

Add Top Hat to Your D2L Course

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Online Services does not have access to your **Top Hat** account. For integration issues or questions, please contact your Top Hat representative **Mary Coman** mary.coman@tophatmonocle.com or support@tophat.com.

Top Hat is a student response, web-based system. Instructors can use Top Hat to poll students, ask discussion prompts, present lecture material and track attendance. Students can respond to Top Hat questions and prompts using the devices they already own.

▶ [Watch the Star Bundle \(VitalSource\) & Top Hat Open Lab for Spring 2026](https://vimeo.com/1157264496/6da2e39ca4)
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Connecting Top Hat with your D2L Course via Course Materials

1. Navigate to your D2L course.
2. From the course Navbar, click **[Course Materials]**.

3. The **Course Materials Dashboard** will open in a new browser tab.

4. Log into your Faculty **Top Hat** Account.



Log in to Top Hat

Welcome back! Please log in below

School

Lone Star College System



Email

Password

Login

[Forgot password?](#)

Don't have an account yet? [Create one](#)

5. Select your Top Hat Course and **[Continue]**.

Connect Your Courses

Choose a course to connect with **BUSI-1301 9T20 6W1 Business Principles**
or [create a new course](#) in Top Hat

Search Top Hat courses... 

BUSI-1301 6W1



Continue

6. Confirm your courses are properly connected.

 Your courses are connected!

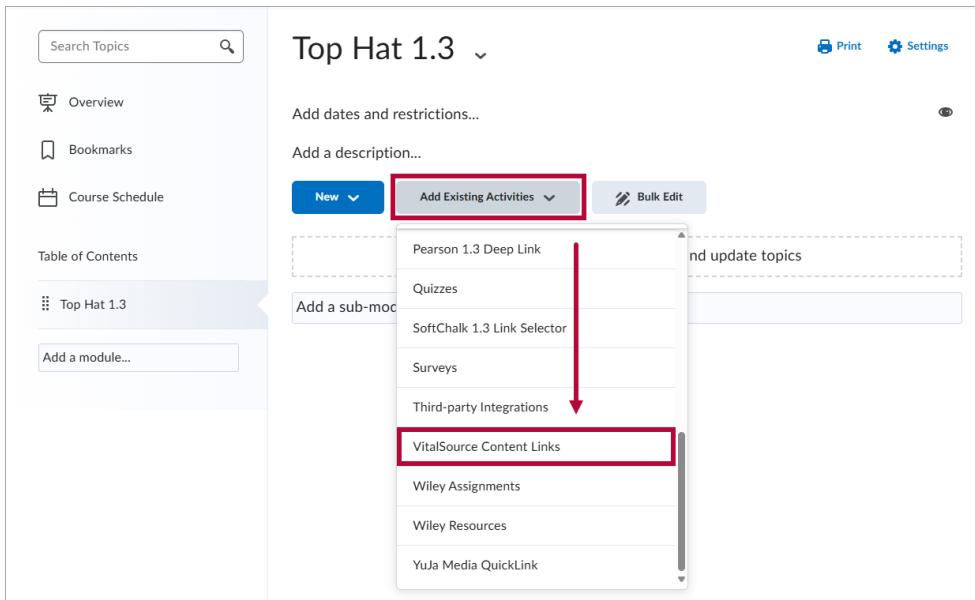
 

BUSI-1301 6W1 Business Principles **BUSI-1301 6W1**

[View Course in Top Hat](#)
You can also close this browser tab and return to your LMS.

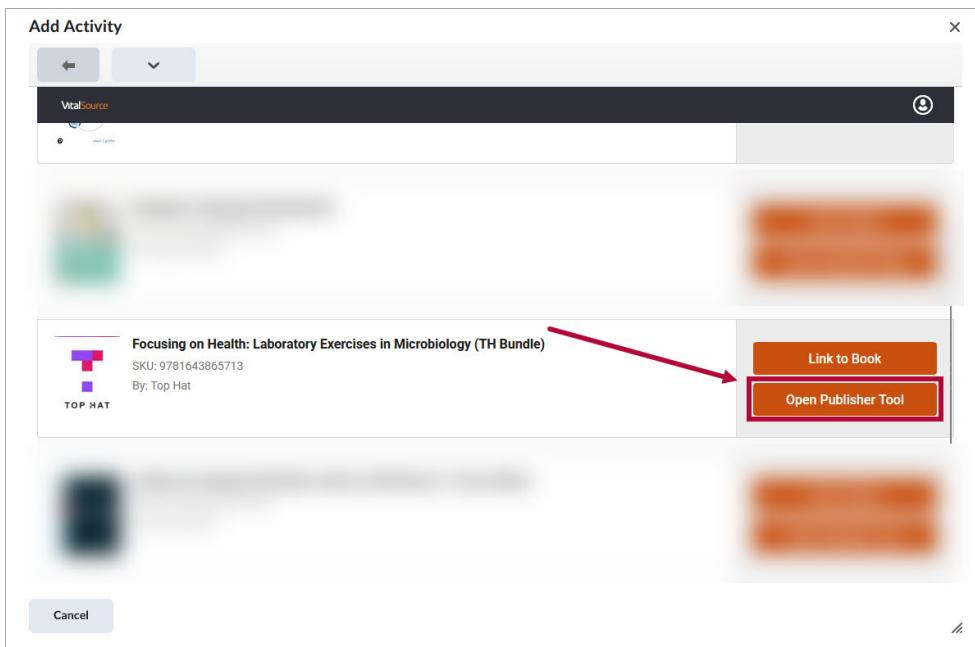
Adding Top Hat Content to a Module using Course Materials

