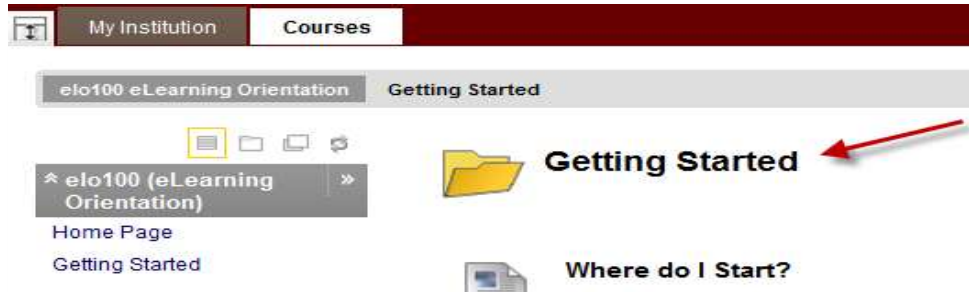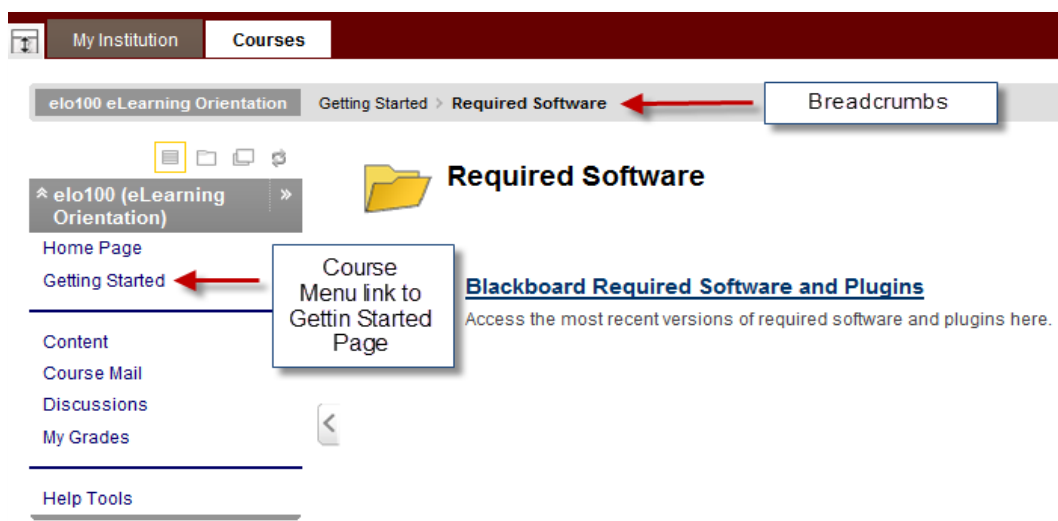1. After clicking on the course name on the **My Institution** page, you will be taken to the start page for the course. Generally this is the **Getting Started** page, but your Instructor may change the start page as the course progresses. You can tell what page you are on by the Title at the top of the page.

2. If you see **underlined text** in Blackboard, it means that you can access more information by clicking on the underlined text. **Underlined Text** is a link to more information. Scroll to the bottom of the **Getting Started** page, and click on **Test Video or Required Software**.
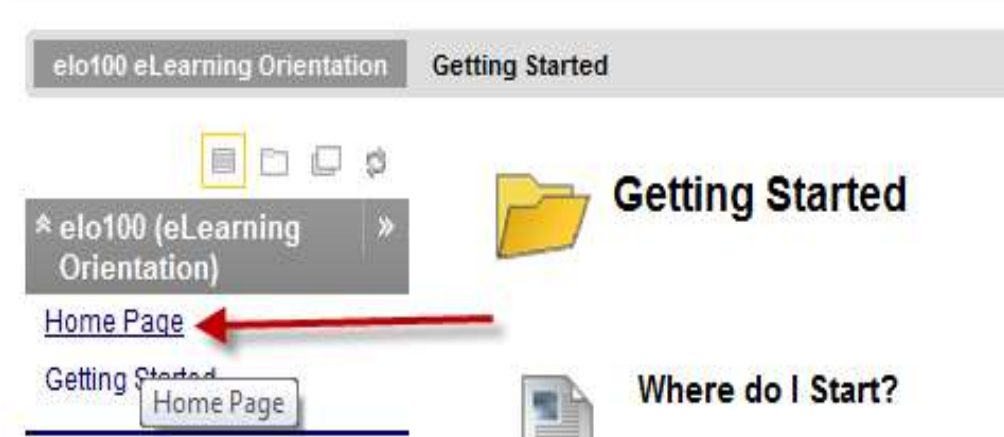

