



Customizing your Homepages – D2L Tutorial

This tutorial is designed for faculty who have experience using D2L. For further information or assistance, go to our [Team Dynamix Support portal](#) and click the appropriate Category to submit a ticket.

Scenario

This tutorial will cover the steps involved when you wish to modify what is on your course's Homepage. Note that this tutorial presumes you have NOT copied an already modified Homepage from another course. If this is the case, all you will need to do is activate that Homepage.

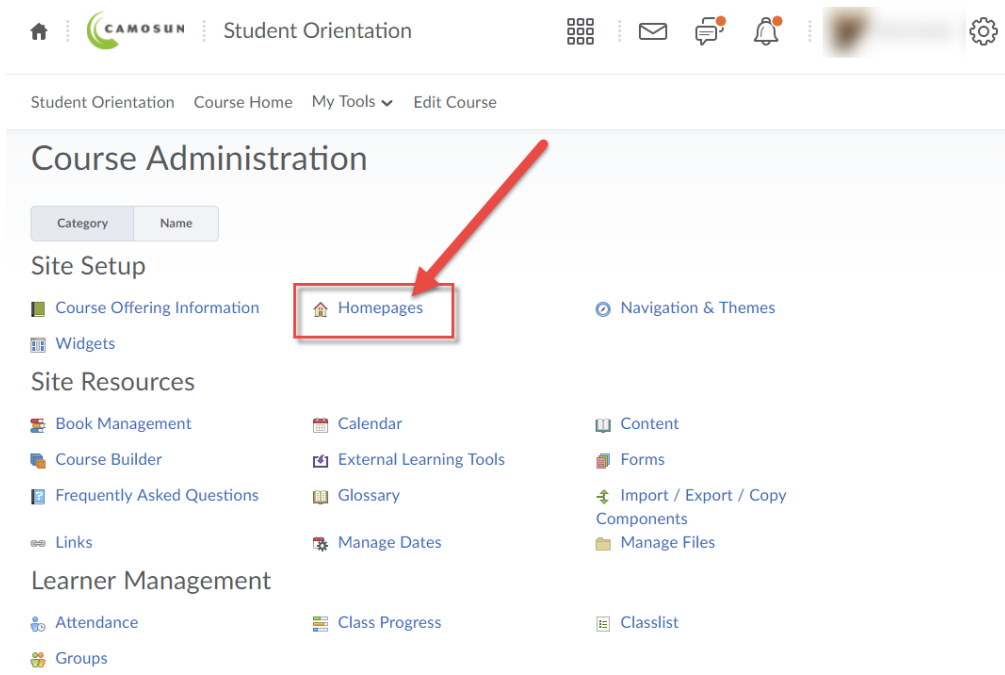
Steps

1. Go to your course homepage and click **Edit Course**.

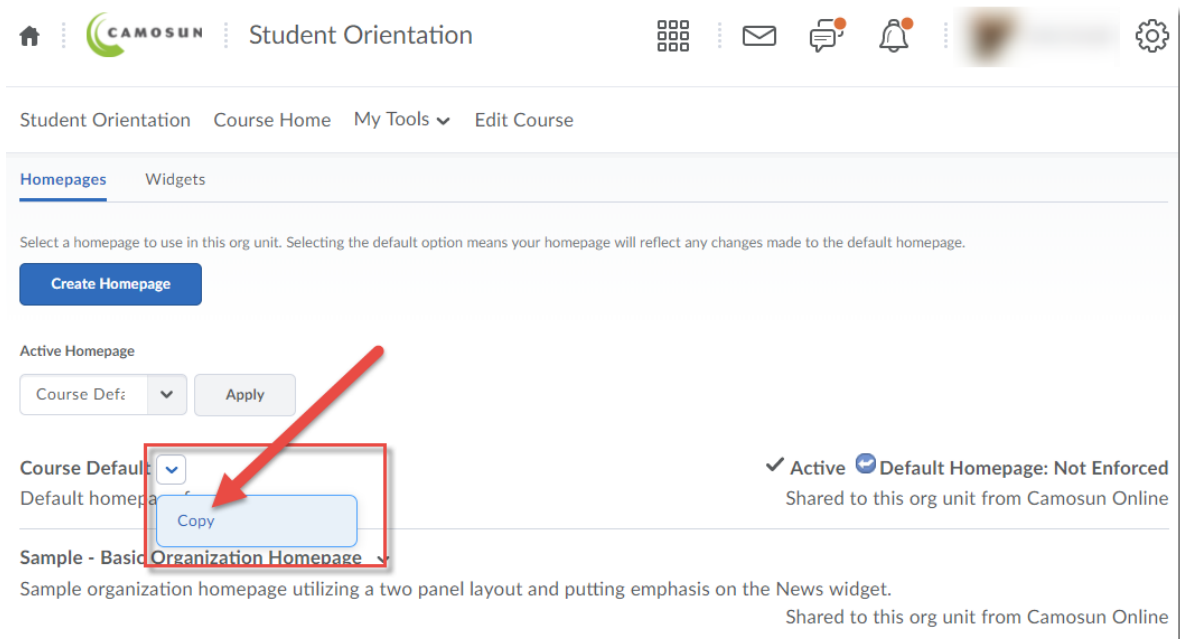
The screenshot shows the D2L course homepage interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Camosun logo, the text 'Student Orientation', and several utility icons (grid, mail, chat, notifications, profile, settings). Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Student Orientation > Course Home > My Tools > Edit Course'. The 'Edit Course' link is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from the top navigation area. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a 'News' section with a dropdown arrow, a 'Welcome to Daylight!' announcement with a close button, and a 'Show All News Items' link. The right column has a 'Territorial Acknowledgement' section with a photo of purple flowers and a text block, and a 'Bookmarks' section with a dropdown arrow and the text 'My Bookmarks' and 'No bookmarks have been added.'



