

# Add Top Hat to Your D2L Course

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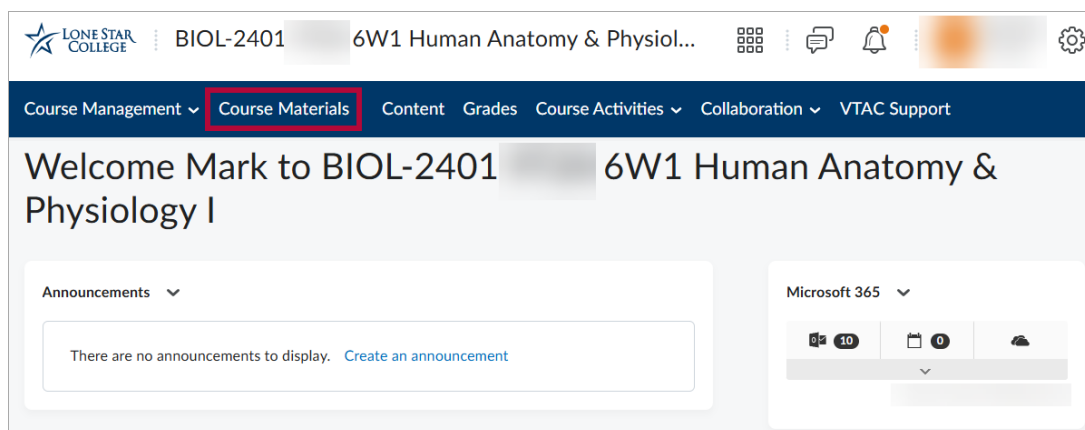
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**Top Hat** is a student response, web-based system. Instructors can use Top Hat to poll students, ask discussion prompts, present lecture material and track attendance. Students can respond to Top Hat questions and prompts using the devices they already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

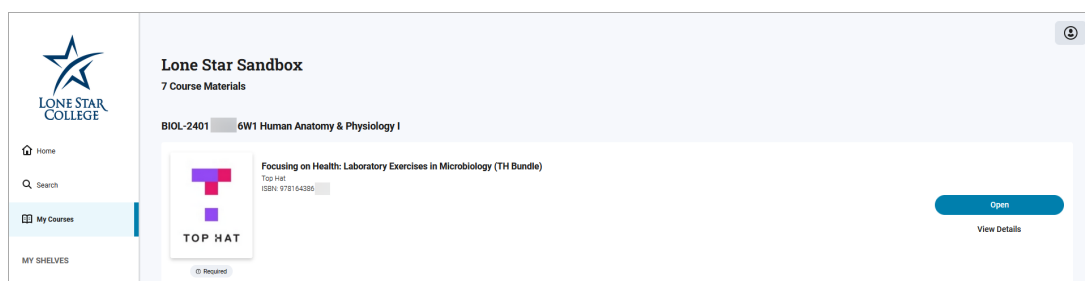
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## Connecting Top Hat with your D2L Course via Course Materials

