

View a Course as a Student

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Role Switch

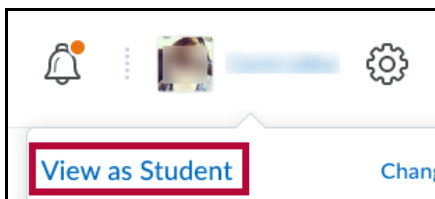
You can temporarily switch your role by using the personal menu under your name on any homepage in D2L. Role Switch provides a generic view of the course using the role you select.

Switching your role

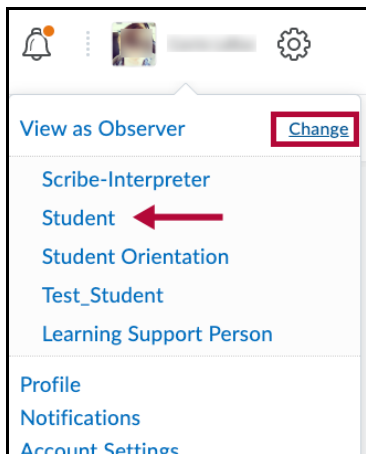
1. Click on your name in the **minibar**. This will open a dropdown menu.



2. Click on **View as Student**.

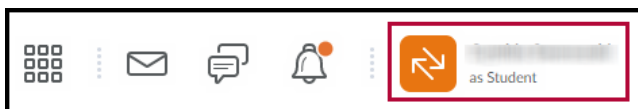


- If you don't see Student, click the word **Change**. Several role options will appear.
- Select **Student**.



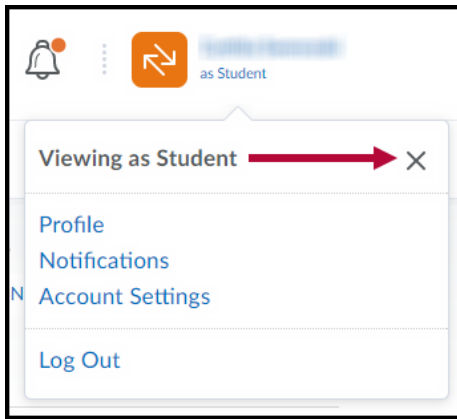
NOTE: The "Student" role is likely the only role you will need to use.

3. Your role will be reflected in the minibar by text under your name and a bright orange icon with arrows on it.



End Role Switch

1. Click your **name** in the minibar.
2. Click on the **X** to the right of "Viewing as a Student."



NOTE: When you use Role Switch, you are automatically redirected to the course homepage view for that role.

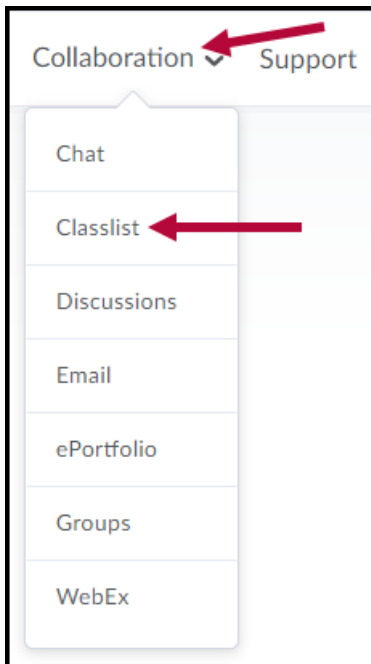
Impersonate

A person with appropriate access can impersonate another user from the Classlist. Unlike Role Switch, Impersonate allows you to “log in” as a specific user. In this case, you will get a 100% accurate view of what a student sees in the course. It would be beneficial to impersonate a test student when confirming your newly designed course functions as intended.