1. Navigate to the Content Module you wish Top Hat items to be placed in and click **[Add Existing Activities]** and select **[VitalSource Content Links]**.



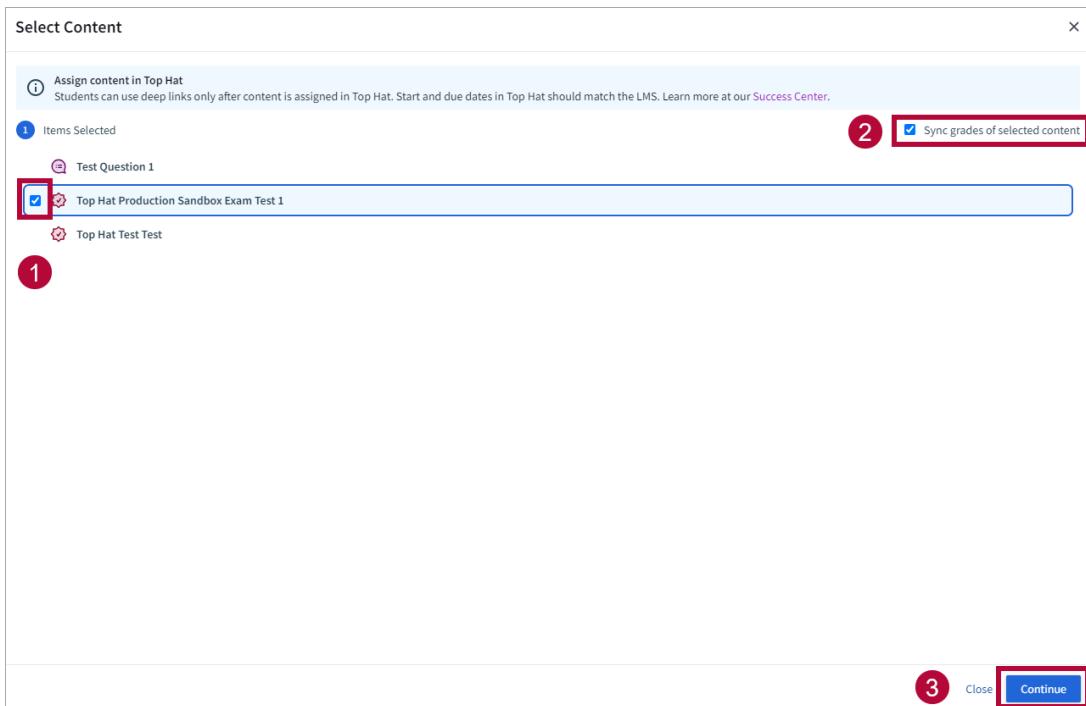
The screenshot shows the Top Hat 1.3 content module. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Search Topics' and links to 'Overview', 'Bookmarks', 'Course Schedule', 'Table of Contents', and 'Top Hat 1.3'. The main area has fields for 'Add dates and restrictions...' and 'Add a description...'. Below these are buttons for 'New' (blue), 'Add Existing Activities' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Bulk Edit'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Add Existing Activities', showing options like 'Pearson 1.3 Deep Link', 'Quizzes', 'SoftChalk 1.3 Link Selector', 'Surveys', 'Third-party Integrations', and 'VitalSource Content Links' (highlighted with a red box). Other options like 'Wiley Assignments' and 'Wiley Resources' are also visible.