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

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

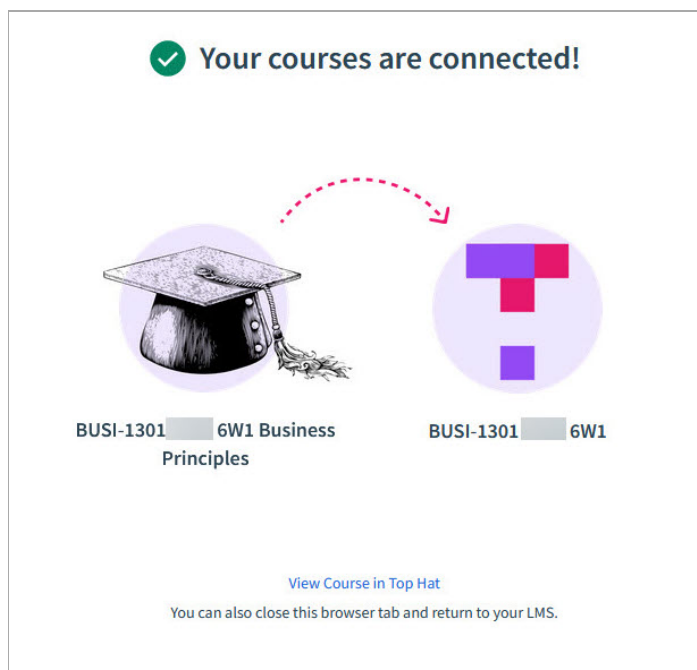
### Connect Your Courses

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

BUSI-1301 6W1

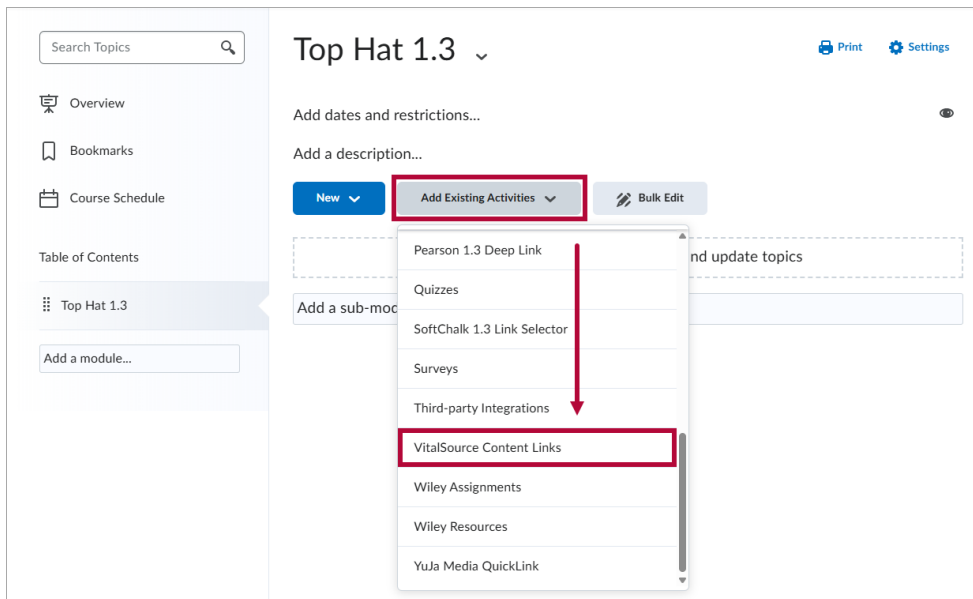
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6. Confirm your courses are properly connected.

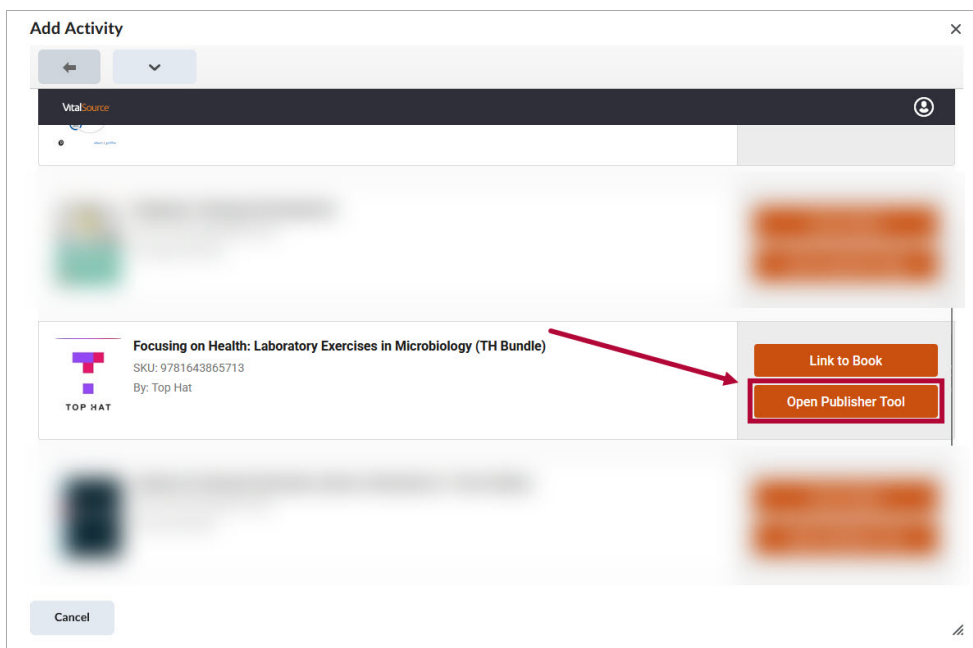


## Adding Top Hat Content to a Module using Course Materials

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]**.



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



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]**.

**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](#).

Items Selected

- Test Question 1
- ☒ Top Hat Production Sandbox Exam Test 1
- Top Hat Test Test

Sync grades of selected content ☒

Close 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]**.

