

## What is new in eCampus (ILIAS version 8)

With the upgrade to ILIAS 8, our learning platform, eCampus, appears in a brighter, more modern design. The previously dominant grey background colours have been replaced by a brighter and fresher look that is consistent throughout the entire system.

In addition to the new look, functions have been optimised and expanded to create an even better learning and working environment. The content area remains unchanged so that you can work with your materials and courses as usual. We have summarised the most important changes and innovations for you below.

If you have any questions or unexpected changes to your course or working group, please contact us ([ecampus@uni-bonn.de](mailto:ecampus@uni-bonn.de)).

Good luck and enjoy the new eCampus version!

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## Alphabetical sorting for courses and groups

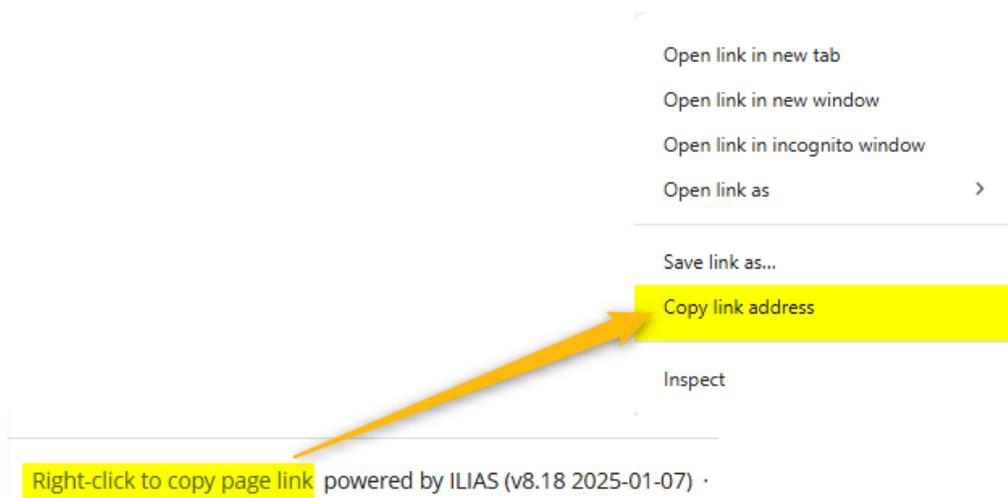
Your courses and groups on the dashboard and the repository can be sorted alphabetically, making your workspace easier to organise.



## eCampus links in the footer

As of version 8, the link to an eCampus page is somewhat 'hidden' and is located at the bottom of the so-called footer. Right-clicking on the text 'Right-click to copy page link' opens a context menu with the option Copy link.

Please right-click on the text 'Right-click to copy page link' and select Copy link from the context menu.



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### Customisable tile size

eCampus content (objects) can be displayed either as a list or in a tile view in courses. As of the new version, five different tile sizes are available, which enables a clearer and more appealing presentation of the content.

Our tip: To avoid performance problems, only upload images with a resolution of 72 dpi and a maximum width of 1000 px to eCampus.

List

Tiles

Tile Size

small (up to six tiles per row)

normal (up to four tiles per row)

large (up to three tiles per row)

extra large (up to two tiles per row)

full (one tile per row)

### Design: flexible between tile and list view

The object block offers the option of switching flexibly between tile and list view, which further improves and simplifies navigation and structuring of the course page.

The screenshot displays three examples of content blocks in a tile view. Each tile contains an image and a title: 'Vorlesungen' (Lectures) with a classroom image, 'Seminaren' (Seminars) with a group discussion image, and 'Bibliotheken' (Libraries) with a library image. Below these are two list view blocks. The first is titled 'Foren' (Forums) and shows a 'Vorstellungsforum' (Introduction forum) with 5 unread posts and the latest post by Kevin Dieden on August 14, 2024. The second is titled 'Mediacasts' and shows a 'Podcasting erklärt!' (Podcasting explained!) entry with a brief description.

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## Item Group: Multilingualism

In various eCampus objects, titles and page content can be offered in multiple languages. After translation, these are automatically displayed in the language selected by the user. German, English and Japanese are currently activated as system languages.

With the new eCampus version, 'Multilingualism' can also be set in the object block so that titles can be displayed in several languages.

