## Overview

My Home is the first page that will open when you log in to VIULearn. This guide will demonstrate the different areas of the My Home page in VIULearn.

The My Home page is made up of four sections which will be explored in greater deal throughout this guide :

 The **Mini Bar** at the top of the page

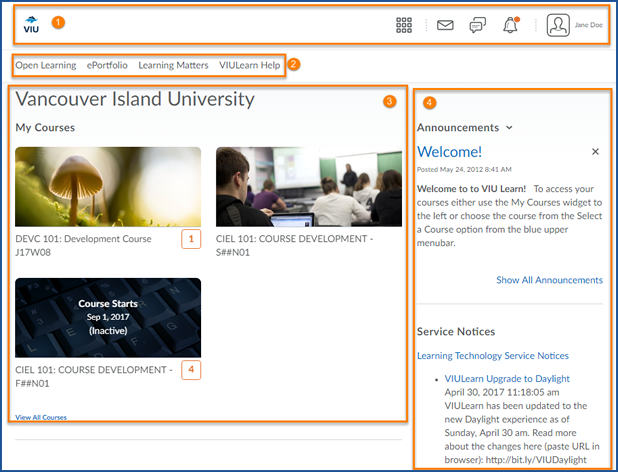
The **My Home Navigation bar**



The **My Courses area** on the left



 The **Support area** on the right



## Mini bar

The mini bar appears at the top of all pages of VIULearn. It contains  a link to **My Home**,  the **Course Selector**,  **Message Alerts**,  **Subscription Alerts**,  **Update Alerts**, and  the **Personal Menu.**



At any time, click on the VIU logo to return to the **My Home** page

 Click the **Course Selector** from any page in VIULearn to see a list of your courses and navigate to another course.

 Clicking on **Message Alerts** will give you access to the **Email** tool and show you any email alerts.

 **Subscription Alerts** will notify you of activity on topics you have subscribed to.

 **Update Alerts** notify you of activity you have subscribed to such as new announcements, or updated course content.

 Your **Personal Menu** gives you access to your Account Settings, Notification Settings, Role Switch, and the Log Off link.

## My Home Navigation

The My Home navigation bar has links to **ePortfolio**, **Open Learning**, **Learning Matters**, and **VIULearn Help** resources.



**ePortfolio**  is a digital portfolio tool created by D2L to allow learners to create digital portfolios to share their work. Learners can even attach ePortfolio items to assignments folders, quiz responses, and discussion posts.

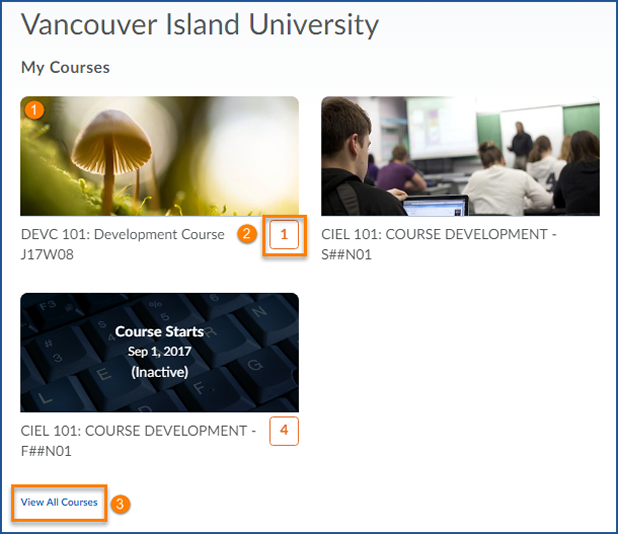
**Open Learning** is where learners and faculty can register for free courses available through VIULearn

**Learning Matters** is a website created to help support student learning.

**VIULearn Help** will take you to the space on our website which contains support for using VIULearn.

## My Courses

Below the **My Home Navigation** bar you will see the **My Courses** area. You may see courses pinned automatically or you may need to pin your courses manually. We have resources to help you with pinning courses on our website.



Click on a course image to access that course.



The number in orange beside the course name tells you how many updates you have for that course. Updates alert you to unread discussion posts, ungraded quizzes, or unread assignment submissions.

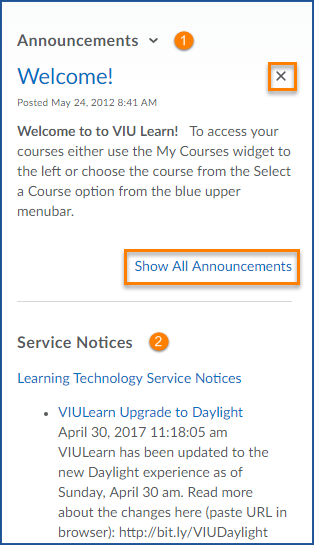


You can view (and Pin) additional courses by clicking on **View All Courses**.



## The Support Area

In the Support area you will find **Announcements** and **Service Notices**



 **Announcements** will contain important notices from the Centre for Innovation and Excellence in Learning.

When you have read an Announcement you can dismiss it by clicking the black **X**.

You can click **Show All Announcements** to view any announcements you have dismissed.

 **Service Notices** contain important notices about outages or other major technology changes at VIU.