

Enhanced SUNLearn Experience

SUNLearn is getting a fresh new look. This theme is designed to make your learning experience more intuitive and engaging.



Log In

Access your SUNLearn account to view your modules, assignments, and resources.



Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Protect your SUNLearn account with two-factor authentication.



Dashboard

View a personalised overview of your modules, upcoming deadlines, and recent activity.



Home Page

Return to the main SUNLearn homepage to access all SUNLearn instances.



Unified View

Your single access point to all your modules and resources, regardless of the platform.

- [SUNLearn](#)
- [FMHSLearn](#)
- [STEMLearn](#)
- [SocSciLearn](#)
- [EMSLearn](#)



Course Overview

View and manage all your modules, including past, present, and future ones.

Easily filter and sort modules by short name, search for specific modules, and customise the view to card, summary, or list format.



Course Navigation

Easily navigate your modules with the editing mode button, modules index, and block drawer.

- [Turn Editing On](#)
- [Course Menu \(left-side\)](#)
- [Block Drawer \(right-side\)](#)



Dark Mode

Toggle between light and dark mode to optimise screen visibility and reduce eye strain during extended use ([dark mode](#)).



MFA on SUNLearn Platforms from 2025

MFA (Multifactor authentication) will be implemented on all five Learn faculty-based instances (SUNLearn, FMHSLearn, EMSLearn, SocSciLearn, STEMLearn) to be ready for January 2025.



What is MFA?

MFA (Multifactor authentication) means providing your username (SU email) & password. PLUS confirming it is you by authenticating by using the Authenticator app.



When will it happen?

November & December 2024



Why are we getting it?

Not having MFA on the Learning Management System is a security risk to SU. It is part of our new future-ready learning environment. It will ensure accurate monitoring of user access to SU Learn platforms.



How will it work?

Use the Authenticator app on your mobile device to log into any of the SU Learn platforms. Works the same as logging into Microsoft Programmes. Visit the extensive [MFA GUIDE](#) for support.