### Booking object

[← Course](#) [Materials](#) **Settings** [Permissions](#)

Settings **Multilingualism**

**Add Languages**

**Remove**

**Save**

Language	Default	Title
<input type="text" value="German"/> ▼	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="text" value="Buchungsobjekte"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text" value="English"/> ▼	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text" value="Booking object"/>

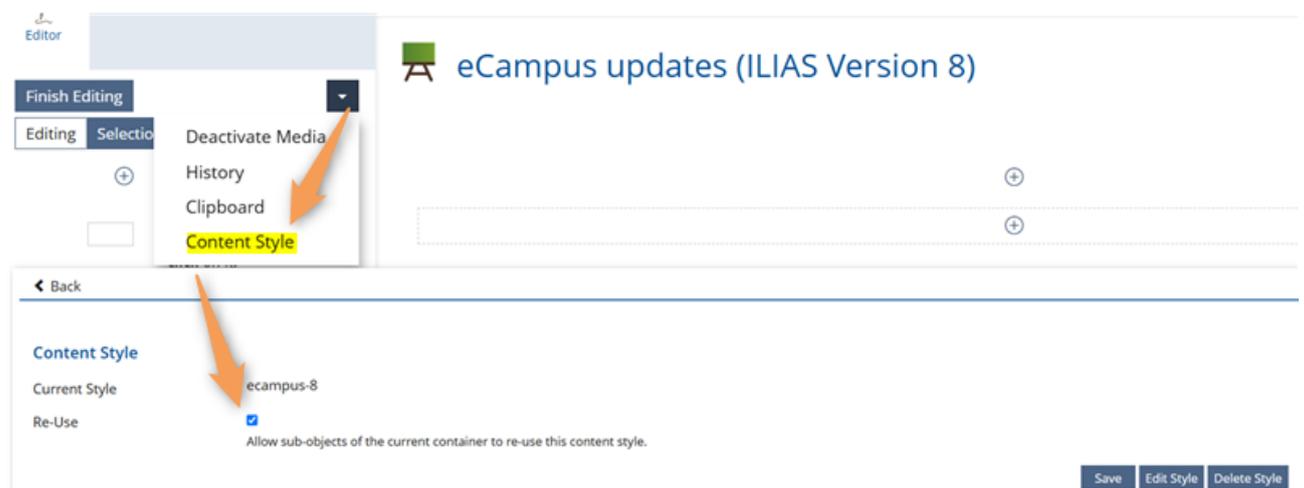
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## Inheritable styles

With the new version, it is now possible to inherit created styles. A style defined in the course can be shared so that it is automatically applied to subordinate folders, groups or learning modules. This not only facilitates a standardised visual design, but also significantly reduces the effort required to create it.

### How does it work?

- Tick the Call up the page editor and select the Content Style function from the drop-down menu.
- Tick the Reuse box to release the style.
- Save the changes and the style will be available in the subordinate elements.



### Improved style editor

In eCampus, the graphic design elements of content created with the page editor can be customised using so-called style sheets. For example, the colours and icons of text blocks can be specifically changed.

The style editor is a powerful tool, but not always easy to use. Numerous improvements have been implemented in the new version, making it much easier to use. Here are some of the most important changes:

- The style classes can now be sorted, which affects the listing in the drop-down menu in the page editor.
- A separate menu tab for exporting styles has been added.
- The process for copying style classes within a style and between different styles has been optimised.
- There are now improved functions for designing the style of media objects.
- Images used as icons can now be resized.

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◀ Back **Style Classes** Colors Images Media Queries Templates Settings **Export**

Text (Block) Text (Character) Section Link Table List File List Media Accordions and Panels Question Page

Add Style Class

**Text (Block)**

↗ Copy Execute choices

Order	Class Name	Title	Type	Example
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Code		Code (Block)	ABC abc 123
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Headline1		Heading 1	ABC abc 123

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## Forums more comprehensible

Numerous improvements have been introduced for the forum:

- **Create topics without a starting post:** It is now possible to create topics without having to immediately write a first post.
- **Customisation of the 'Topics' tab:** The tab can be customised using the page editor. For example, forum objectives, netiquette or other important information can be presented in a didactically meaningful and appealing layout.
- **Focused work:** In extensive forums, a post and its sub-posts can be displayed in a targeted manner to make it easier to work on a specific sub-topic. You can activate this view via a new icon or show further posts again.
- **Activate learning progress:** The forum now supports the activation of learning progress. This means that students can be motivated to actively participate by writing posts. The minimum number of posts required for the 'edited' status can be flexibly defined in the settings.
- **Standardised online/offline status:** Like other eCampus objects, the forum now displays a standardised status, which increases clarity.

