## ANNOUNCEMENTS - MANAGING NEWS ITEMS

By managing notifications, users can have information delivered to them where and when they want it, without requiring them to log into the Learning Environment. This tutorial will help you familiarise yourself the available options in managing your news items.

There are three options to help users manage news items:

- Notifications
- RSS Feeds
- Dismiss news items from the widget tool view

## **Notifications**

- Notifications can be accessed through the context menu of your News widget or the News tool.
- Notification options you select are for all courses a user is enrolled in and are **not** configured on a course-by-course basis.
- In the Instant Notifications section, you have several options of getting instant notifications.

| Instant Notifications   | = |
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| Discussions - new message posted to a forum, topic or message for which I subscribed to instant notifications |   |
| Dropbox - dropbox folder end date is 1 day away   |   |
| Grades - grade item released  |   |
| Grades - grade item updated   |   |
| News - item updated   |   |
| News - new item available   |   |
| Quizzes - quiz end date is 1 day away   |   |

• For each option select your delivery method, email or mobile.

## **RSS Feeds**

- The **RSS feed** can be accessed through the **context menu of your News widget** or the **News tool**.
- Subscribing to an **RSS feed** will display a list of new news items in your web browser. Your browser will automatically check the news tool and download new content so you can see what is new since you last viisted the feed.



• On the RSS feed page, you see the RSS feed and have the option to subscribe. **Click subscribe to this feed** to subscribe.

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|                                  | Subscribe to this Feed<br>When you subscribe to a feed, it is automatically added<br>to the Favorites Center and kept up to date. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name:                            | Accounting 101   News   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Create in:                       | Feeds   New folder  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Add to Favorites Bar             |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| What is a Feed? Subscribe Cancel |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Your comp<br>subscribed          | uter will periodically check online for updates to<br>feeds, even when Internet Explorer is not running.                          |  |  |  |  |  |

- A pop-up will launch allowing you to manage your feeds. Your pop up might look different depending on your browser.
- You can also select the Feed folder you want in the Create in section.



• Once you subscribe, the home page of your RSS feed will show a confirmation message, in which you can view the newly created feed by clicking **View my feeds.** 

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• You can now view this feed at any time from your browser.

## Dismiss

- The **Dismiss** option can be accessed through the **context menu of your News widget** or the **News tool**.
- Dismissing news items allow users to manage the content of the news widget by hiding news items from the **News widget**.



• From the course home page, identify the news item you want to hide and click the dismiss icon. The news item will immediately be hidden from this view. • While the dismissed news item can no longer be accessed from the news widget, you can still access it via the **News tool**.

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• From the **News tool**, click on the context menu of the news item and click on **Restore** to restore the news item to the news widget.

If you still require assistance on the matter, CITL offers support for your online course issues. Please contact our Support Centre at <u>https://citl.mun.ca/support/</u>