3. To return to the previous page, you have a couple of options. You can use the **Course menu** on the left side of the screen, or you can use the **Breadcrumbs** at the top of the page. The **Breadcrumbs** expand as you go deeper within a course and allow you to backup one page or multiple pages.
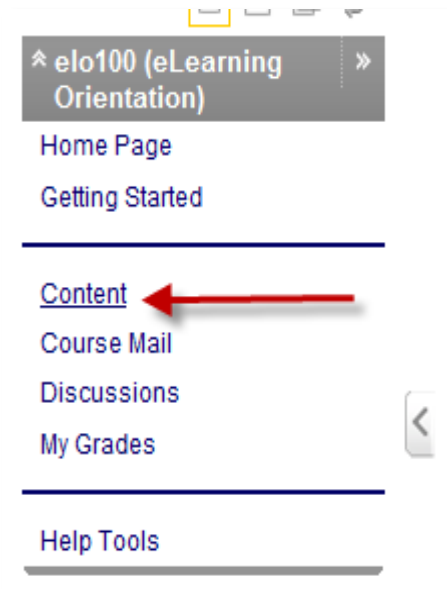

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4. After you return to the **Getting Started** page. Explore the course by clicking on the **Home Page** link in the course menu on the left side of the screen. Notice that as you move your cursor over the word **Home Page**, the word becomes **underlined** which indicates a link.

5. Click on the **Content** link in the course menu to navigate to the **Content area** of the Blackboard course.
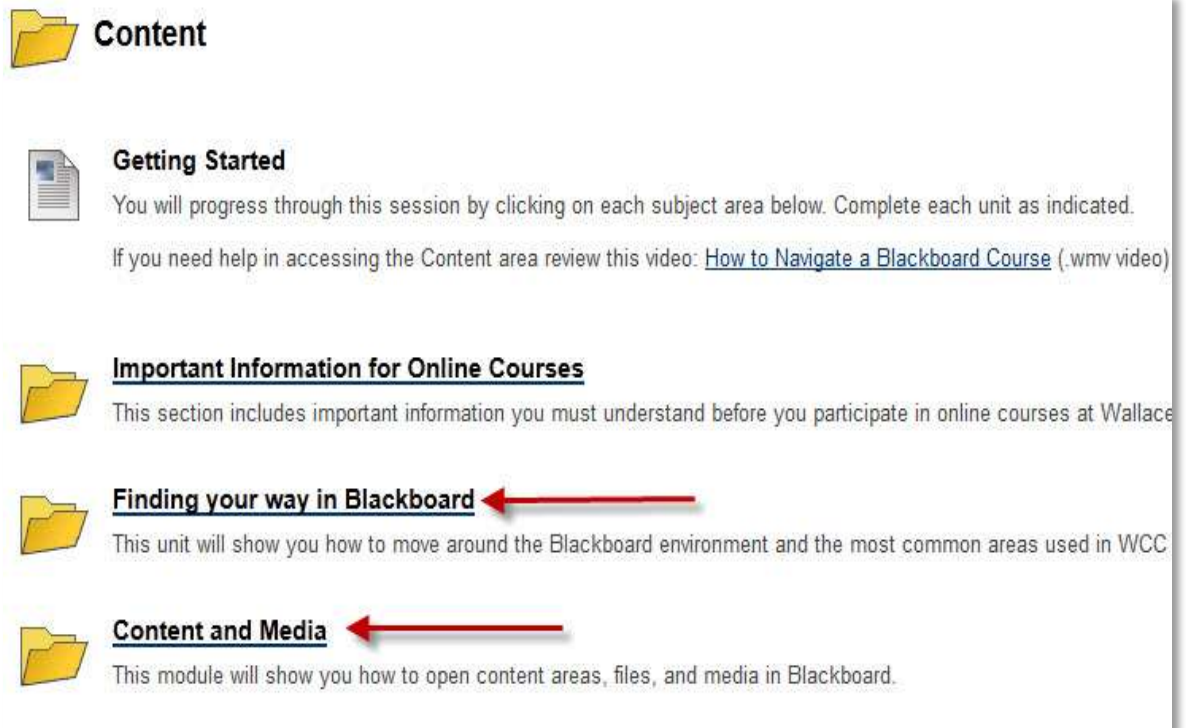