## Customise Page

The screenshot shows the 'Vorstellungsforum' interface. At the top left, there is a logo with a speech bubble icon and the text 'Vorstellungsforum'. Below the logo, it says 'Stellen Sie sich kurz in diesem Forum vor.' On the top right, there is a notification bell icon and an 'Actions' dropdown menu. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Threads' (selected), 'Info', 'Settings', 'Moderators', 'Learning Progress', 'Export', and 'Permissions'. Below the navigation bar, there is a row of buttons: 'New Thread', 'Mark All as Read', and 'Customise Page' (highlighted with a yellow background and an orange arrow pointing to it). Below the buttons, there is a list of topics: 'FORUM NETTIQUETTE' and 'ARBEITSANWEISUNGEN'. On the right side, there is a search box with a 'Search' button and a 'Latest Articles' section with a dropdown arrow. At the bottom left, it says '(1 - 5 of 5)' and at the bottom right, it says 'Displayed Number of Threads per Page' with a dropdown arrow.

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## Learning Progress

Threads Info Settings Moderators **Learning Progress** Export Permissions

Personal Learning Progress Summary Settings

### Learning Progress of Parent Container Objects

- » eCampus Erneuerungen (ILIAS Version 8)
  - » Vorstellungsforum

### Learning Progress Settings

Mode \*

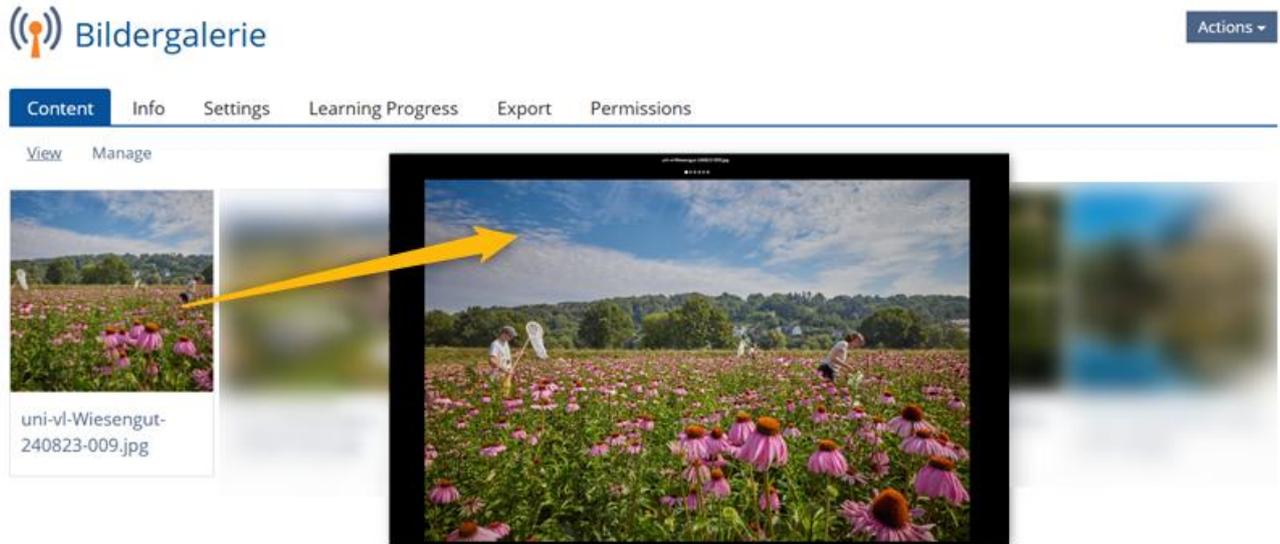
- Learning Progress is Deactivated  
The learning progress status is not displayed and does not influence parent objects.
- Contributions to Discussion  
The learning progress status will be determined by the number of written postings.

