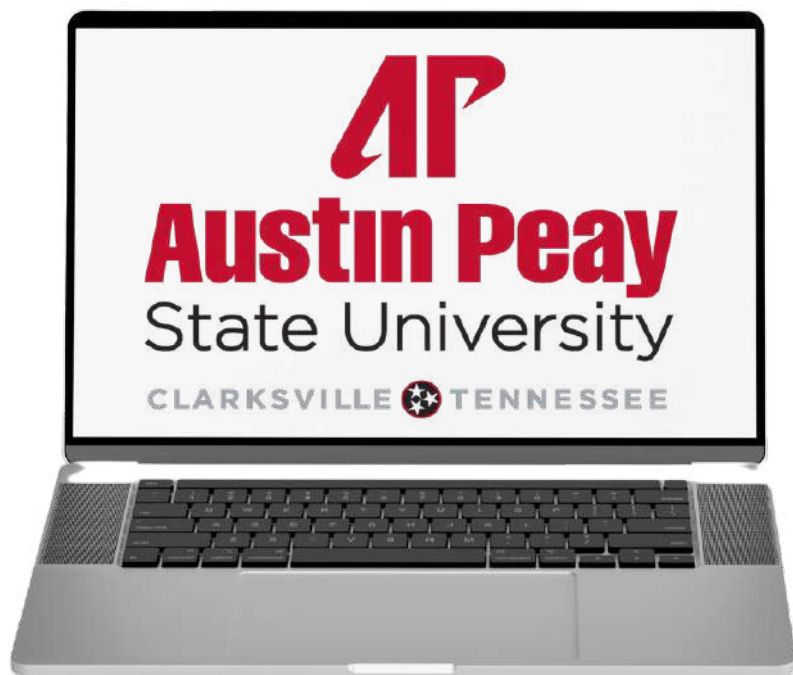




Distance Education

NEWS & UPDATES
2026

Faculty Conference & Annual
Meeting
August 13, 2026



We moved!

510 College St.

aka: "The Wesley Building", "The Brown House"

Please make appointments if you would like to meet face-to-face.

Digital Accessibility Updates

- Content hosted in D2L must be accessible to the WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards by April 26, 2027.
- Please note: this is a university-wide effort and includes all webpages and applications.
- An accessibility standing committee has been created.



Senior Instructional Designer, Digital Accessibility

- Dedicated staff member to support faculty
- Distance Education will soon have a dedicated ticket for accessibility requests.

Digital Accessibility Essentials

- Asynchronous training in D2L
- GTAs have been asked to complete
- 123 users have enrolled; 32 have earned the badge

Panorama

- PDFs are the most troublesome format

RSI Forms



Please complete for each online and hybrid course you are teaching.

Upload to Watermark
“Scheduled teaching”

Updated: July 2025

AP Austin Peay State University
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REGULAR & SUBSTANTIVE INTERACTIONS SELF-REPORTING FORM

OVERVIEW

This form documents Distance Education course compliance with regulatory requirements for regular and substantive interaction (RSI) set forth by the U.S. Department of Education. RSI is essential for providing students with high-quality distance education learning experiences that will help them achieve their academic and career goals. Additionally, as a federal regulation, all Distance Education courses at APSU must meet RSI requirements because it can have significant implications for Title IV and financial aid eligibility. For assistance or questions, please refer to the [APSU RSI webpage](#) and/or contact Distance Education.

COURSE INFORMATION

D2L Course Title: _____

Modality: ☐ Hybrid ☐ Online

Instructor Name: _____

Semester & Year: _____

SELECT TWO INSTRUCTOR-INITIATED INTERACTIONS

Each interaction selected below has to happen at a **regular and predictable frequency** to assist in RSI compliance.

- ☐ Post announcements that are academic and relevant to course content and not just due date reminders or other housekeeping items.
- ☐ Actively facilitate discussion boards by commenting on student posts & assisting students in engaging with content topics.
- ☐ Provide individualized, academic feedback on student work
- ☐ Hold synchronous class meetings (virtual or in person)
- ☐ Have scheduled office hours (meeting link is provided for fully online courses)
- ☐ Other (please explain; must be instructor-initiated at a regular interval and academic in nature):

For assistance with or questions about RSI, contact Distance Education.
 (931) 221-6625 online@apsu.edu https://www.apsu.edu/online/