Note: Your Instructor will use the **Content** page to post materials for your course. Always check the **Content** page for the course materials. **Contact your Instructor if there are no links on the Content page**. Some faculty may not release all content at the same time, so you should check back often to see what has been added.

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6. On the **Content** page, notice the links to more information. Always look for underlined words that indicate a link to more information. Explore the **Content area** of the course by clicking on links. Remember to use the **Course Menu** and **Breadcrumbs** to navigate back to previous pages.
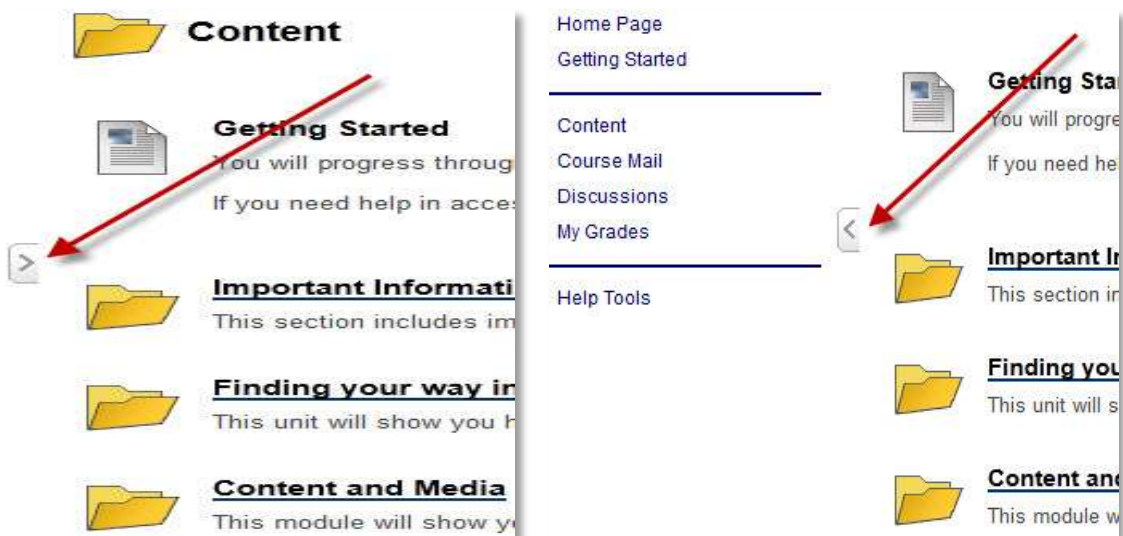

7. Navigate back to the **Content** page by using the **Breadcrumbs** or the **Course Menu**. If the **Course Menu** disappears, look for a small expansion button. Use the **expansion button** to shrink and restore the **Course Menu**.