2. Confirm the textbook is correct and choose **[Open Publisher Tool]**.



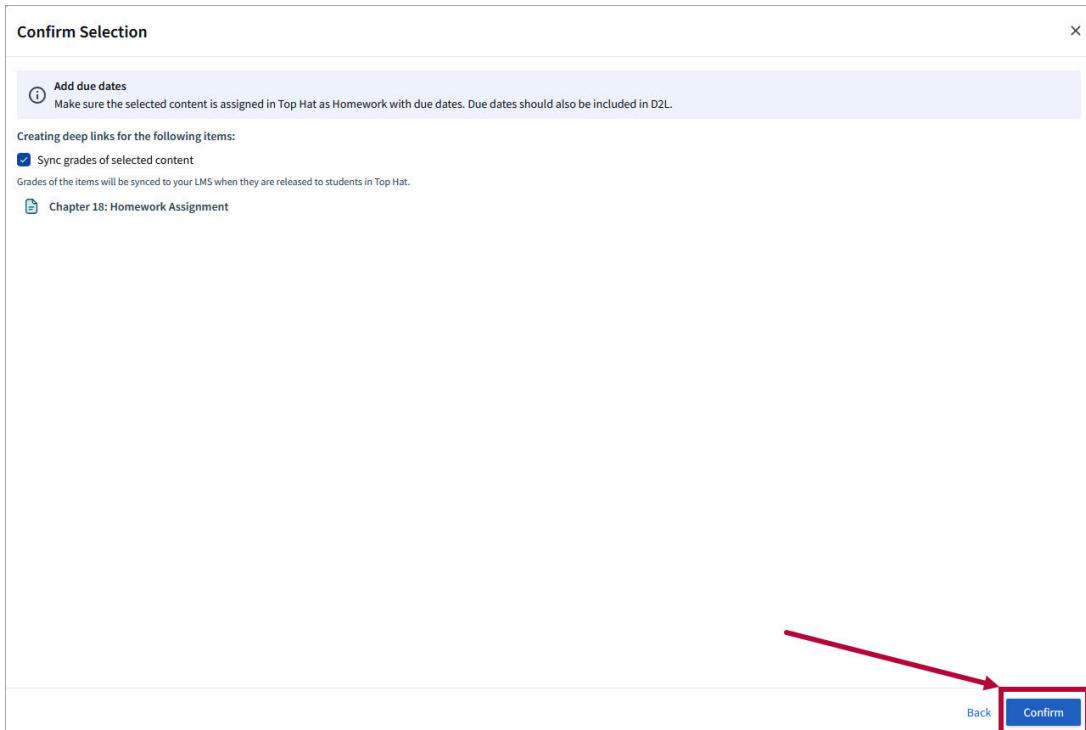
The screenshot shows the 'Add Activity' dialog box. At the top, there are navigation buttons. Below that is a 'VitalSource' section with a dropdown menu. The main area displays a book cover for 'Focusing on Health: Laboratory Exercises in Microbiology (TH Bundle)' with the SKU '9781643865713' and 'By: Top Hat'. At the bottom right are two buttons: 'Link to Book' and 'Open Publisher Tool' (highlighted with a red box). A red arrow points from the 'VitalSource' section towards the 'Open Publisher Tool' button.

3. Select the Content you wish to add to the D2L Module by selecting the checkbox next to each item. If this is a graded item, make sure to click **[Sync grade of selected content]** is checked. Then click **[Continue]**.



NOTE: If **[Sync Grade of selected content]** was selected, a Grade Item in D2L will be instantly and automatically created with the same name.

4. If the items are correct on the Confirmation window, click **[Confirm]**.



5. Your Top Hat item(s) are now linked in your D2L Module.

Top Hat

 Print  Settings

Add dates and restrictions...



Add a description...

New 

Add Existing Activities 

 Bulk Edit

 Chapter 18: Homework Assignment 

 Third-party Integration

Add a sub-module...

Activating Top Hat in your D2L Course (Only if the course is not part of Star Bundle)

