

# Email Students in Your Class

The best way to contact students in your class is to use AsULearn's **Announcements** or **QuickMail block**. AsULearn is synchronized with Banner so you can be sure that you are contacting **ALL** your registered students during the volatile drop/add period. With each of these options, a record of your communication (forum post or email) is retained in the course.

- **Announcements** is a tool within every course created in AsULearn. Instructors post a message topic in the forum and the post will then be automatically emailed to all class members with a 15-minute delay to give you time to edit, you can check the option: Send forum post notifications with no editing-time delay. If time critical, QuickMail is considered to be speedier than Announcements.  
**Note: In order for the message to be sent from Announcements, the AsULearn site must be available to students.**
- **The Quickmail block** is added to each AsULearn course by default. Send email to the entire class, groups, or individual students. Quickmail is sent to each participant as a blind copy (bcc:), so other recipients are not notified of classmates who also received the email.

**Quickmail Use Case:** 5 students struggled on the first exam. Instructor sends one Quickmail to the 5 students with a generic subject of "Concerned about your progress" and a generic body expressing concern, reiterating office hours, available labs, study resources, etc. Each student will receive the message in the blind, and it will appear it came only to them.

**Note: The AsULearn site does not need to be available to students in order to send.**

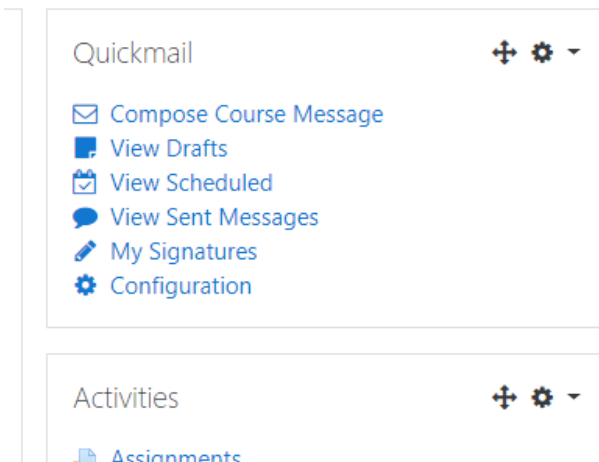
**i** Students can see previous Announcements posts from the main course page. Quickmail messages are sent to students' email accounts or their AsULearn Messaging drawer (speech bubble icon, top right), but they can delete them from either location.

**i** The Quickmail block is not available in the Student view.

## To Use the Quickmail Block

### To Send Quickmail

1. Locate the **Quickmail** block on the main course page.



2. Click **Compose Course Message**. (see below for [Other Quickmail options](#))

# Quickmail: Compose Course Message

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The screenshot shows the 'Compose Course Message' interface. The 'To' field has two nameplates: 'Apples (Group)' and 'Cabernet Merlot'. Below it is a dropdown menu titled 'Who should receive this message?'. The dropdown is open, showing a list of options: 'All In Course', 'Teacher (Role)', 'Student (Role)', 'Cheddar (Group)', 'Oranges (Group)', 'Woodhugh Bugoff', 'Grumpy Cat', 'Jeff Church', 'Rachel Clark', and 'Derek Eggers'. A mouse cursor is hovering over 'Oranges (Group)'. To the right of the dropdown is a 'message?' dropdown. Below the dropdown is a toolbar with icons for list, list with numbers, link, unlink, image, undo, redo, and source code. The 'Subject' and 'Body' fields are also visible.

3. Click the dropdown list for **Who should receive this message?** Selections include **All in Course**, roles (everyone in the course who has that role), **groups**, and individuals by name.
  - Click items in the list to add them to the **To** address field.
  - To remove an item, click the **x** on the nameplate in the **To** field.
  - Click off the list to close it.
4. Click the dropdown list for **Who should NOT receive this message?** to **Exclude** anyone that is included in your selections above. For example, to send a message to everyone in the Apples group except Woodhugh Bugoff (who is a member of Apples), select Apples (Group) to receive the message (previous step), and then select Woodhugh to be excluded from receiving it.
5. In the message area, enter a **Subject** for your message and compose the email you want to send. NOTE: You can specify in [Configuration settings](#) to automatically **Prepend Course Name** to the subject of email messages. Apply options below.

Subject: Apples progress

Body:

**B** **I** **I**

Hello [fullname],

Welcome to the Apples Group, a fruitful element of [courseshortname]!

We'll talk more at our next class meeting.

Supported user data fields:

Attached files: Maximum size for new files: 800MB

Files

You can drag and drop files here to add them.

Signature: You have no signatures. [Create New.](#)

Send message as: Email

Send at: 6 September 2019 14:15  Enable

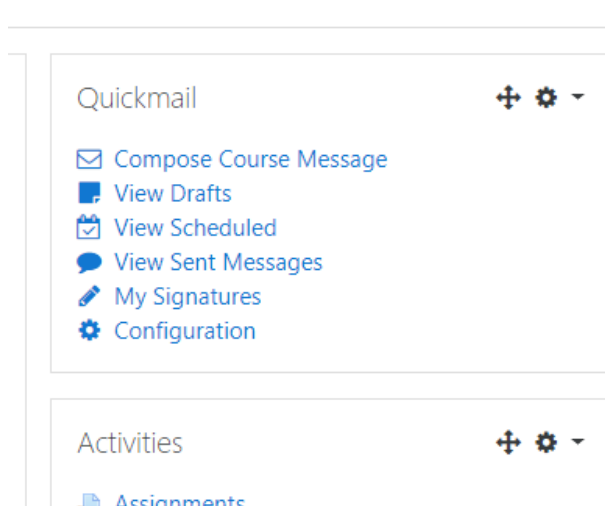
Receive a send report:  Yes  No

- You can use **data fields** in the **Body** of your message to be replaced by the users' or course's corresponding data, e.g., [fullname:] will be replaced in the email with each user's full name.
- You can select one or more files to be **Attached** to the message.
- You can use a message **Signature** (your name and additional information formatted like you want) that you have set up.
- **Send message as** an **Email** to be delivered to each user's email account, or **Moodle mail** to be delivered to each user's AsU Learn Messaging drawer.\*
- **Send at** a later date and time; click **Enable**, then set date and time for message to be sent.
- Select **Yes** to **Receive a send report**. You can **View Sent Messages** from the Quickmail block. Click **View** by a message to view the message and its delivery report.\*

\* Your preference for default selection can be set under Configuration for the Quickmail block (see below).

6. Click the **Send Message** button to send or schedule sending your message. Click **Save Draft** to save what you have composed and return to it later. Or click **Cancel** to abandon the message entirely.

## Other Quickmail options




**View Drafts** that you have saved to **Edit** or **Duplicate** the message to modify and Send, or **Delete**.


**View Scheduled** messages to **View** the message, **Send Now** instead of waiting until the scheduled time, or **Unqueue** to move the message to your Drafts. **View** a message to see the option to **Duplicate** it.

**View Sent Messages** then **View** a specific message and its Send Report, as well as the option to **Duplicate** it.

Click **My Signature** to create one or more message closings with your name and any other information formatted like you want to include at the bottom of messages. From the Compose Course Message page you can specify which Signature to use (or None). NOTE: Signatures are associated with your AsULearn account and not specific to a course, so if you want course information in your signature you should have separate ones for each course and name them so you can identify them by course.

**Configuration** provides settings and defaults for using Quickmail *specific to your course*, that is, your Configuration settings will be different for each course. Click the onscreen blue question marks  for help with the settings. Click the **Save preferences** button to save any changes: **Back** will cancel your changes.

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 Unknown macro: 'hidden-data'

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