OLAT / LERNERS‘ VIEW

1. Overview

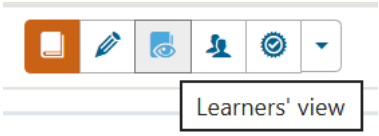
The learners’ view allows course owners to go through their course from the perspective of the learner. This allows the course owners to check whether the learning scenarios they have developed work as expected, such as restricting access to tests to members of a specific group, or allowing content to be viewed only from a certain date onwards.

When switching to the learners’ view, the special rights of course owners at the course level (not in the overall system) are suspended. When returning to the course view, course owners regain full access to the course.

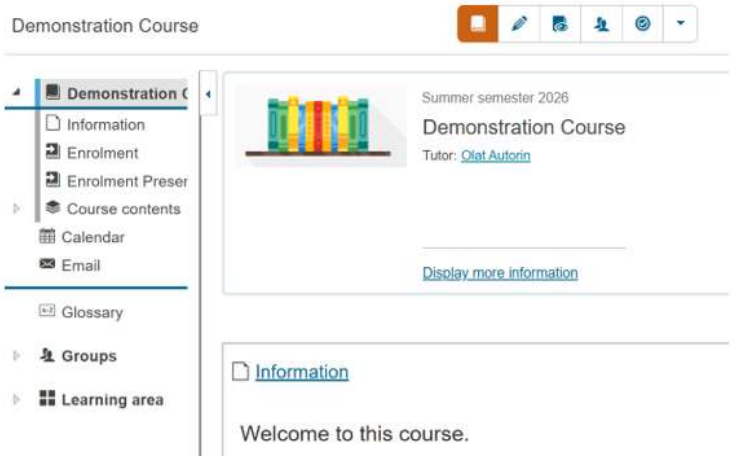
Important: All changes made in the learners‘ view (deleting files, writing forum posts, etc.) remain in place for the course.

2 Learners‘ view

Course owners can see their course from the learner's perspective with just one click by the learners’ view.

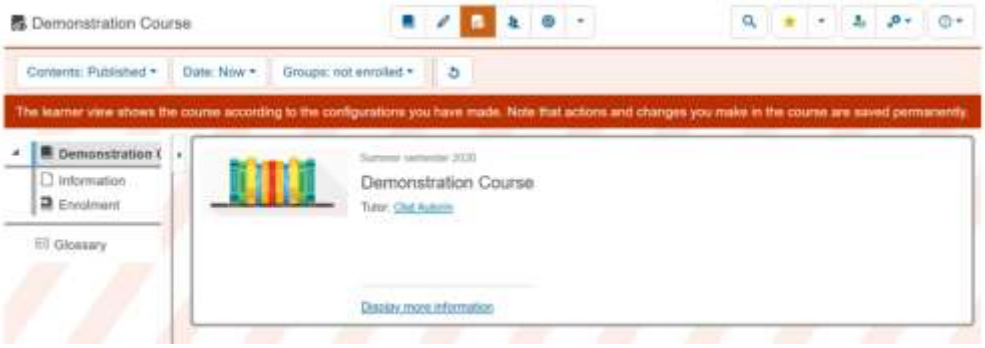


In the standard course view, all published course elements are visible and accessible to course owners:



In the learners’ view, the course is highlighted in orange.

In this example, due to the settings (group dependencies in the course elements), only the information and the enrolment option are visible and accessible to learners who are not enrolled in the course group:



The learners' view can be configured so that not only the current course view can be displayed. It is also possible to simulate how the course view will appear with course elements that have not yet been published, at a later date, or for a specific group.

Settings for the date and settings for the groups are displayed in the same view.

3 Settings for published and unpublished course elements

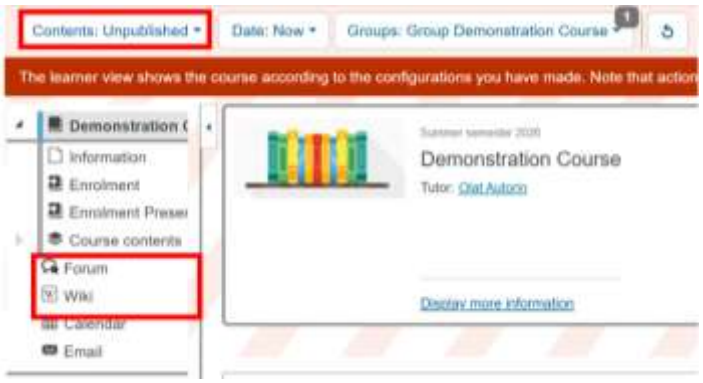
You can choose whether only course elements that have already been published, or both published and unpublished course elements, should be displayed in the learners' view.



In this example, the learners' view displays the published course elements that members of the course group can see:



Here, in the learners' view, all course elements – that is, both published, and unpublished elements – that members of the course group can see are displayed:



There is now a **Forum** and a **Wiki** situated between **Course contents** and **Calendar**.

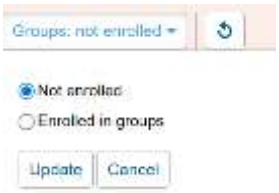
4 Settings for the date

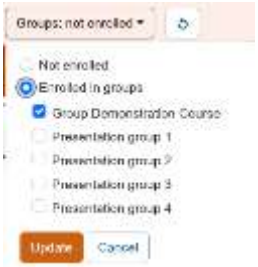
The **date** settings affect the general visibility and access rules. They do not affect the date or appointment rules in the content.



5 Settings for the groups

The settings for the **groups** affect all selected groups. The view is then displayed for all users who are enrolled in the selected groups.



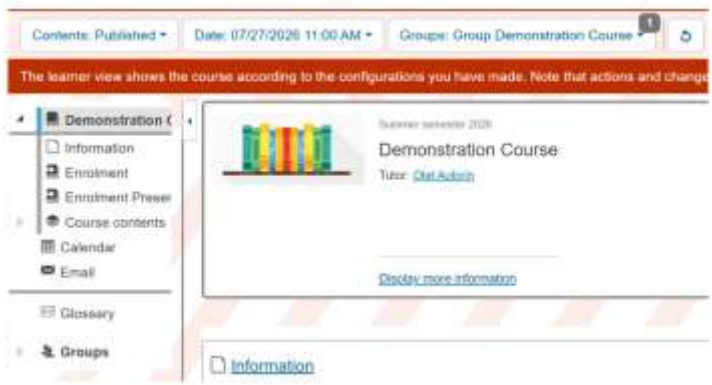


The number of groups is displayed in the top right corner after updating:



5 Examples for date and groups

View of the course for learners enrolled in the Demonstration Course group on 27 July 2026 at 11:00 a.m. **without** the elements **Course contents 2** and **Final Task**:



View of the course for learners enrolled in the Demonstration Course group on 3 August 2026 at 11:00 a.m. **with** the elements **Course contents 2** and **Final Task**:



View of the course for learners not enrolled on 3 August 2026 at 11:00 a.m.:



Only the information course element and the enrolment course element are visible to people who are not enrolled on the course. The course content is protected from unauthorised access.

6 Resetting the date and group settings

The reset settings  can be used to restore the default configuration.