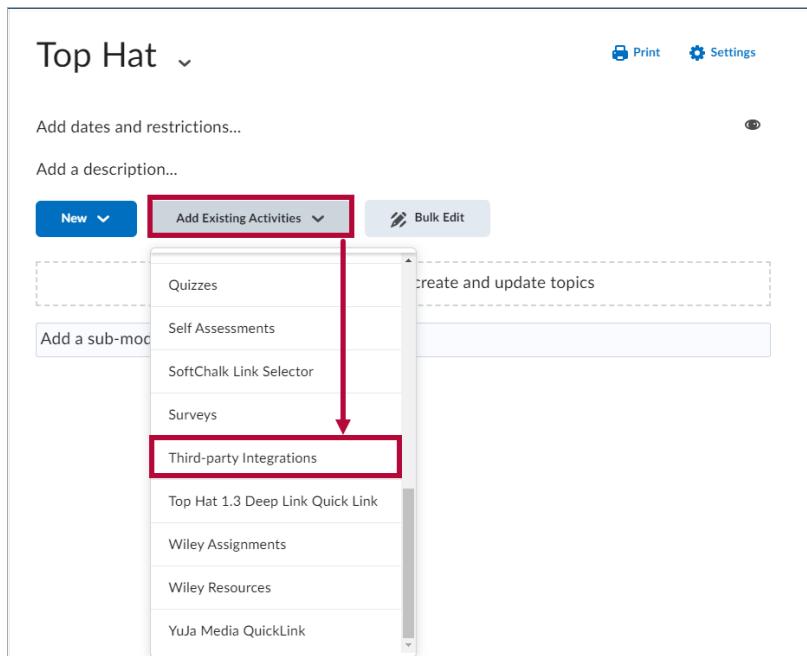
ALERT: The following steps are used for courses which are **not** participating in the Star Bundle. This will only pertain to a small number of courses such as Dual Credit courses. **DO NOT** use these steps if your course materials are found in VitalSource and available to students via the Star Bundle. If you are not certain, please contact your **Top Hat representative** for assistance.

1. Send an email to VTAC@lonestar.edu.
2. Include a list of the courses, complete with course ID, section numbers and terms, in which you want to use Top Hat.

Connecting Top Hat with your D2L Course when not using Star Bundle

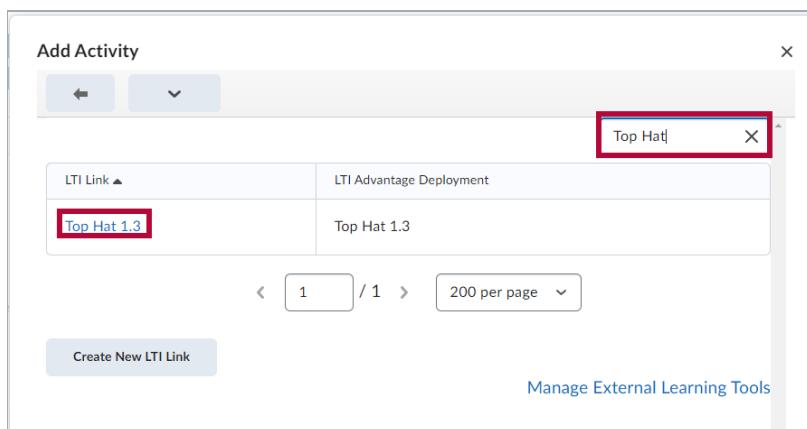
Once the integration has been set up in your course, use the following steps to add content to your course.

1. Navigate to a Content Module and click **[Add Existing Activities]** and **[Third-party Integrations]**.



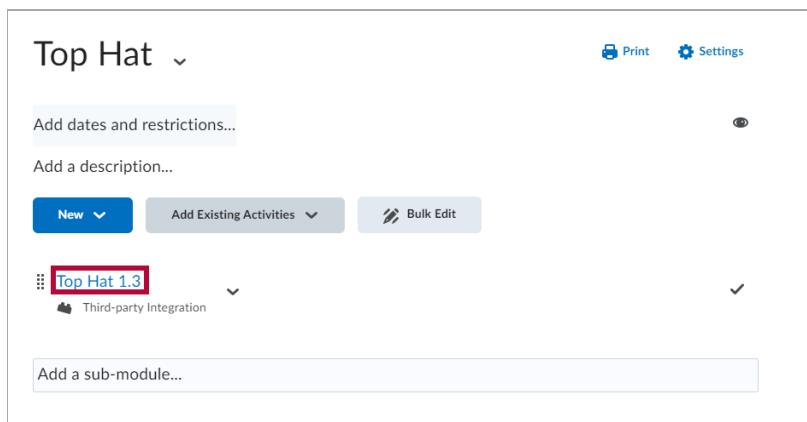
The screenshot shows a dropdown menu titled 'Add Existing Activities' with a red box around it. The menu lists several options: Quizzes, Self Assessments, SoftChalk Link Selector, Surveys, and Third-party Integrations. The 'Third-party Integrations' option is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to it from below. Other options in the list include Top Hat 1.3 Deep Link Quick Link, Wiley Assignments, Wiley Resources, and YuJa Media QuickLink.