1 Click on Scheduled Teaching

2 Click on the hybrid or online course.

3 Upload completed RSI form

Quality Matters

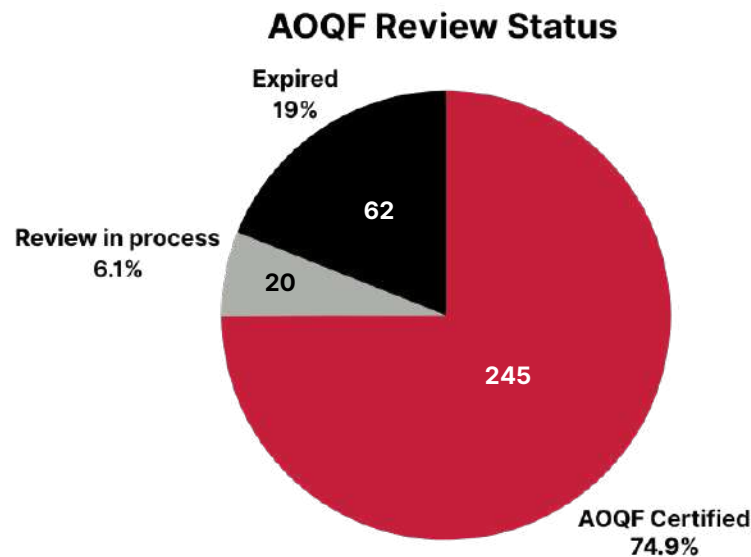
APSU currently has
62
QM certified courses

Courses Certified between July 1, 2025 & June 30, 2026

College of Education Total: 1		College of Behavioral & Health Sciences Total: 7		College of Business Total: 6	
Christi Maldonado		Roozbeh Baker (x4)		Pilsik Choi	
		Terri Clark		Matt Hampton	
		Scott Culhane		Towhid Mahmood	
		Frank Ferdik		Hamid Noghanibehambari	
				Elizabeth Rankin	
				Jennifer Thayer	

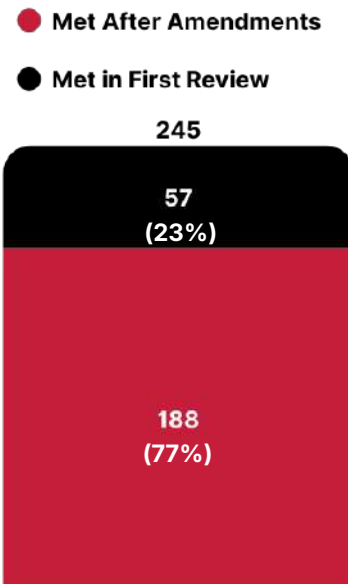
AOQF Snapshot

327 online courses have been submitted for AOQF review between August 31, 2023 and April, 29 2026.



Note: A review expires if the course does not meet all fundamentals and required revisions are not completed.

Route to Certification



Note: Of 245 AOQF-certified courses, 188 were improved to meet all fundamentals.

AOQF certification is highly achievable - though rarely immediate - and it establishes a basis for online course design quality.

zoom Transition

Zoom is available through December 14, 2026.

After that date, Zoom cloud recordings and links will stop working.



Meetings move to Microsoft Teams.



Course media moves to D2L. **D2L**

**Proactively manage your
media and transition
your meeting experience
now.**

Microsoft Teams for Meetings



- Familiar tool, available now
- Equivalent main features plus more
- Built into Microsoft ecosystem
- Meetings where you are already working!

Start experimenting now
& transition over this
semester



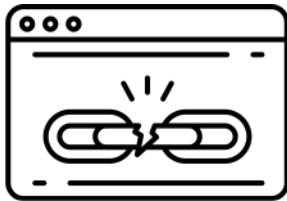
**Host or attend a
meeting in
Microsoft Teams**



Next Steps

Check D2L courses for:

- Zoom cloud links, which will break after December 14, 2026,
- Broken YuJa video links



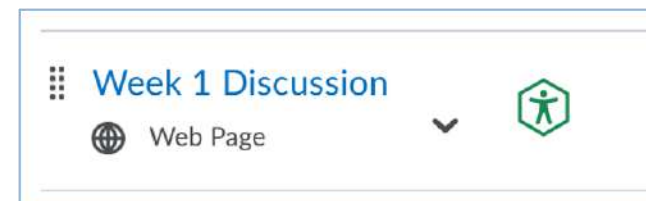
Attend a live session

- August 19, 10:00-11:00
 - MUC 307
 - Learn.Grow.Lead
 - August 20, 9:00-10:00
 - MUC 303/305
 - CAFE/FCAM
 - August 25, 2:00-3:00
 - MUC 307
 - Learn.Grow.Lead
 - November 5, 11:30
 - Virtual (on Teams!)
 - Distance Education
- TechBytes