Minimum number of Postings \*

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### Mediacast: more appealing views and learning progress

You can now choose between 3 different views for the Mediacast object: **Podcast, image gallery and video**. There is also the option of activating autoplay and displaying other videos of the object alongside the video being played. Different types of views cannot be mixed within a mediacast. You must therefore create a separate mediacast object for each type. However, it is possible to add content to the **learning progress** within the mediacast object. The setting is that videos are rated as 'edited' after at least 80% of them have been played.



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## Improved portfolio work

Portfolio work has been improved and now offers practical new features:

### Protected areas in templates

Individual areas within the portfolio templates can now be protected. This means that certain content or structures of the template are protected from unwanted changes by course members. This preserves the desired structure of the templates.

### Fillable forms in portfolio templates

User-defined metadata forms can now be integrated into portfolio templates. This function makes it possible to create predefined metadata fields that can later be filled in by course members in the portfolios derived from them. These metadata fields make working with portfolios more structured and efficient.

The screenshot displays the 'ePortfolio Studienverlauf Vorlage' editor. On the left, the 'Update Section' sidebar is visible, featuring the following settings:

- Style Class:** Information
- Link:** No Link (selected), External Link, Internal Link
- Activation Start:** DD.MM.YYYY HH:mm
- Activation End:** DD.MM.YYYY HH:mm
- Protected:**  (highlighted with an orange arrow)

The main content area shows a section titled '1. Studienjahr' with a text box containing the following text:

Studiengang- und Studiengangsortwahl  
Beschreiben Sie bitte auf dieser Seite den Prozess Ihrer eigenen Studiengang- und Studiengangsortwahl.  
Warum haben Sie in Bonn Ihr Studium aufgenommen?

Below the text box is a 'Text Placeholder' area.

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### Exercise: easier to view submissions

- **Direct view:** For the submission types blog and team wiki, it is now possible to view the submission without having to download it. When you select 'Open submission', the submitted item opens in a new tab in your browser and you can use all the functions of the item directly.
- **Print view:** It is also possible to open the submission in a print view. If you select 'Print/PDF', the print preview opens in a new tab from where it can be printed out via the browser.

The screenshot displays the 'Abgabeort' (Submission Location) interface in eCampus. At the top, the 'Submissions and Grades' tab is selected, indicated by a red circle '1'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Assignment' dropdown menu is set to 'Blog-Abgabe', highlighted with a yellow box and a red circle '2'. The interface includes buttons for 'Add', 'Search Users', 'Add Users From Current Course', 'Evaluate Multiple Participants', and 'Download All Submissions'. The main content area shows a table of submissions for the assignment 'Blog-Abgabe' (1 - 3 of 3). A context menu is open over the table, listing actions: 'Download Submissions (1)', 'Open Submission' (highlighted in yellow), 'Print/PDF' (highlighted in yellow), 'Set Individual Deadline', 'Send Evaluation Mail', 'Evaluation by File', and 'Write Evaluation Statement'. A red circle '3' is placed over the 'Actions' column of the table.

