

Find It Fast: Key Locations and Resources for Online Students

Completing the following activities will help you become familiar with important locations and resources within your online classroom as well as online services and resources at Walden University. These activities are routine ones you can expect to perform as a Walden student. Take the opportunity to become acquainted with your online environment *before* you start your first course as this familiarity will help to lay a foundation for your academic success.

Key Locations and Resources in Your Online Classroom

Practice Navigating the Whole Classroom

The purpose of this activity is for you to practice navigating the online classroom so that you can become more familiar with it and where to find things.

Explore your online classroom to find the following:

- Syllabus
- Announcements
- Where to post a Discussion
- Where to submit an Assignment
- Where to check your grades
- Walden University's Academic Integrity Policy
- Contact information for the Student Support Team
- The Help section with links to multimedia demonstrations on how to use the classroom
- Where you can chat with fellow students

Key Locations and Resources Outside Your Online Classroom

Activity 1: Explore the **Walden Library** website at <http://library.waldenu.edu/>.

The “How Do I?” section provides information about how to locate and evaluate resources. Also, explore the “Library Services” tab to see how you can request personalized research help from Walden Library staff.

Activity 2: Visit the **Walden Writing Center** at <http://writingcenter.waldenu.edu/>.

Locate the Center's most frequently used pages at the bottom of the homepage. Click on the links to these pages to learn more about the valuable information provided here.

Activity 3: Explore the **Walden University Student Handbook**. Go to the Walden University Student Publications webpage at <http://catalog.waldenu.edu/>.

Use the drop-down menu at the top of the page to select the current version of the Walden University Student Handbook. Become familiar with the handbook as it is the primary resource for academic policies and procedures, academic and student resources, and financial services policies for Walden students.

Activity 4: Log on to your student portal at **myWalden** at <https://my.waldenu.edu/portal/User/LcpLogin.aspx> and explore the resources available to you here. Also explore the resources on **eCampus**. (To access eCampus, log on to your myWalden portal, click the “Student Life” tab, and then click “Go to eCampus.”)

Activity 5: Stay in touch with your **Academic Advisor**.

Access the contact information for your Academic Advisor through your myWalden portal.

1. In myWalden, click on the **Academics** tab.
2. Scroll down to the quick links area.
3. Click on **Program Information** link.
4. You will be directed to your Academic Advising information page.