Pearson MyLab December 2016 Updates

The December 2016 Pearson MyLab™ Release delivers a more streamlined user experience that is mobile-friendly, improves compliance with accessibility standards, and provides enhanced instructor reporting to highlight key insight into student and class performance.

Student Study Plan Updates

The MyLab Study Plan has a new design for learners, based on feedback from users and best practices from learning science. Previously, the MyLab study plan landing page showed recommended and mastery items with a link to view student progress. The new Student Study Plan has been redesigned to improve accessibility and now features three different tabs: Recommendations, Progress and All Chapters.

- **Recommended** is the default landing page view, although faculty can still elect the landing page view for their courses. Students can easily see recently mastered activities.
- **The Progress View** provides a more visual presentation of how students are progressing towards completion and attaining Mastery points. Recommended activities are still clearly delineated via the pushpin icon.
- **The All Chapters View** allows students to see all available MyLabs activities and the number of Mastery Points awarded, while still clearly specifying recommended activities via the pushpin icon.
Instructor Gradebook Updates

The MyLab Gradebook has been updated to improve navigation among frequently-used Gradebook features, make student performance insights more readily-accessible, and provide even more flexibility in grading and assignment settings.

Updated Gradebook Landing Page

The interface now aligns with previous stylistic updates and improves navigation among frequently used Gradebook features. Frequently used actions, such as the addition of offline items, have moved from the “More Tools” dropdown menu to the main toolbar at the top of the page. A visible link to the Reporting Dashboard improves visibility of advanced reporting capabilities.
This update also includes a new performance graph (1) that highlights student and class performance. A new, dynamic search box (2) allows faculty to easily search for a specific student’s results. The new landing page enables instructors to quickly see class performance by grade categories and includes date of last student logins (3).

Additional Instructor Gradebook Updates

- **Search and Email by Criteria:** Searching for and emailing students based on specific criteria has been streamlined. “Email Selected” and “Export Selected” buttons are now on the search results page. A pop-up window allows for entry of the email text. Search results can also be accessed from the Gradebook Landing Page by clicking the bar in the chart that represents the score range of interest--e.g., 40-50%.

- **Filtering of Change Weights:** New filtering functionality by assignments and chapters makes selecting individual assignments or chapters easy. A customized version of this page is shown in courses integrated with on-campus Learning Management Systems.

- **All Assignments View:** The Refresh of the Gradebook All Assignments View aligns this page’s design with previous stylistic updates and improves filtering by assignment types and chapters (or modules, if applicable). Assignment category weights are now visible in their own row and the Change Score function is now clearly visible.
My Courses Portal Updates

Access to courses and course creation within the My Courses Portal is easier than ever. Based on feedback from instructors after the Fall 2016 My Courses Portal redesign, updates have been made to steer instructors quickly to the correct course and streamline the process for copied courses as well as coordinator/member courses.

- The clickable area to access a course has been expanded so that now faculty can click anywhere within the colored area on the course tile to access their course(s). Also, the Course ID is now able to be copied from Tile and Course views.
- The ability to drag and drop courses in tile and list views are more obvious with the double rows of dots placed in the upper lefthand corner of the tile or course list.
- The Copy a Course process has been updated to better delineate Instructor Courses from Coordinator Courses. Additional informational text has been added for further clarification on course characteristics between Instructor Courses and Member Courses.

Updates for Lab Administrators

For lab administrators using LockDown Browser, important updates require downloading a new version.
- The Pearson LockDown Browser, powered by Respondus, is available to any instructor who wishes to require it for a high-stakes test. A new version of Pearson LockDown Browser is now available and a new download is required for continued usage. This new version is based on Chromium rather than Internet Explorer.
- Once this new version is installed, the student experience will be uniform across all versions of Internet Explorer.
LMS Integration Updates

Change Weights and Grade Sync Settings
Our Learning Management System (LMS) integration services give you easy access to Pearson MyLab from your existing LMS. Access to change weight and other grade sync settings are now more easily accessible for instructors using LMS-integrated courses. On the Gradebook landing page toolbar, LMS-integrated courses will see “Change Weights & Grade Sync Settings.” This menu option will allow instructors to select grade sync settings for both overall scores and specific assignment scores.