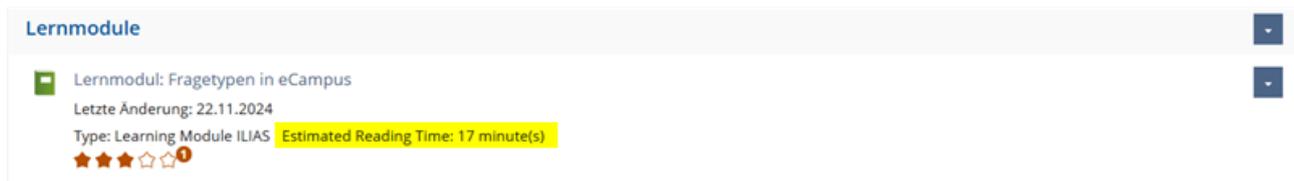
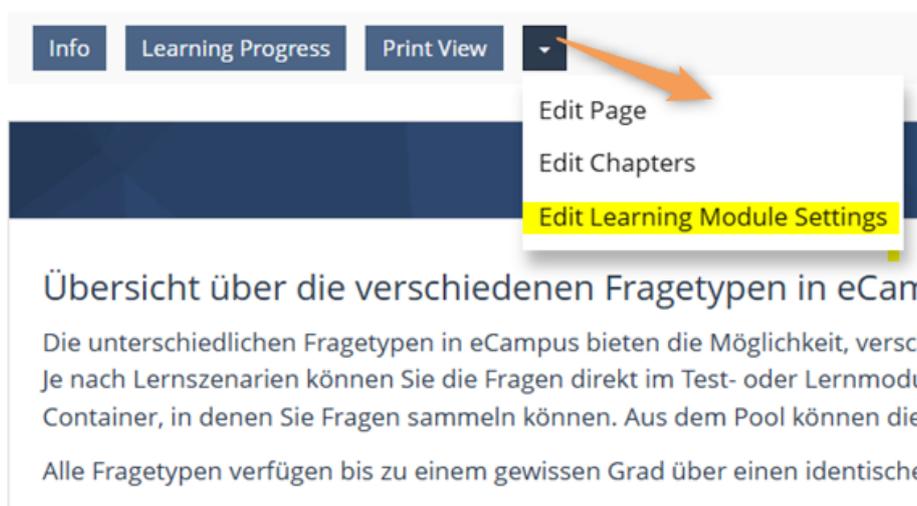
Name ↑	Login	Submitted on	Individual Deadline	Actions
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<input type="checkbox"/>				Actions -
<input type="checkbox"/>				Actions -
<input type="checkbox"/> Select All				

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## Optimised learning module

- **Edit learning module settings** is better positioned.
- **Info tab:** This area is tidier and only contains the most necessary information. The info tab can be deactivated in the settings tab.
- **Estimated reading time:** When activated, course members are shown approximately how long it will take them to read through the entire module. The reading time is determined by the number of characters. This setting can be found in the Learning module settings tab.
- **Availability:** Learning modules can now be switched online/offline.

### Lernmodul: Fragetypen in eCampus



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### Setting: estimated reading time

- Page Header
- Chapter Numeration
- Table of Contents Items
- Progress Icons   
Show progress icons instead of chapter page icons in presentation mode.

Estimated Reading Time

### Availability online/offline

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[Content](#) [Info](#) **Settings** [Questions](#) [Learning Progress](#) [Metadata](#) [Export](#) [Permissions](#) [Presentation View](#) ▶

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[Settings](#) [Style](#) [Menu](#) [Glossaries](#) [Public Area](#) [Multilingualism](#)

#### Learning Module Settings

Title \*

Description

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#### Availability

Online

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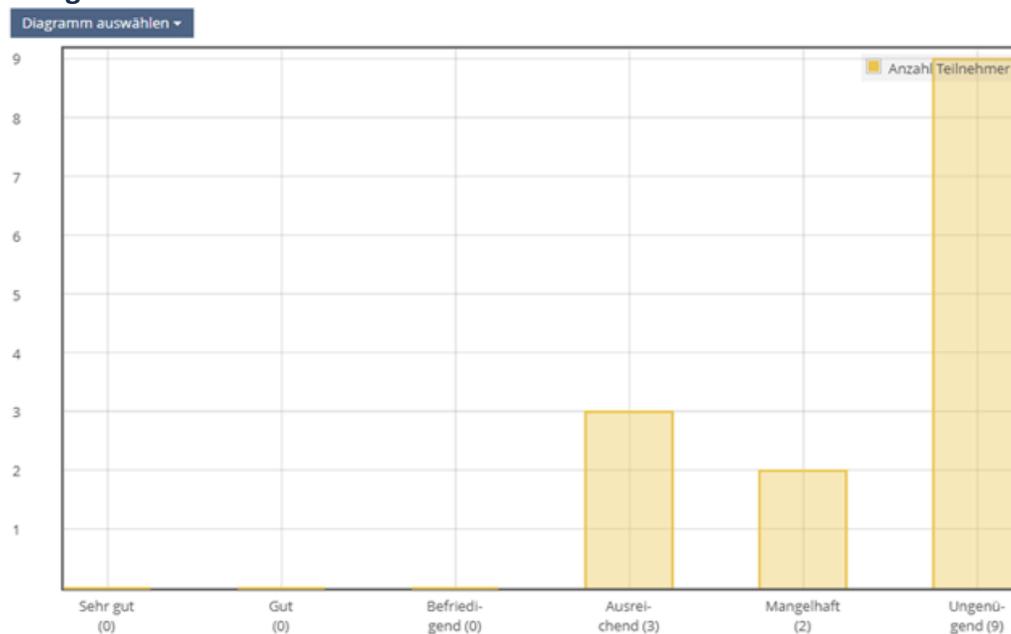
### Reworked survey