**Confirm Selection**

Add due dates  
Make sure the selected content is assigned in Top Hat as Homework with due dates. Due dates should also be included in D2L.

Creating deep links for the following items:

- ☒ Sync grades of selected content  
Grades of the items will be synced to your LMS when they are released to students in Top Hat.

Chapter 18: Homework Assignment

Back 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)

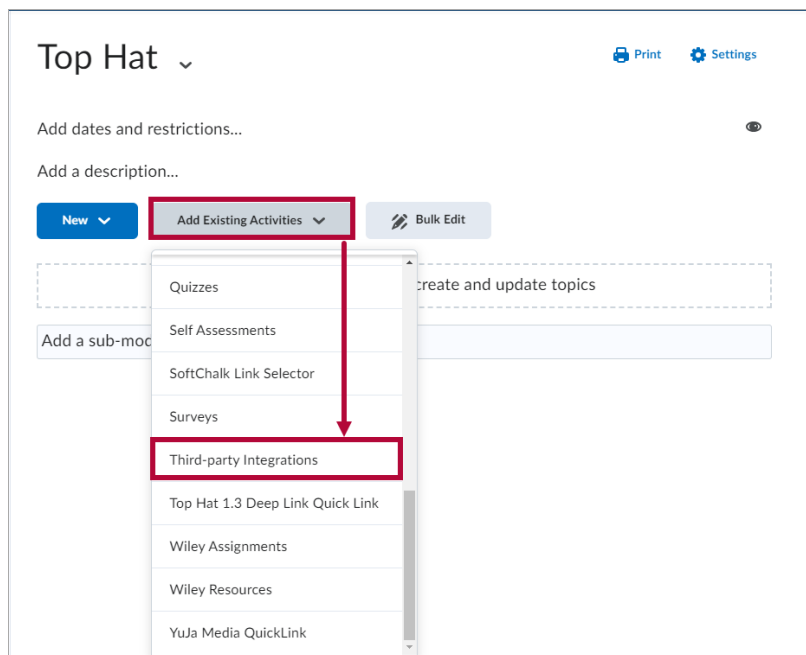
**ALERT:** The following steps are used for courses which are **not** participating in the Star Bundle. This will only pertain to a small number of courses such as Dual Credit courses. **DO NOT** use these steps if your course materials are found in VitalSource and available to students via the Star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

1. Send an email to [VTAC@lonestar.edu](mailto: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.

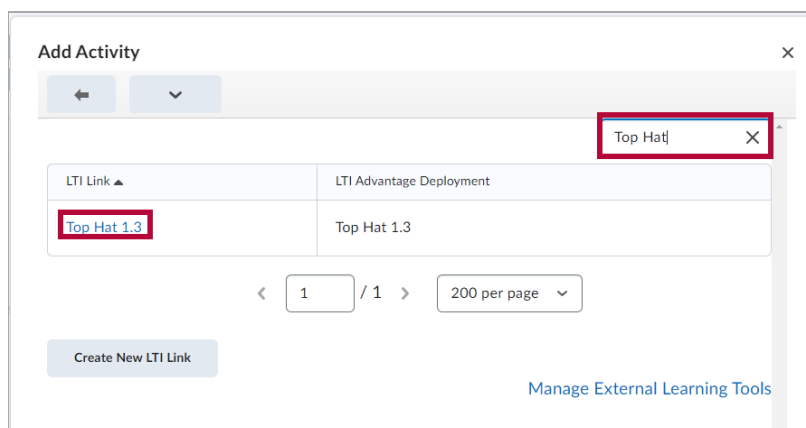
## Connecting Top Hat with your D2L Course when not using Star Bundle

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

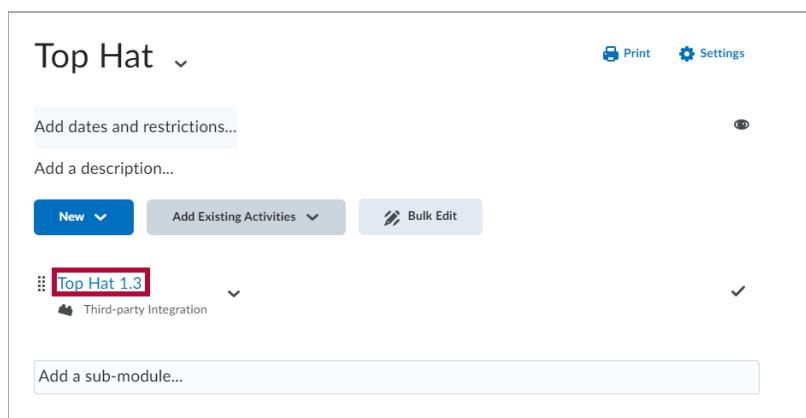
1. Navigate to a Content Module and click **[Add Existing Activities]** and **[Third-party Integrations]**.



