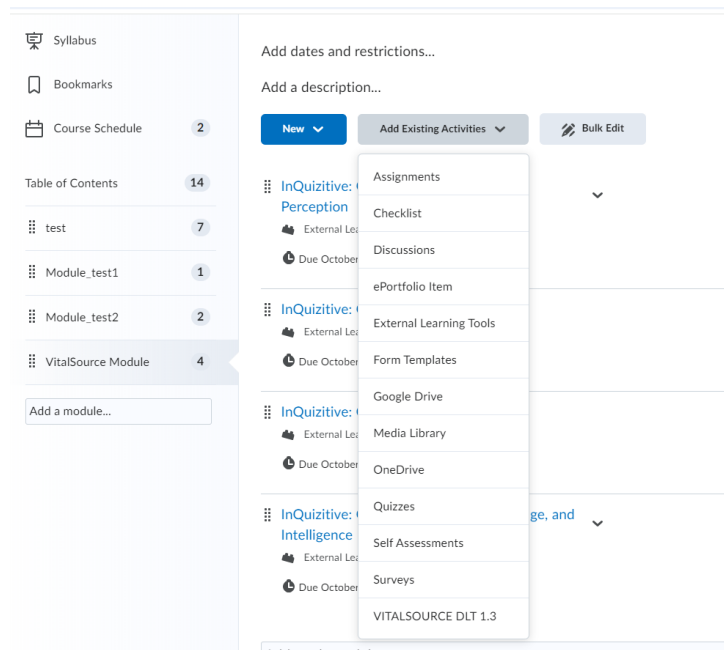
- If you have sent Product Homepage links, you can set due dates on individual assignments within the product. Launch the product homepage link from D2L/Brightspace and set due dates or edit assignments within the product.



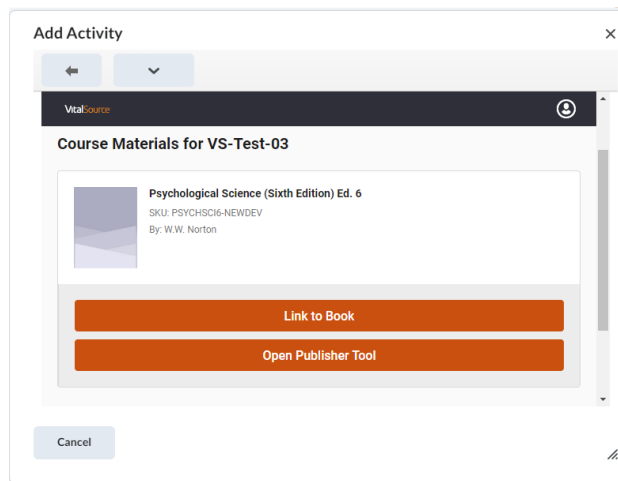
Step 3: Relaunching deep linking tool

You don't have to select all your links at once. You can launch this tool from your D2L/Brightspace course to add additional links throughout the semester.

1. From a D2L/Brightspace Module, click on Add Existing Activities from the module and select "VitalSource Content Links" from the drop down menu. (Note that the name for the VitalSource Content tool may vary.)



2. Click the **Open Publisher Tool** button



3. Follow the steps listed above in **Step 2: Adding deep links to course material**

- a. Note that the tool will indicate which links you have already added to your course

Select Norton Learning Tools for desire2learn

Select and send resources and assignments to desire2learn for single sign-on and grade syncing. You can return to this tool at any time to select additional content.

Not ready to select content? [Browse Norton content](#)

Do you need to change the integration type for this course?

For graded individual assignment links, we recommend setting Due Date and LMS Point Value here *before* sending them to desire2learn [More info](#)

For ungraded individual assignment links, Due Date and LMS Point Value will be unavailable.

Norton Illumine Ebook: Give Me Liberty! [Gradeable]					
Select All	Assignment Name	LMS Grade Column	Due Date	LMS Point Value	Integration Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 1: Old Worlds and New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	10	Sent as a graded link on: Nov 22, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 2: European Colonies and Native Nations, 1600–1660	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	10	Sent as a graded link on: Nov 22, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 3: Creating Anglo-America, 1660–1750	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	10	Sent as a graded link on: Nov 22, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 4: Slavery, Freedom, and the Struggle for Empire, to	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	10	Sent as a graded link on: