


# Navigating to Courses in uiuLearn

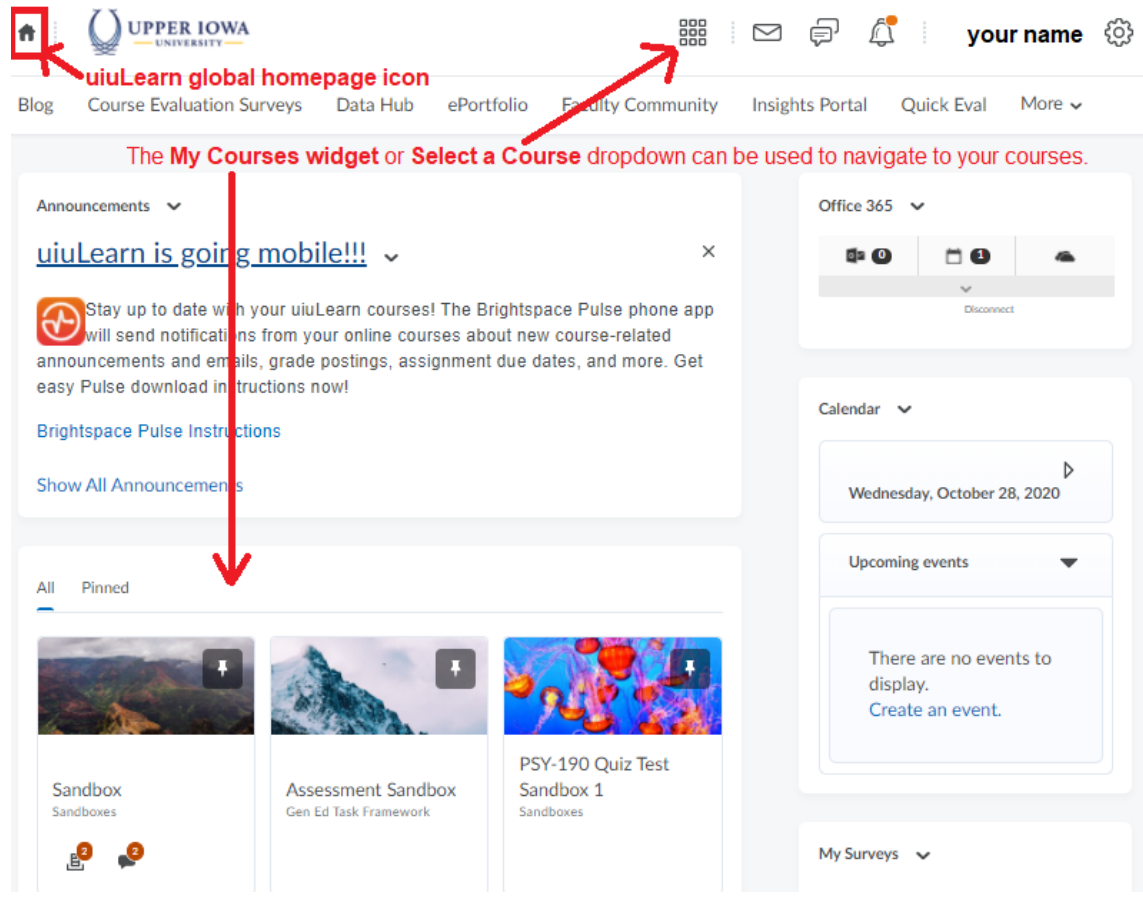
**IMPORTANT:** Courses are not accessible in uiuLearn until the course start date.