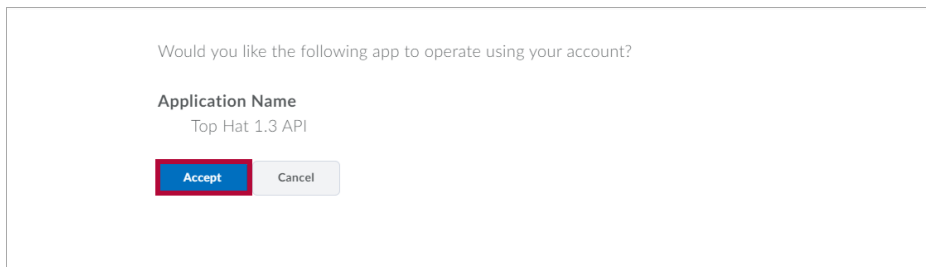
2. Search for Top Hat in the Search Box and select **[Top Hat 1.3]**.



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



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

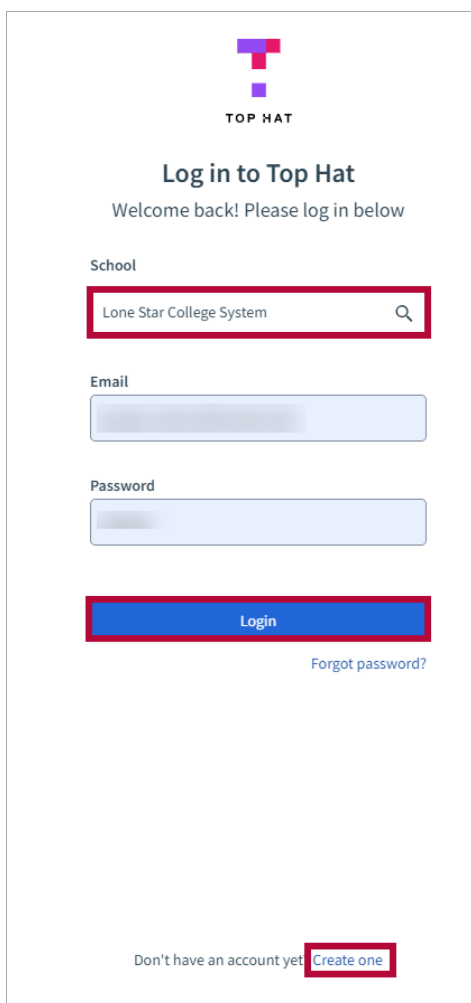



Would you like the following app to operate using your account?

**Application Name**  
Top Hat 1.3 API


**Accept** Cancel

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.



  
TOP HAT

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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]**.

