



# Managing Your Instructor Widget

- Great Falls College MSU eLearning recommends the use of an Instructor Widget on the course homepage to improve the personalization of the online environment. Allowing students to see the instructor and make a personal connects has been shown to improve the relationship between the student and the online environment.

## In Brightspace by D2L

With the August release in the Continuous Delivery Model, *Instructors that have an active widget in a previous course*, no longer have to apply the widget in a new course, if they follow these simple steps.

When copying content from a previous semester *that already has the widget and homepage set up correctly*, be sure to copy the following:

Instructor Widget

The Homepage with your name and year on it

The image file from your Course Files

If these things are copied over, Brightspace should apply the widget to your new homepage successfully and you should then only have to edit the widget with any needed updates.

### Note:

If all information from the previous course is copied over, the homepage and widget should automatically copy over and apply.

The first screenshot shows the 'Import/Export/Copy Components' dialog. The 'Copy Components from another Org Unit' option is selected. A search box contains 'Course to Copy: Becoming a Successful Student'. The 'Include protected resources' checkbox is checked. At the bottom, the 'Select Components' button is highlighted.

The second screenshot shows the 'Select Widgets to Copy' dialog. The 'Cheryl's Contact Information' widget is selected with a checked checkbox. The 'Continue' button is highlighted.

The third screenshot shows the 'Select Files to Copy' dialog. The file 'cheryl's\_avatar.png' is selected with a checked checkbox. The 'Continue' button is highlighted.