2. Search for Top Hat in the Search Box and select **[Top Hat 1.3]**.



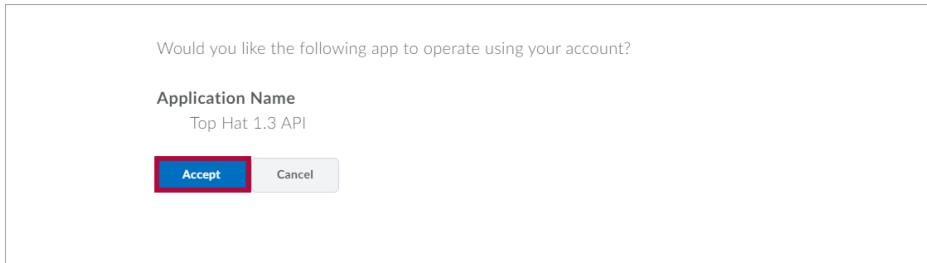
The screenshot shows a search results page for 'Add Activity'. The search bar at the top contains the text 'Top Hat'. Below the search bar, there is a table with two rows. The first row has 'LTI Link' and 'LTI Advantage Deployment' in the columns. The second row has 'Top Hat 1.3' and 'Top Hat 1.3' in the columns. The 'Top Hat 1.3' entry is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Create New LTI Link' button and a 'Manage External Learning Tools' link.

3. Select **[Top Hat 1.3]** from your content module.

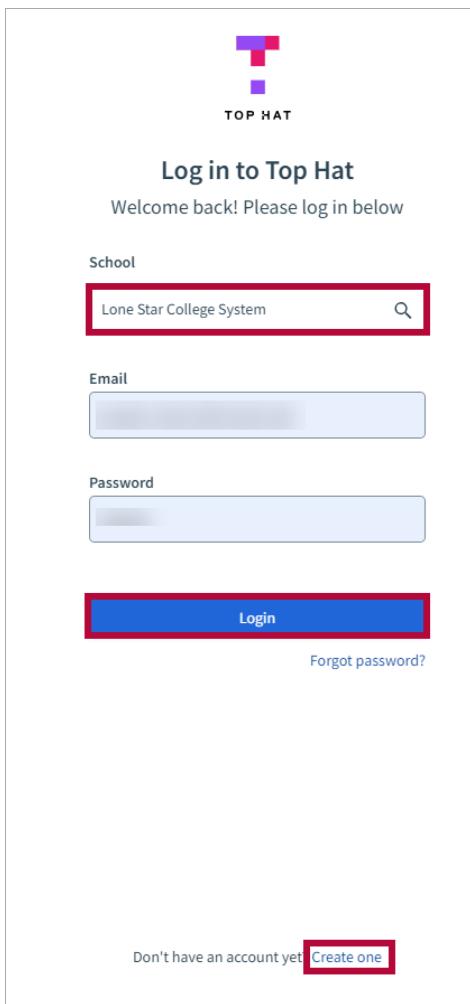


The screenshot shows the 'Top Hat' content module. At the top, there are buttons for 'New', 'Add Existing Activities' (which has a red box around it), and 'Bulk Edit'. Below these, a list of activities is shown. The 'Top Hat 1.3' entry is highlighted with a red box. It is described as a 'Third-party Integration'. At the bottom of the module, there is a text input field for 'Add a sub-module...'.

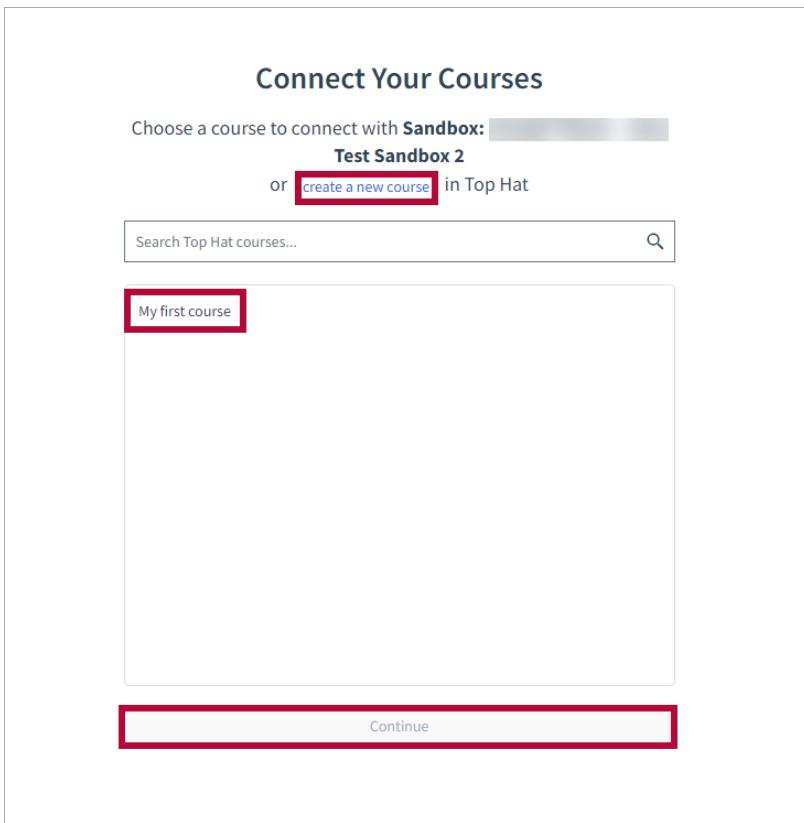
4. Select **[Accept]** to allow Top Hat to connect to your D2L section.