- New survey mode 'External evaluation': allows you to obtain several individual evaluations from feedback providers
- Abolition of setting templates for surveys
- Removal of PDF creation from surveys

### Expanded test statistic

- Improved statistics: The distribution of grades is shown in absolute figures and as a percentage.
- Abolition of the resubmission mode
- The 'random selection' button in the list view has been removed.

### Distribution of grades:



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## Improved blog

Some improvements were introduced for the blog object. These concern the display of names, the entry of post titles and the definition of rights.

In addition, there is now an estimated reading time for blog posts based on the number of characters.

### Blog Presentation

Tile Image

Select File

Maximum upload size: 1024.0 MB

Allowed file types: .png, .jpg, .jpeg

This image will be used as a thumbnail-style image (called a tile) to represent this object in the container (e.g. the category, folder group etc.) in which it is located. The tile is only used if the parent container sets its 'Item Presentation' (or 'Content Display Options' - see above) to 'Tiles' (rather than 'List'). To avoid performance issues, only upload files with a resolution of 72dpi and a width of less than 1000 px.

Display Profile  
Picture

Profile pictures of the authors are only shown on the postings pages, not on overview pages.

Estimated Reading  
Time

## Write-protected sections

In many cases, it may be necessary to protect certain sections of a page template in the wiki or portfolio from unintentional changes by learners. With eCampus 8, you now have the option of creating read-only individual blocks in the eCampus page editor. This means that they can no longer be edited by course members.

The screenshot shows the 'Update Section' sidebar on the left and the main content area on the right. The sidebar has the following settings:

- Style Class:** Block
- Link:** No Link (selected), External Link, Internal Link
- Activation Start:** DD.MM.YYYY HH:mm
- Activation End:** DD.MM.YYYY HH:mm
- Protected:**  (highlighted with an orange arrow)

The main content area shows a page titled 'Vorlesung Zellbiologie' with the following text:

In diesem Wiki erstellen Studierende gemeinsam Fragen für verschiedene Themen der Vorlesung.

### Inhalte

**Zellbiologie**

Die Teilnehmer werden in 4 Gruppen aufgeteilt. Jede Gruppe sollte ein Paar Fragen zum Vorlesungsthema auf der entsprechenden Wiki-Seite aufschreiben. Am Ende des Semesters gibt es einen Fragenpool zur Vorbereitung auf die Klausur.

**1. Leben und Chemie: Kleine Moleküle (Gruppe 1)**

- [[Chemische Grundlagen]]

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### New filter option in eCampus messages

eCampus sends a large number of automatic e-mail notifications. If these emails are received locally, it can be difficult to keep track of them. Several filters are already available for eCampus notifications. These have now been expanded to include the option '**Hide system messages**'.

This new filter hides all eCampus notifications that are automatically generated by eCampus, such as notifications from courses or wikis.

#### Inbox: 7 Mail(s) (7 Unread)

Filter

Filter these messages ...

Only Unread

Hide System Notifications

With Attachments

Apply Filter Reset Filter

### Omitted functions

#### Object Webfeed

The Webfeed object has been removed.

#### 'Resubmission mode' in the test object

The resubmission mode for selecting test questions is no longer available. Existing tests that used this mode can therefore no longer be used.

#### Exporting learning modules as a SCORM package

Previously, the content of an ILIAS learning module could be exported as a SCORM format. This export is now no longer possible. However, the export in HTML format remains available. In this way, learning content can also be used on other platforms that support the import of HTML packages.

#### PDF generation

PDF generation has been removed from the survey, the wiki and the portfolio.

#### Link Checker

Link Checker has been removed from all relevant objects (web link, learning module).

#### Captcha

Captcha for wiki, forum and authentication has been removed.