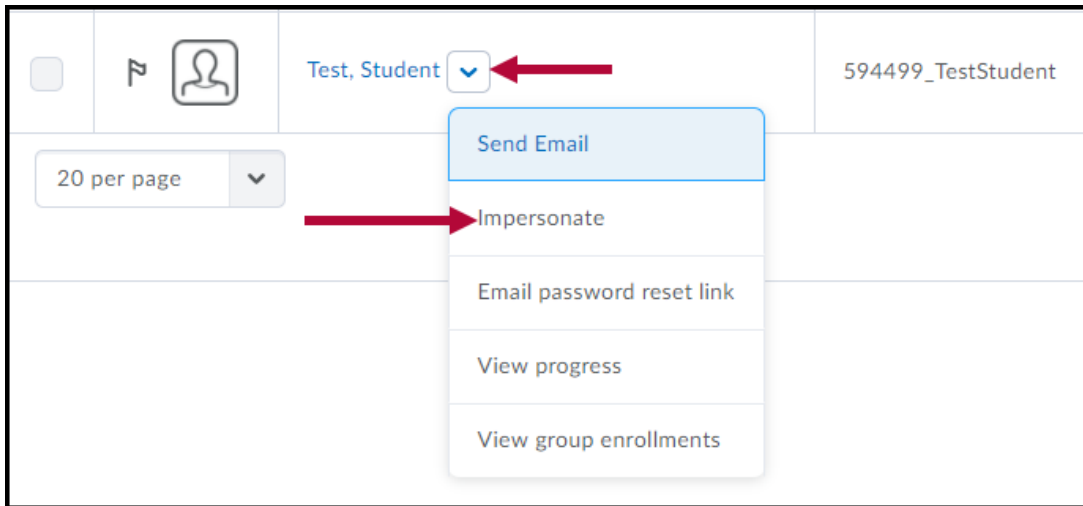
NOTE: Instructors may only impersonate test students in a sandbox. The Impersonate option is **not** available to instructors in live courses. You can copy your course content into a sandbox to test it using impersonation. Only D2L administrators have the ability to impersonate other users.

Impersonating a user

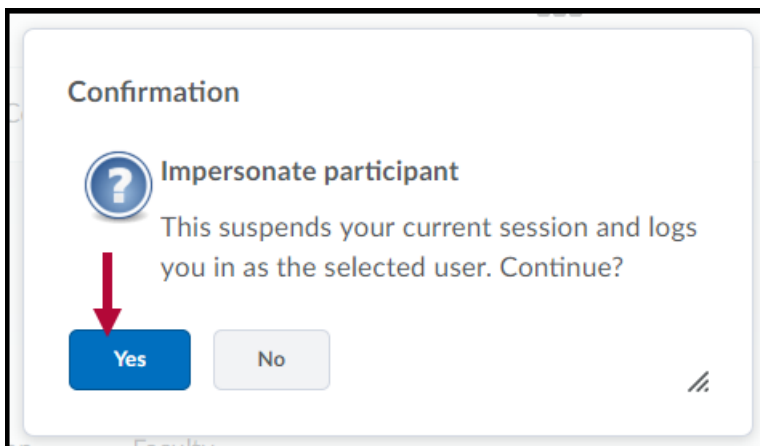
1. From within a *sandbox* course, click **Collaboration** > **Classlist** from the navbar.



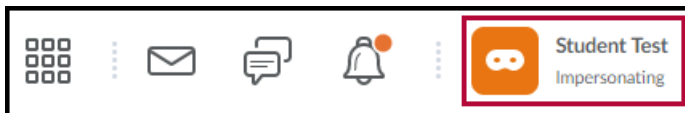
2. Select **Impersonate** from the drop-down menu of "Test, Student."



3. Click **Yes** on the confirmation screen.



4. The personal menu on the minibar displays the name "Student Test," with a bright orange icon next to the name.



Stop impersonating a user

1. Click on **Student Test** in the minibar. A drop-down menu will appear.
2. Click the **"X"** to stop impersonating the test student.

The image shows a user profile dropdown menu. At the top left is a notification bell icon. To its right is a red-bordered box containing an orange user icon with two eyes and the text "Student Test" and "Impersonating" below it. Below this is a dropdown menu with the following items: "Impersonating: Student Test" (with a red 'X' icon and a red arrow pointing to it), "Profile", "Notifications", "Account Settings", "Progress", and "Log Out".

Impersonating: **Student Test** X

Profile

Notifications

Account Settings

Progress

Log Out