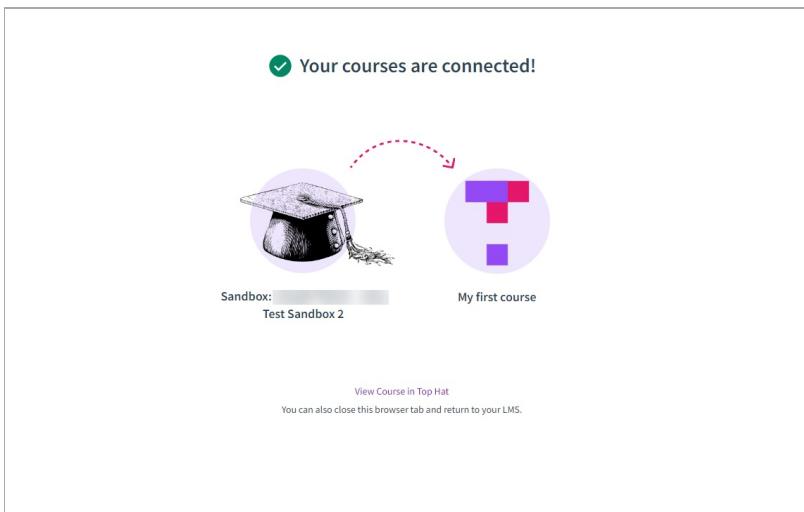
5. Search and select **[Lone Star College System]** and log into your Top Hat account. If you don't have a Top Hat account, click **[Create One]** at the bottom of the page.



6. If you have already created a Top Hat course, select that course to connect to your D2L section and click **[Continue]**. If you haven't made a course yet, choose **[Create a New Course]**.

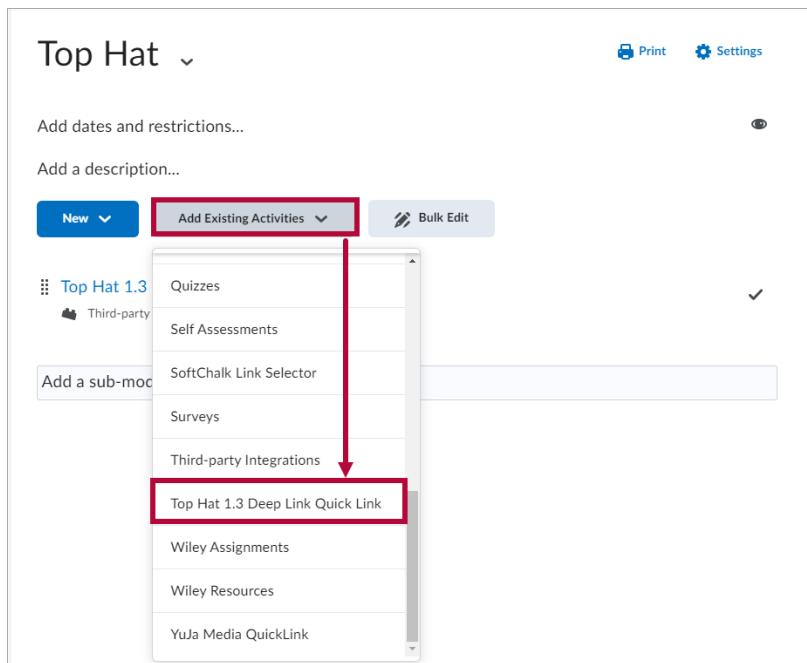


7. Now your D2L course is connected to Top Hat.



Adding Top Hat Content to a Module when not using Star Bundle

1. Navigate to the Content Module you wish Top Hat items to be placed in and click **[Add Existing Activities]** and select **[Top Hat 1.3 Deep Link Quick Link]**.



Add dates and restrictions...

Add a description...