### Connect Your Courses

Choose a course to connect with **Sandbox:**

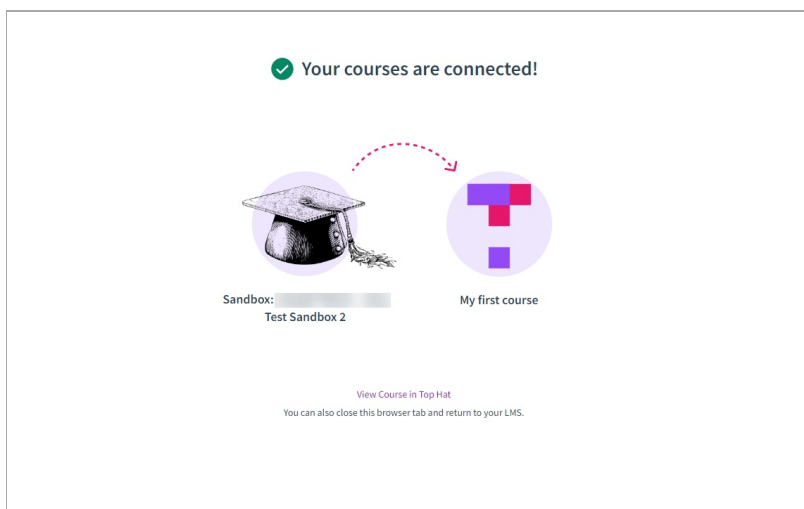
**Test Sandbox 2**

or **create a new course** in Top Hat

My first course

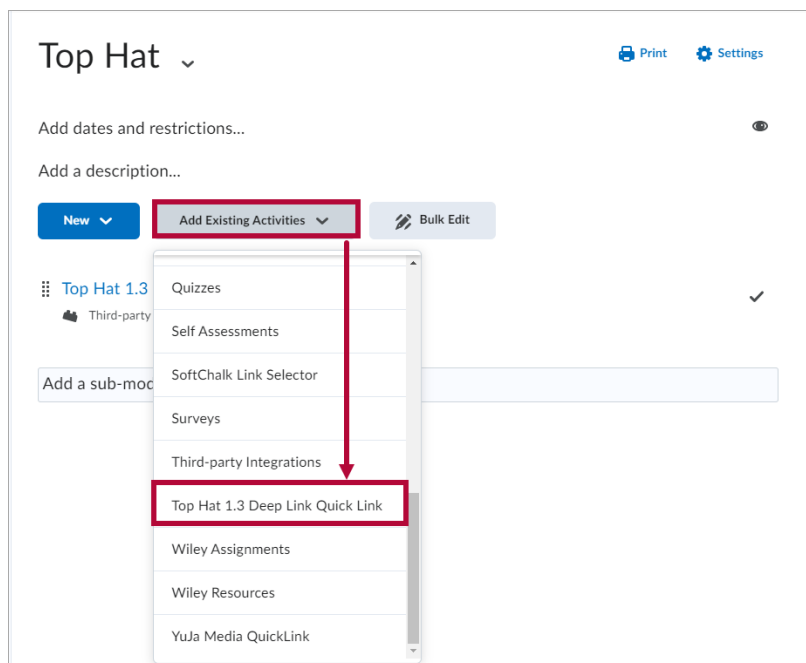
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7. Now your D2L course is connected to Top Hat.

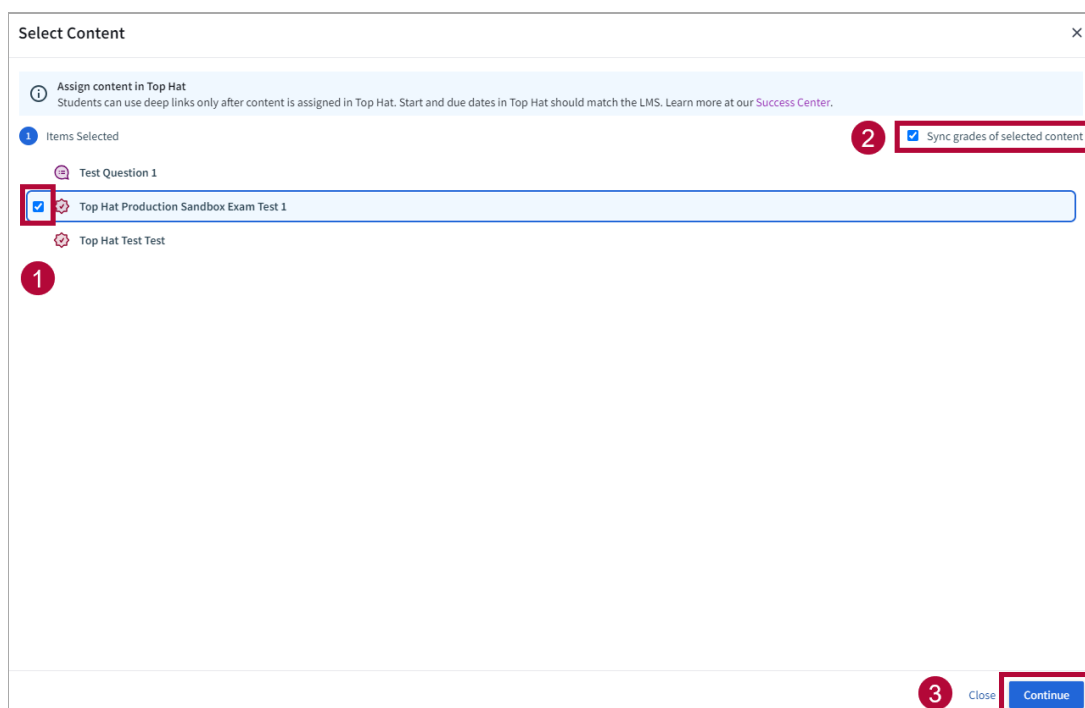


## Adding Top Hat Content to a Module when not using Star Bundle

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