Panorama Now Scans HTML

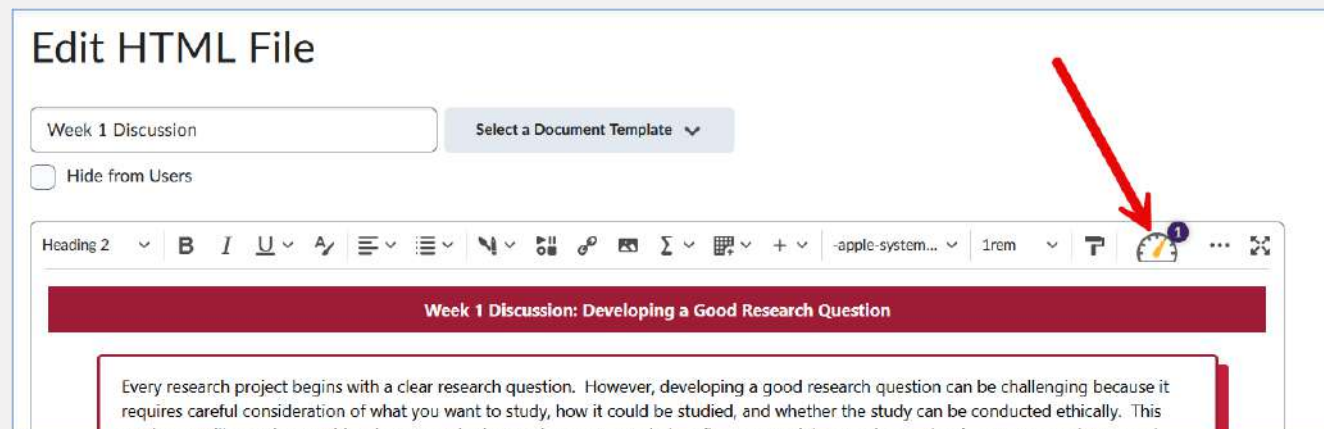
From Content Page

Click the red, yellow, or green icon to view the report and/or remediate the page.



From the D2L HTML Editor

Click on the accessibility gauge on the editor toolbar to access the report and remediate the page.



Assignments

[Help](#)

New Assignment

Edit Categories

More Actions ▾

⚠ There are 10 assignment(s) that were Turnitin® enabled in the previous course offering.

Re-Enable



Bulk Edit

☐	Assignment	Due Date
	No Category	
☐	Module 2--i-Human Assignment ▾ ⓘ P	6/8 0/8 0/8 Jun 19, 2022 11:00 PM
☐	Module 3-- i-Human Assignment ▾ ⓘ P	0/8 0/8 0/8 Jun 26, 2022 11:00 PM

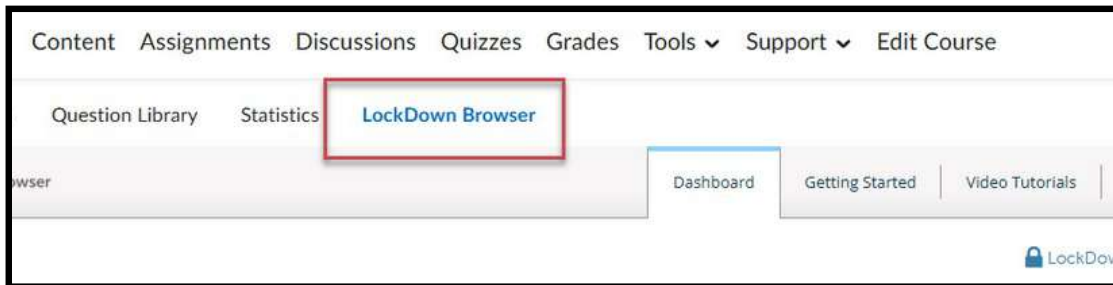
Check for
Re-Enable!



TESTING

Respondus Lockdown Browser

- Ideal for face-to-face testing using D2L quizzes
- Students download the lockdown browser on their device
 - Check for updates
 - Issues on managed devices
- Instructor must access the LockDown Browser tab after a course copy for each course



Honorlock Online Proctoring

Honorlock can be used in online and hybrid courses.

- Honorlock AI monitors the student's webcam, audio, and screen to flag suspicious behaviors.
- Instructors need to review flags, room scans, etc., based on settings.
- Must be enabled for each quiz every semester.