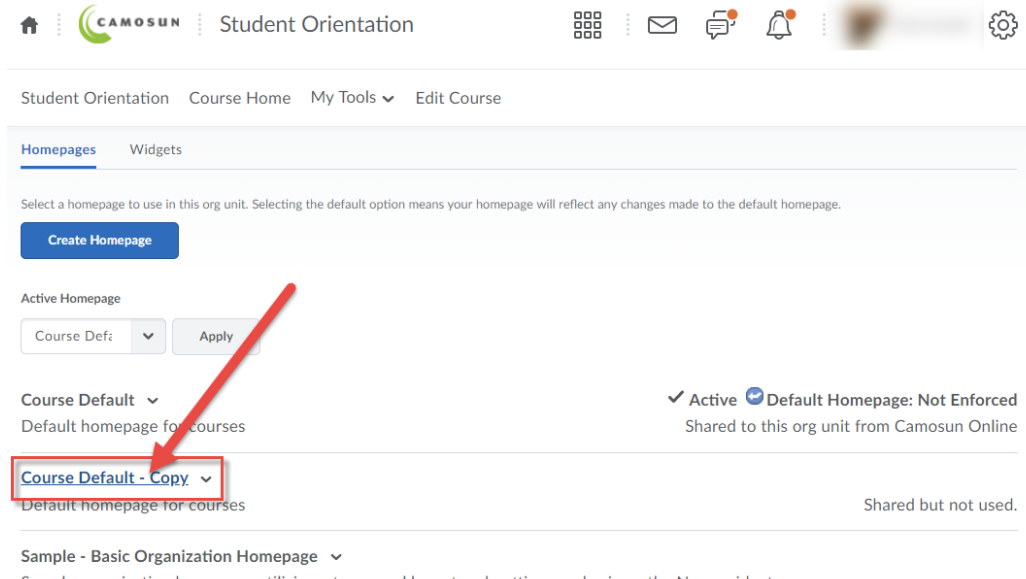
2. Click **Homepages**.



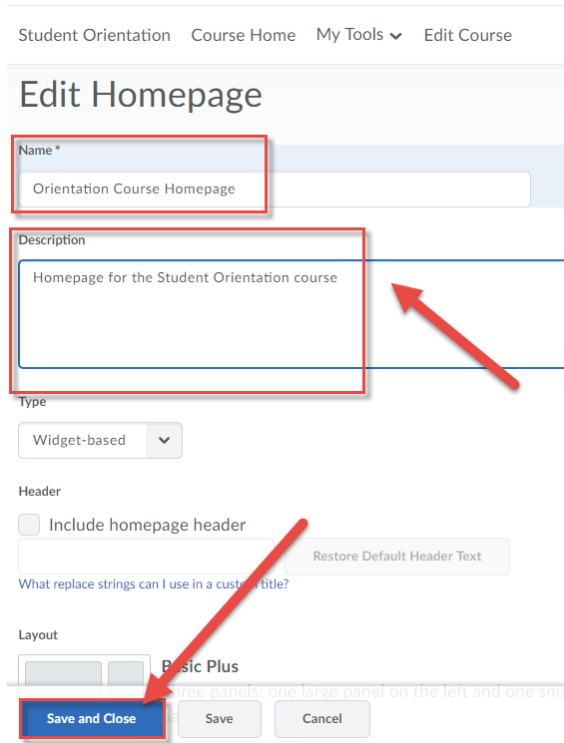
3. Create a copy of the **Course Default** homepage by clicking on its drop-down menu and selecting **Copy**. (You cannot make changes to the Course default Homepage, only to a copy.)



- Click on the linked name of the copy you just made.



- Change the **Name** of your Homepage menu (for example, to “HIST100 Homepage”) and delete (or alter) the **Description**. You may also add and delete Widgets (see the tutorial document *Adding Widgets to your Homepage* for instructions.) When you are finished editing your Homepage, click **Save and Close**.



6. To activate your new Homepage (so you can see any changes you have made to it), click on the **Active Homepage** drop-down menu and select the Homepage you created. Click **Apply**. You can now make changes to the links that appear on your Homepage (for example any Widgets you may have added to or deleted from the Homepage – see the *Adding Widgets to your Homepage* tutorial for instructions).

Student Orientation Course Home My Tools ▾ Edit Course

Homepages Widgets

Select a homepage to use in this org unit. Selecting the default option means your homepage will reflect any changes made to the default homepage.

Create Homepage

Active Homepage

Course Def: ▾ Apply

-- Default --

Course Default

Orientation Course Homepage

Sample - Basic Organization Homepage

Sample - Basic Organization Homepage with Custom Styles

Sample - Course Homepage - Custom Styled

Sample - Course Homepage - Getting Started

Sample - Course Homepage - News and Content

✓ Active Default Homepage: Not Enforced
Shared to this org unit from Camosun Online

Not shared

the layout and putting emphasis on the News widget.
Shared to this org unit from Camosun Online

Sample - Basic Organization Homepage with Custom Styles ▾

Things to Remember

Edits you make to your Homepage will only appear if your Homepage is activated. Check this first if your Homepage changes do not appear.

Once you have created a new Homepage, you can copy it to other courses using **Import/Export/Copy Components**.



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