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When logged in to uiuLearn, on the global homepage , there are two ways to navigate to your Courses, each of which have advantages, including:

- the Select-a-Course (waffle) icon
- the My Courses widget

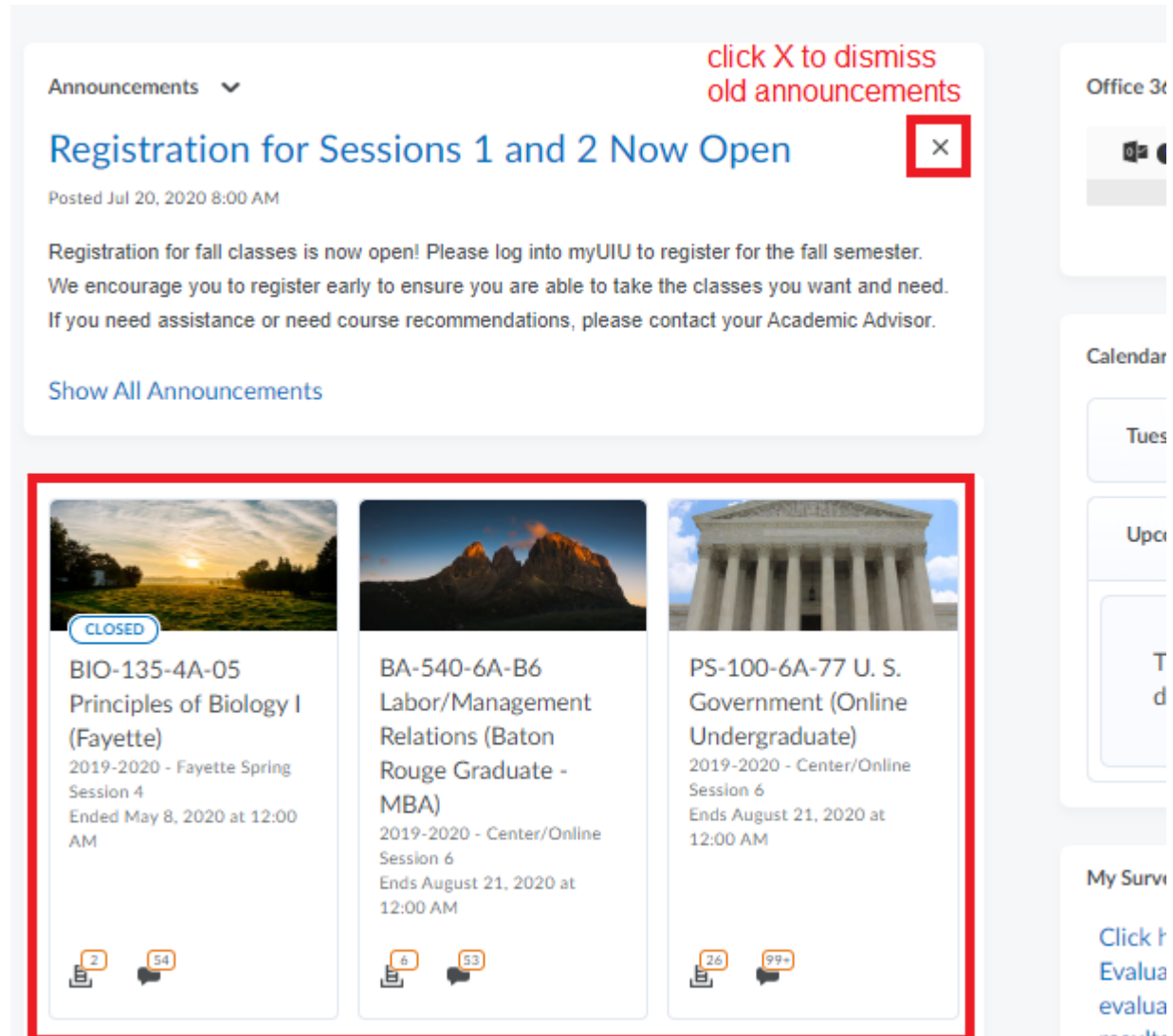


## The My Courses Widget

### Finding the My Courses Widget

Access the uiuLearn global homepage by clicking the house icon  in the upper left corner of the web page. You will find the My Courses widget below the Announcements widget. You may have to scroll down to see it if you have several announcements. This widget is ONLY on the global homepage.

Tip: Dismissing old Announcements will move the widget up for easy access. If you want to dismiss old Announcements, click the X in the upper right corner of the item you want to dismiss.



