

## Customizing the Moodle Dashboard

One of the distinct advantages of the recent Moodle update is the ability users have to customize how their dashboard works for them.

For most users, the “Course overview” default is to show “All” in “Card” view. For users with many courses, this can be a confusing, as well as a lengthy, list.

Course overview

The screenshot shows the Moodle Course overview page. At the top left, a dropdown menu is set to 'All'. At the top right, the 'Sort by' dropdown is set to 'Course name' and the view toggle is set to 'Card'. Below these are nine course cards arranged in a 3x3 grid. Each card displays a course title, a progress bar, and a completion percentage. The courses listed are:

- (17/18) Chemistry 20-Bao-(S1)(041)
- (18/19) Applied Sociology 30-Nakaska-(R4)(24)
- (18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1)
- (18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S2)(2)
- (18/19) English Lang Arts 20-2-Nakaska-(S1)(1)
- (18/19) English Lang Arts 30-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1)
- (18/19) General Sociology 20-Nakaska-(R3)(23)
- (18/19) Mathematics 20-1-Bao-(S2)(042)
- (18/19) Mathematics 20-2-Bao-(S1)(041)







Clicking on the down arrow allows users to view only “In Progress”, “Future”, or “Past” courses.

The screenshot shows the Moodle Course overview page with the filter dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu is circled in red. A blue arrow points to the 'All' option, and three green arrows point to the 'In progress', 'Future', and 'Past' options. The course cards are partially visible in the background.

The Cards can be changed to “Summary” or “List”, but that doesn’t solve the problem of a being presented with a lengthy list of courses, particularly if viewing “In Progress” courses that have ended or from which the user has withdrawn.

▼ All ▼

Sort by Course name **Summary ▼**

	(17/18) Chemistry 20-Bao-(S1)(041)	...
	(18/19) Applied Sociology 30-Nakaska-(R4)(24)	...
	(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1) Welcome to Semester One ELA 20-1!	0% Complete
	(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S2)(2)	...
	(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-2-Nakaska-(S1)(1) Welcome to Semester One ELA 20-2!	0% Complete
	(18/19) English Lang Arts 30-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1) Welcome to Semester One ELA 30-1!	0% Complete

#### Course overview

▼ All ▼

Sort by Course name **List ▼**

(17/18) Chemistry 20-Bao-(S1)(041)	...
(18/19) Applied Sociology 30-Nakaska-(R4)(24)	...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S2)(2)	...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-2-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete
(18/19) English Lang Arts 30-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete
(18/19) General Sociology 20-Nakaska-(R3)(23)	...
(18/19) Mathematics 20-1-Bao-(S2)(042)	...
(18/19) Mathematics 20-2-Bao-(S1)(041)	0% Complete

The dashboard can be customized even further, however, by “starring” courses. This is done by clicking on the three black circles beside the name of a course, in any of the “course overview” formats, and then clicking on “Star this course”.

#### Course overview

▼ All ▼

Sort by Course name ▼

List ▼

(17/18) Chemistry 20-Bao-(S1)(041)		...
(18/19) Applied Sociology 30-Nakaska-(R4)(24)		...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete	...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S2)(2)		...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-2-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete	...

The user is then able to view only the “Starred” courses in “Course overview”.

#### Course overview

▼ Starred ▼

Sort by Course name ▼

Card ▼

★ (17/18) Chemistry 20-Bao-(S1)(041) ...

★ (18/19) Applied Sociology 30-Nakaska-(R4)(24) ...

★ (18/19) English Lang Arts 30-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1) ...

0% Complete

★ (18/19) Mathematics 20-1-Bao-(S2)(042) ...

**Note that Starred courses are “Past”, Future”, and “In Progress”, allowing for even further user customization.**

Even when courses are “Starred”, a user is still able to see all their courses in “All” view.

#### Course overview

▼ All ▼		Sort by Course name ▼		List ▼
★ (17/18) Chemistry 20-Bao-(S1)(041)				...
★ (18/19) Applied Sociology 30-Nakaska-(R4)(24)				...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete			...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-1-Nakaska-(S2)(2)				...
(18/19) English Lang Arts 20-2-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete			...
★ (18/19) English Lang Arts 30-1-Nakaska-(S1)(1)	0% Complete			...
(18/19) General Sociology 20-Nakaska-(R3)(23)				...
★ (18/19) Mathematics 20-1-Bao-(S2)(042)				...
(18/19) Mathematics 20-2-Bao-(S1)(041)	0% Complete			...

**The ability of the user to customize their dashboard allows them to see exactly which courses they wish to view – All, In Progress, Future, Past, or Starred – and in what format – Card, List, or Summary.**

**It alleviates the “Moodle Scroll” if that is the goal of the user and allows them to sort and view their courses on their dashboard in the manner that best suits their use of Moodle.**