

How ANGEL Works

Powerstrip

On the left edge of your screen, you will see a series of buttons, such as home, help, log off, etc. These buttons are called the *PowerStrip*. This area contains basic system navigation tools. These buttons will always appear on the left hand side of the page when you are working in ANGEL.

There are three icons on the Power Strip that are always available in ANGEL. They are the home, help and log off buttons.

Home – Returns you to your home page

Help – Displays ANGEL online help, guides, and resources

Log Off – Logs you out of the ANGEL environment

ePortfolio – Launches ePortfolio (only appears if your institution has ePortfolio installed.)

Personal Preferences – Provides access to your user settings, such as your personal information, password, theme selector, system settings, and PDA agent

ANGEL IM – Opens the online ANGEL instant messenger

508 – Allows you to create a profile that describes your particular needs for accessing course material.

PDA – Allows you to activate ANGEL in PDA mode. Page layout and navigation are customized to suit your selection.

Navigation Tabs

When you access a course, a set of *navigation tabs* appears across the top of the ANGEL window. Clicking a tab allows you to view a page containing one or more specific types of information about the course. As you navigate through the tabs, the *Bread Crumb* frame updates to show your current location within the course.

Course tab is the *dashboard* into your course. The tools on this tab let you see your level of participation in the course, check your grades, view discussions and announcements, and perform other basic tasks related to the course.

Calendar tab displays events (such as exams or assignments) that have been assigned and their due dates.

Lessons tab provides access to all the lessons that have been created and posted for the course.

Resources tab provides a set of helpful resources made available by the course's instructor. These items can include a syllabus, links to Web sites related to the course, EvCC resources such as library databases and the eTutoring center.

Communicate tab displays tools that let you communicate with others in the course via e-mail and discussion groups.

Report tab contains tools which enable you to generate and save various types of reports related to the course, such as reports on your grades and the days and times you have logged into the course.