

NMU EduCat™ Course Homepage Overview

The EduCat screen contains boxes in a three column layout with a navigation menu on the left. The other boxes in the left and right columns are referred to as “**Blocks**,” and the boxes in the center column are referred to as “**Sections**.” Course content is organized in the center column using a topic or weekly outline.

The screenshot shows the course homepage for CTL103TG. The interface is divided into three main columns: a left navigation column, a central content column, and a right sidebar column. The top navigation bar includes 'EduCat', 'My courses', and 'This course'. The left sidebar contains a 'Navigation' menu with links like 'Dashboard', 'Site home', 'Calendar', 'Private files', 'My courses', and 'Grades'. The central content area displays the course title 'CTL Demo Course - CTL103TG', a 'Latest Announcements' block, a 'Week One' section with a weekly outline, and an 'Upcoming Events' block. The right sidebar features 'Social networks', 'Turn editing on', 'Latest Announcements', 'Upcoming Events', and 'Activities' blocks. Orange callout boxes with arrows provide detailed explanations for various elements.

The "Grades" link will take you to the gradebook in this course. Students only see their own grade.

The "Navigation" menu can be used to access any of your courses by clicking on the course short name. The "Dashboard" sorts all of your courses into categories: "in progress," "future," and "past."

The gear icon is used for course administration. Here you will find links to change overall course settings as well as setup your gradebook, question bank, and student groups.

Bread Crumb Trail - indicates your current location in the course - used for navigation

You need to "Turn editing on" if you want to add new content or revise existing content in your course. Use either the button in the upper right hand corner, or the link under the gear icon at the top of the course homepage.

Course Title and Section Information

The "Latest Announcements" block lists the most recent items from the "Announcements" forum. As you add more announcements, the "Latest Announcements" block is automatically updated to display the most recent items.

The "Upcoming Events" block lists items from your calendar: assignments, quizzes, and other items with associated dates. As you add more items to your calendar, the "Upcoming Events" block is automatically updated.

The "Activities" block filters your course contents to only display links for the specific type of activity selected.

As you build the "Topic/Weekly Outline" in the section boxes of your course, you can add links to a variety of resources and activities. The icons to the left of the link titles indicate the type of activity or resource.