The screenshot displays the uiuLearn interface. At the top, there is an 'Announcements' dropdown menu. Below it is an announcement titled 'Registration for Sessions 1 and 2 Now Open', posted on Jul 20, 2020 at 8:00 AM. The announcement text states: 'Registration for fall classes is now open! Please log into myUIU to register for the fall semester. We encourage you to register early to ensure you are able to take the classes you want and need. If you need assistance or need course recommendations, please contact your Academic Advisor.' A red box highlights an 'X' icon in the upper right corner of the announcement, with the text 'click X to dismiss old announcements' next to it. Below the announcement is a 'Show All Announcements' link. To the right of the announcement is a sidebar with 'Office 365' and 'Calendar' widgets. Below the announcement is a 'My Courses' widget, which is highlighted with a red border. It contains three course cards: 1. 'BIO-135-4A-05 Principles of Biology I (Fayette)' with a 'CLOSED' badge, '2019-2020 - Fayette Spring Session 4', and 'Ended May 8, 2020 at 12:00 AM'. It has 2 documents and 54 messages. 2. 'BA-540-6A-B6 Labor/Management Relations (Baton Rouge Graduate - MBA)' with '2019-2020 - Center/Online Session 6' and 'Ends August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM'. It has 6 documents and 53 messages. 3. 'PS-100-6A-77 U. S. Government (Online Undergraduate)' with '2019-2020 - Center/Online Session 6' and 'Ends August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM'. It has 26 documents and 99+ messages.

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## My Courses Widget Advantages/Disadvantages

This widget's icons indicate important information, such as new grades on assignments, unread discussion items, and new quiz grades. It also provides a "View All Courses" link that takes you to a page where you can quickly search and filter to find any course. Unfortunately, this widget only resides on the global homepage, and it isn't as quick to use as the Select-a-Course icon. Pin/unpin courses for fastest access. You can also change the widget images, if desired.

**NOTE:** If you pin courses to the My Courses widget, they will also be pinned in the Select-a-Course dropdown menu.

Icons indicate recently graded activities, unread discussion items.

click to see all of your uiuLearn courses

hover over widget tiles to unpin closed courses and pin current courses for fastest access

### View All Courses

All Courses

click the X to return to the global homepage

filter and sort options

type search terms

open/closed courses are easily identified

year/term info will always be provided

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## The Select-a-Course (SAC) Icon

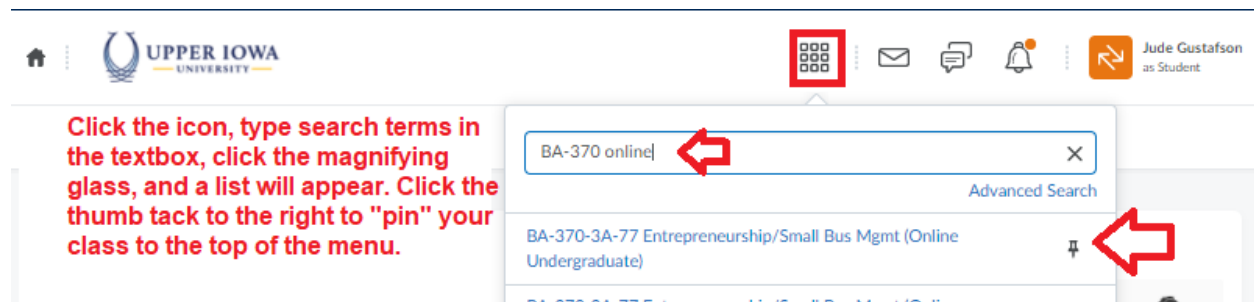
### Finding the Select-a-Course Icon

The Select-a-Course (SAC) icon, sometimes called the “waffle” icon, resides at the top, middle/right portion of the uiuLearn web pages.

### SAC Advantages/Disadvantages

This icon is the quickest way to access your courses. Although it doesn't contain activities and discussion icons like the My Courses Widget, it is a permanent fixture not only on the global homepage, but also on your course homepages and when you navigate to courses and activities. Like the My Courses widget, it also gives you the ability to pin courses so that they stick to the top of the menu for easiest access, then unpin when you finish a class.

**NOTE:** if you pin courses to the SAC dropdown menu, they will also be pinned in the My Courses widget.



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