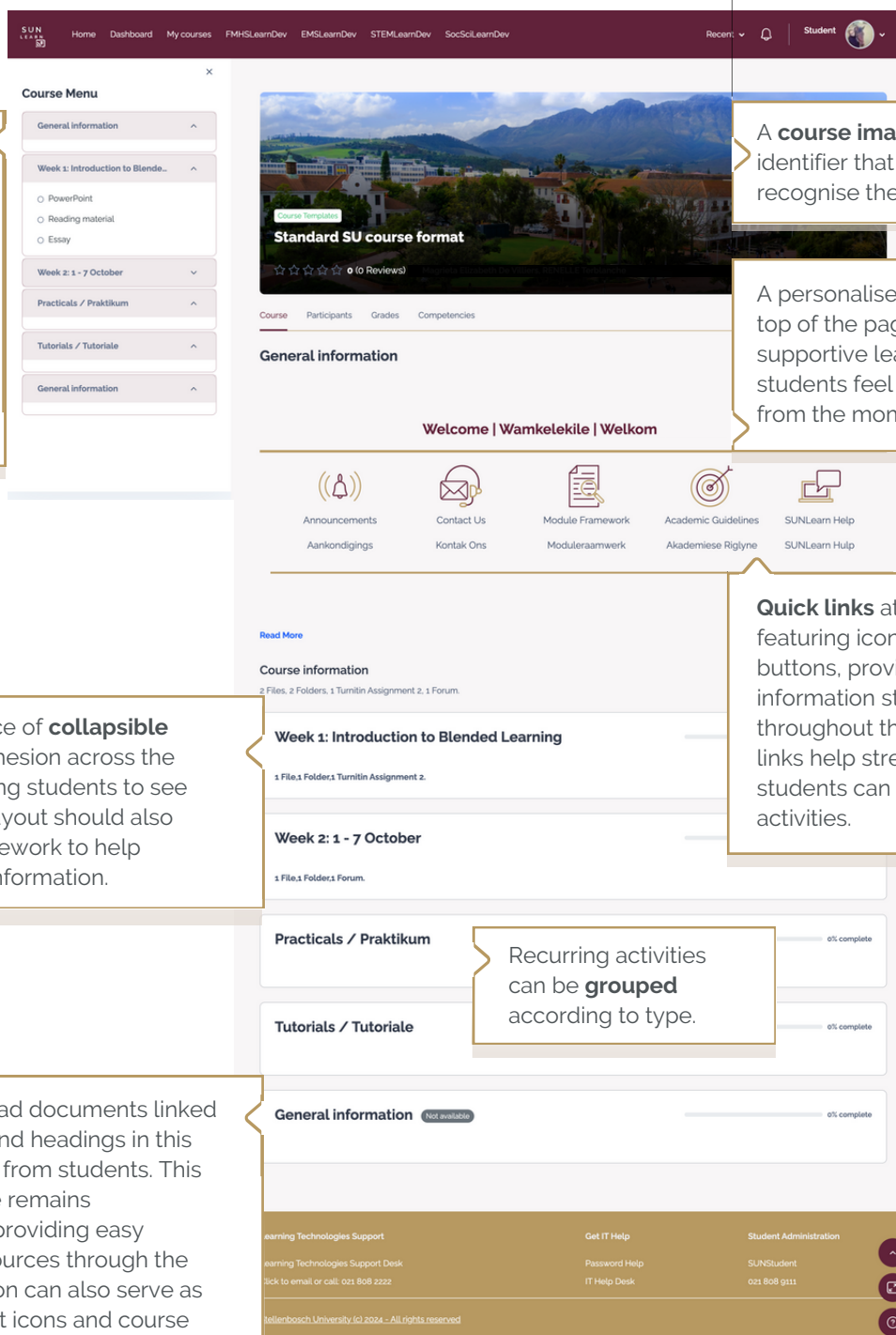


Need more info or help?

Email help@sun.ac.za
Or call **021 808 4367**

Optimise your SUNLearn page for effective module delivery: Template example

A well-structured SUNLearn page based on good design principles encourages students to actively engage with module materials, even outside the classroom, by making resources easily accessible. In so doing, students are empowered to take charge of their learning and deepen their understanding of the content. View a SUNLearn template below that illustrates such good design principles:



The screenshot shows a SUNLearn course page for 'Standard SU course format'. The page includes a top navigation bar with links like Home, Dashboard, My courses, and a user profile. A 'Course Menu' sidebar on the left lists sections like General information, Week 1, Week 2, Practicals, and Tutorials. The main content area features a large course image, a 'Welcome' message, quick links with icons, and a list of course units with progress bars. A footer contains support links and copyright information.

The collapsible / expandable **course menu** organises the table of contents by topic / week, allowing students to easily navigate through the course structure and access content in a clear, streamlined manner.

A **course image** serves as a visual identifier that helps students quickly recognise the course.

A personalised **welcome message** at the top of the page creates an engaging and supportive learning environment, making students feel connected and encouraged from the moment they log in.

A standard user interface of **collapsible units** ensures visual cohesion across the module, thereby allowing students to see all units at once. Your layout should also mirror the module framework to help students navigate the information.

Quick links at the top of the template, featuring icons and text as clickable buttons, provide easy access to essential information students will need throughout the module. These intuitive links help streamline navigation, ensuring students can quickly find resources and activities.

Recurring activities can be **grouped** according to type.

Facilitators should upload documents linked to the quick link icons and headings in this section which is hidden from students. This ensures the home page remains **uncluttered** while still providing easy access to essential resources through the main banner. This section can also serve as a repository for different icons and course images that you may like to use in future.

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Structure

- Mirror your module framework structure to help students easily find any content.
- Use clearly named headings, logical numbering and instructions to direct students through the content.
- Keep pages uncluttered by using:
 - Folders to organise and group content.
 - The “Make available but don’t show on course page” module setting.



Communication

- Clearly indicate where students will receive SUNLearn module announcements, such as email, the announcement forum, and/or Teams.
- Stipulate your consultation hours and how students can communicate with you.
- Clearly indicate where students can get technical support, such as [SUNLearn](#) and [IT](#) support.
- Clearly indicate where students can find the module framework, academic integrity information, and any other guidelines that they need to use regularly.
- Model good copyright practice by adding attributions to all icons, images and videos that are used.



Accessibility

- If you use discipline-specific software, ensure that it is accessible by all applicable students.
- Check your SUNLearn module on a cellphone and a tablet to check that it is navigable and accessible on multiple different devices, as not all students may have consistent access to laptops/desktop computers.
- Consult the Centre for Learning Technologies' [Digital Accessibility Toolkit](#) for more information.

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Accessibility continued

- Use accessibility checkers and screen reader helpers to ensure your content can be accessed by all:
 - MS Word.
 - SUNLearn: click the accessibility icon and screen reader helper icon when setting up an activity.



File Types and sizes

- Use standard file types that can be opened by all SU students, such as MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and PDF.
- Compress all videos and images before uploading them. Although there is no golden rule for optimal sizing, compression can:
 - Enable quicker SUNLearn loading times and access to content.
 - Make content more accessible with low bandwidth and unpredictable internet connections.
- Compression tools:
 - Video: Handbrake.
 - PowerPoint images and presentations.
 - PDF documents.
- Use icons instead of high resolution pictures, where possible:
 - Flaticons
 - Google Fonts

For more SUNLearn design insights, feel free to contact any of the advisors at the Centre for Learning Technologies or the Learning Technologies Support team.