iCollege Daylight Checklist

Detailed information about the changes implemented in the Daylight environment are provided below.

1. My Home Page
All your courses can be accessed by clicking on the Waffle icon. You select which courses you want to appear in your My Courses widget. In the past, iCollege displayed up to 10 courses. The 10 courses shown were based on your last accessed courses. Daylight does not behave in the same manner. It will only display the courses that you have pinned to the My Courses widget. Even if you access a course using the Waffle, it will not be automatically added to your My Courses widget.

2. Course Navigation
Given Daylight’s minimal look and feel, some of the default course navigation links have been regrouped or removed. You can still customize your navigation. Below are the navigational changes that were made in Daylight.

- Course Admin – Located under Course Tools
- Course Home – Click the name of your course to return to the Course Homepage
- Content & Media – Listed as Content
  - Course Builder - Located under Course Tools > Course Admin
  - Kaltura My Media - Located under Course Tools and External Learning Tools
  - Kaltura Course Gallery - Located under Course Tools and External Learning Tools
  - Follet Discover - Located under Course Tools and External Learning Tools
  - Lynda.com - Now Lynda: Online Training and located under Course Tools
  - Panopto-GSU - Now Panopto and located under Course Tools and External Learning Tools
  - EBSCO Curriculum Builder - Located under Course Tools and External Learning Tools
  - McGraw Hill Campus – Now accessed through External Learning Tools
- Communications – Removed
  - Email – Now accessed through the Email icon in the global navigation menu (next to the Waffle icon)
  - Discussions – Located under Assessments
  - Announcements – Now accessed through the Announcements widget
  - Groups – Located under Assessments
  - Blackboard Collaborate – Located under Collaboration and External Learning Tools Note: Blackboard Collaborate will no longer be available after Spring 2018
  - WebEx – Located under Collaboration and External Learning Tools
  - VoiceThread – Located under Course Tools and External Learning Tools
  - Piazza – Now accessed under External Learning Tools
  - Chat – Now accessed through Course Tools > Course Admin, or External Learning Tools
  - Attendance - Accessed through Course Tools > Course Admin
- Assessments
  - Rubrics – Located under Course Tools > Course Admin
  - Surveys – Located under Course Tools > Course Admin
  - Self-Assessments – Located under Course Tools > Course Admin
  - Qualtrics – Located under Course Tools
  - Portfolium – Located under Assessments and External Learning Tools
  - ProctorU – Located under Assessments and External Learning Tools
3. Homepage Layout
By default you have a two-column layout, but you can still create customized widgets and widget placement. Daylight is a mobile friendly, responsive interface – meaning that the look of the course will change based on the screen size of the device being used.

When customizing your homepage and determining the placement of your widgets, note that Daylight will display your course widgets left side and down first, wrapping back up to the right side, then down. So, if you have widgets stacked on the left side of your course, those widgets will display in sequential order followed by the widgets on the right side of your course.

4. Header Content
Daylight displays customized header content as the image for your pinned course. So you and your students will see the customized image in the My Courses widget. If you do not have a customized header, an image pulled from the images database will display. The image is randomly selected for your course based on the title of your course. The image will only appear on the pinned courses page. It will not display in your course as the header.

5. Widgets
Daylight still permits the creation of customized widgets. ADA compliance is a hot topic right now and we should all work toward meeting those standards. When creating your custom widgets, please make sure any colors you use are web safe and maintain good contrast ratios. Make sure any images you use contain ALT tags.

You can read more about web safe colors that follow the WCAG Guidelines and general ADA compliance guidelines. You can also visit the WebAIM website for more information.

Also remember to check the placement of the widgets on multiple devices due to Daylight’s responsiveness.

6. Custom Themes
You can create custom themes in Daylight. If you already have, chances are it looks a bit different in Daylight than previously. Because Daylight is a responsive interface, custom themes may require redesign or modifications to improve the appearance across devices.

7. Fonts & Colors
Be sure to revisit your font sizes and color selections for ADA compliance also. Font sizes should always use the preformatted options or built in styles (ex. Heading 1, Heading 2). Preformatted options provide hierarchy and are easily readable when using a screen reader. Selected font sizes, although visually creating a hierarchy (ex. 12pt, 14pt), are not identifiable when using a screen reader.

Be mindful with font selections, as some fonts run together and are difficult to read. Use fonts that are more easily recognized and contain more simplistic lettering. Also avoid decorative fonts because they are not as legible.

Additionally, font colors should also maintain good contrast ratios. While you may use different colored, web safe fonts, keep in mind that screen readers, those with low to no vision, and/or those with colorblindness may not see your colored fonts. Also, bold or italicized fonts are not read by a screen reader unless the user has made modifications to the settings.

8. Device Check
As mentioned, Daylight is a responsive Learning Management System. Your courses will display differently depending on the device you are using. Make sure you check your courses across multiple devices to ensure that it is pleasing to you.