ISRS-Brightspace Integration Change (KA #2326)

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Audience: Instructor

**What will change when the new ISRS-Brightspace integration is implemented? What do I need to know?**

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# Why is this happening?

The current method for loading courses and enrollments into D2L Brightspace will no longer be supported by D2L after September 2022. As a result, the Minnesota State system office is re-building the integration between ISRS and D2L Brightspace. Re-building this integration not only brings Minnesota State up-to-date with D2L’s products, it also helps make preparatory changes for the implementation of ISRS NextGen (Workday).

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# What will change?

* Speed – New courses/enrollments will arrive in Brightspace within 15 minutes. Previously, updates were processed three times a day.
* Update Triggers – Updates in Brightspace will only occur after a change in ISRS, rather than being updated every night.
* Semester Agnostic – ISRS data will be sent regardless of semester. No more waiting for future semester courses to appear!
* Availability – Courses will be created immediately, rather than created by an admin. Every course section has its own Brightspace course and is visible immediately to students and teachers. (Students can only access the course if the start date has passed.)
* Course ‘Active’ status – Teachers will not be able to set a course as active (visible) or inactive (hidden) and will no longer see ‘inactive’ courses. Previously, this was used to hide a course from students. Going forward, a student will always see a course, but can access it only when the current date is between the start and end date. If a course should be removed from Brightspace, a new ‘self-service’ tool will be available to do so.
* Cancelled courses – A cancelled course will be removed automatically from Brightspace.
* Self-Service Tool – A self-service tool will allow instructors to either merge course sections together or to remove a course from Brightspace.

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# When will this occur?

For most institutions, this change will occur during the spring 2022 semester.

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# What will happen during the transition?

A few things will happen during this transition:

1. The existing course enrollments will be frozen for a brief period of time (no new adds/drops).
2. The existing course code will have an “S” added on to the end, if it is a single course section. For example: “20225000123” will now appear as “20225000123S”.
3. The permission to adjust the ‘Status’ (Active or Inactive) of the course will be removed. Depending on your school, this may not have been possible prior to the transition.

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# Get help with D2L Brightspace

We are here to help! You may reach us – the Minnesota State **Learning Technologies**team – by submitting a request from the [Contact Us](https://mnscu.sharepoint.com/sites/D2Lsupport/SitePages/Contact%20Us.aspx) page from the **D2L Support** site, or from the **Request Help** widget when you’re logged in to D2L Brightspace (learn more in the instructor article #1887 [Request Help widget](https://mnscu.sharepoint.com/sites/D2Lsupport/instructor/1887.docx?web=1)).

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