**Live webinar Aug 20th at
12:30pm
See FCAM schedule**

Honorlock Updates

Workspace Scan Photo

- Requires a mobile device
- No flagging on photo
- Recorded with webcam
- Instructor Review

Room Scan Video Ending

- Ending on September 1

New Enhanced Desktop Security

- Enhanced control & protection
- Requires an app install in addition to Chrome extension
- Mac & Windows

Proctoring Tool Review

- Honorlock contract ends June 2027
- Investigating options with a faculty committee



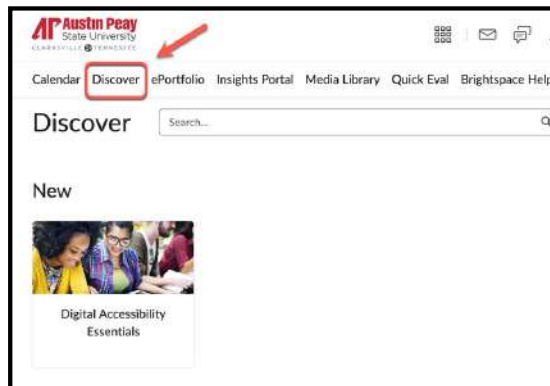
Is your student being asked for a password?

1. Make sure Honorlock is enabled
2. They are not connected to Honorlock properly
 - Chrome browser, Honorlock extension, allow cookies & pop-ups

D2L Updates

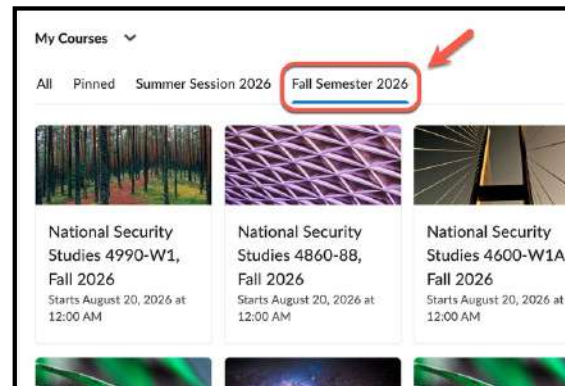
NEW - Discover

The new and updated self-registration course interface



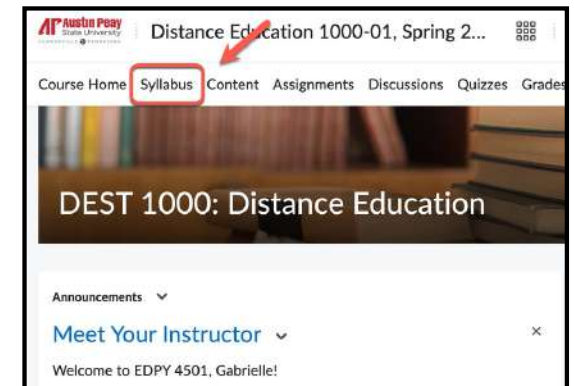
My Course Widget

Semester tabs added for easy access



New Syllabus Tab

Users can locate Concourse Syllabus directly on the course navbar



New LTI Integration Review Process

Brightspace integration requests require review before implementation.

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Instructional Need | 2 Security & Privacy |
| 3 Accessibility | 4 Technical Compatibility |
| 5 Licensing | 6 Support Requirements |

Please allow 4-6 weeks for review and processing

Submission does not guarantee approval. Complete documentation is required for evaluation and implementation planning.



Course Combines

Beginning Fall 2026, to be eligible for a **course combine without being cross-listed in Banner**, all of the following criteria must be met:

Same instructional modality



Identical start & end dates



Same instructor of record



Same course title

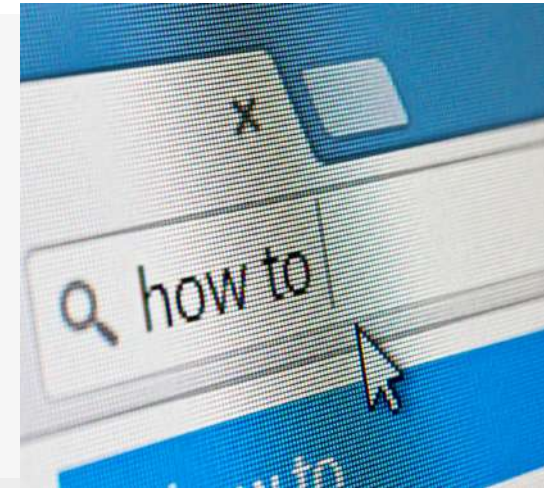


There are always exceptions to the rule!

Look for more updates throughout the year!

TechBytes Series

Honorlock Updates
Academic Integrity in Quizzes
Panorama
Zoom to Teams



New D2L Features

New contract starts in
January 2027!

Instructional Design Series

Presence
Engagement
Reflection

Design Thinking Process



Thank You

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