New Add Existing Activities Bulk Edit

Top Hat 1.3 Third-party

Add a sub-module

Quizzes

Self Assessments

SoftChalk Link Selector

Surveys

Third-party Integrations

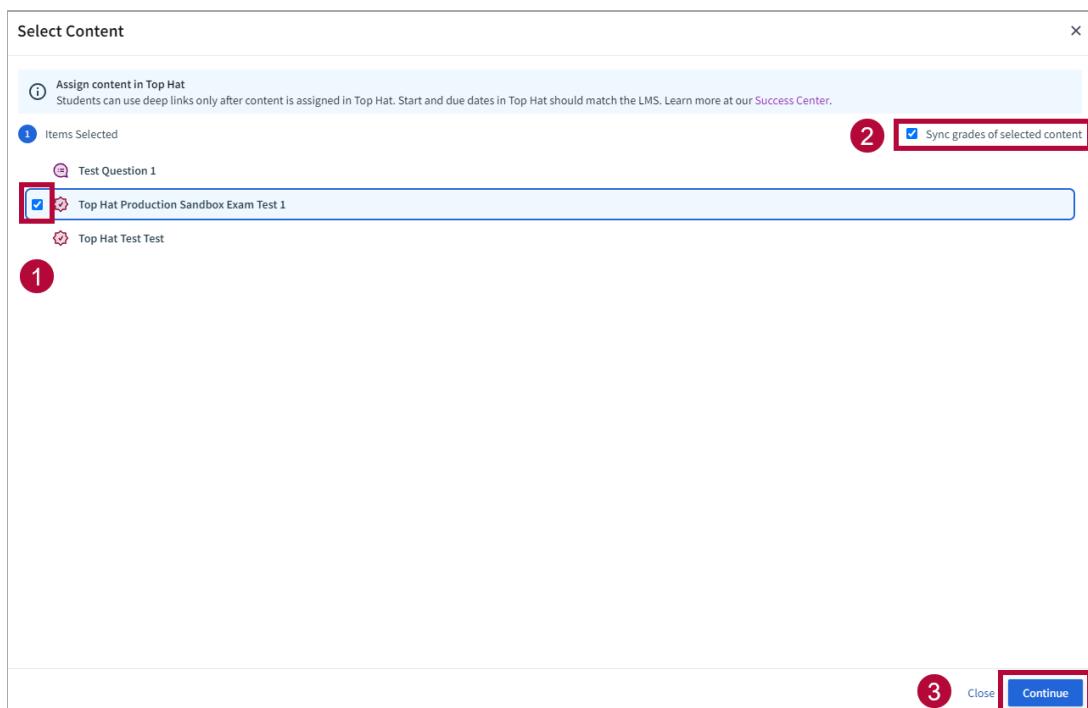
Top Hat 1.3 Deep Link Quick Link

Wiley Assignments

Wiley Resources

YuJa Media QuickLink

2. Select the Content you wish to add to the D2L Module by selecting the checkbox next to each item. If this is a graded item, make sure **[Sync grade of selected content]** is checked. Then click **[Continue]**.



Select Content

Assign content in Top Hat
Students can use deep links only after content is assigned in Top Hat. Start and due dates in Top Hat should match the LMS. Learn more at our [Success Center](#).

1 Items Selected

2 Sync grades of selected content

3 Continue

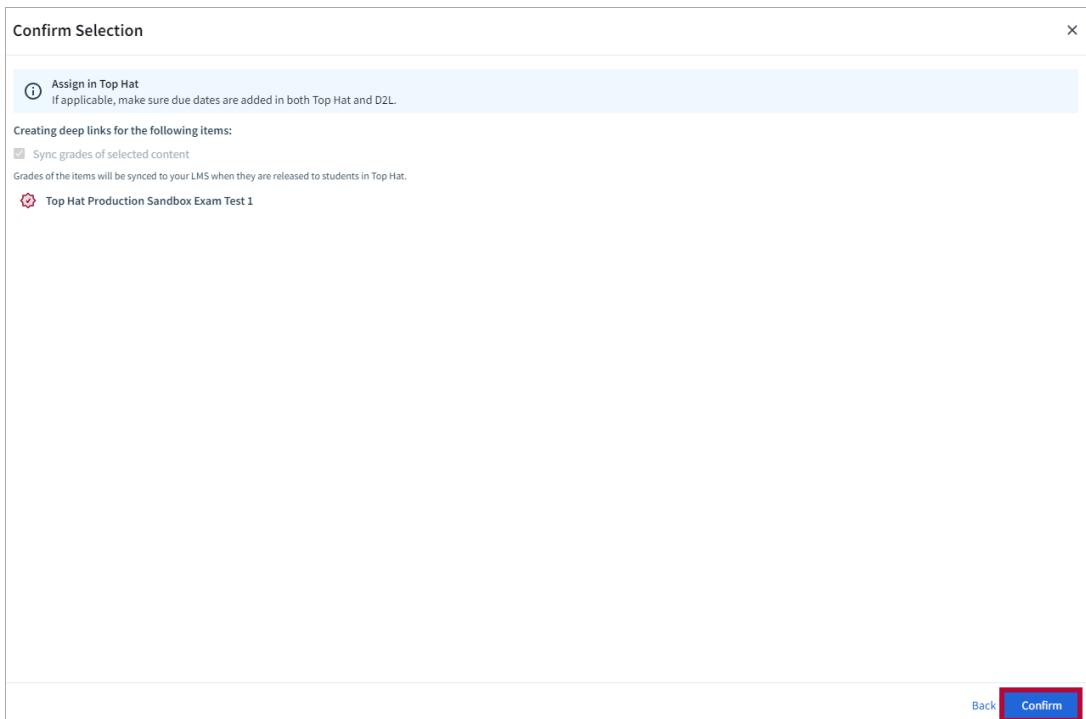
Test Question 1

Top Hat Production Sandbox Exam Test 1

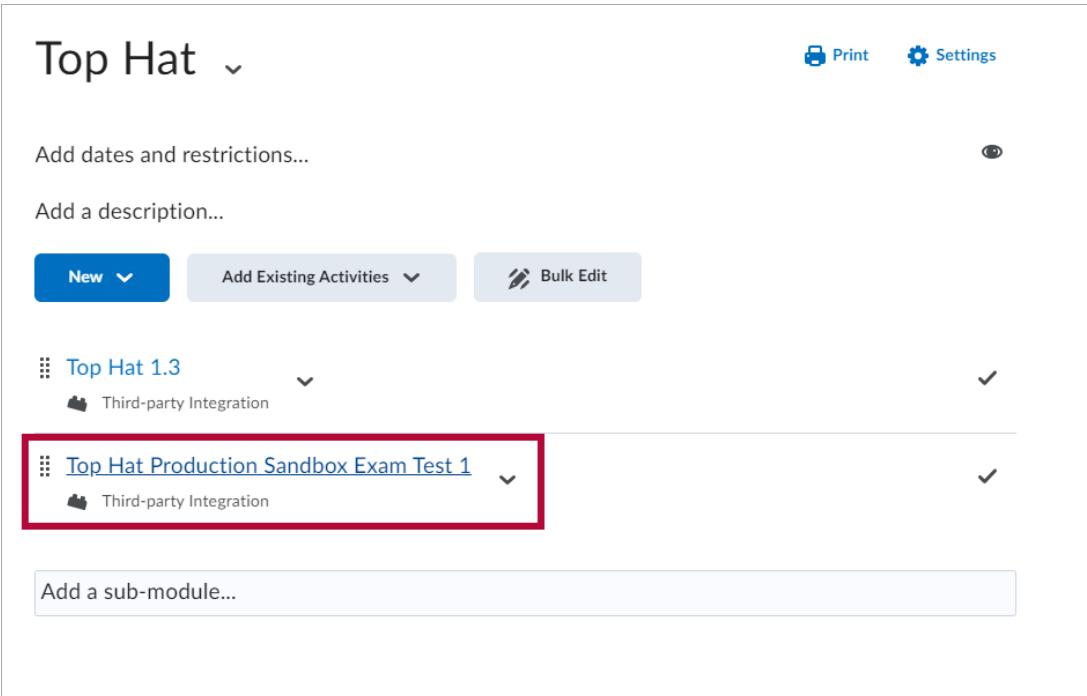
Top Hat Test Test

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3. If the items are correct on the Confirmation window, click **[Confirm]**.



4. Your Top Hat items are now linked in your D2L Module.

A screenshot of a D2L module interface titled 'Top Hat'. The interface includes a 'Print' and 'Settings' button at the top right. Below the title, there are fields for 'Add dates and restrictions...' and 'Add a description...'. A toolbar with 'New', 'Add Existing Activities', and 'Bulk Edit' buttons is visible. The main content area shows a list of items. The first item, 'Top Hat 1.3', is listed under 'Third-party Integration' and has a checkmark. The second item, 'Top Hat Production Sandbox Exam Test 1', is also listed under 'Third-party Integration' and has a checkmark. This second item is highlighted with a red box. Below the list is a field for 'Add a sub-module...'.

Item	Type	Status
Top Hat 1.3	Third-party Integration	✓
Top Hat Production Sandbox Exam Test 1	Third-party Integration	✓