Reducing the Amount of Information on the Scholar Screen

The scholar course site has a lot of information on the screen.

1. A set of blocks appears on the left to help you navigate the course site and utilize a variety of scholar tools.
2. A set of sections appears in the main part of the screen with materials that are part of your course.
3. All scholar courses have a general section at the top that includes the news forum. This is also a logical place to put the course syllabus.
4. By default scholar courses are set up so that each of the subsequent sections are associated with one week of the course and have that week’s dates as the heading.
All the sections associated with all the weeks of the course are shown on the main screen. This can result in you having to do more and more scrolling as the semester progresses.

One way of handling this is to click the “show only this section box” – the rectangle located in the upper right hand corner of each section.

You will now see only the general section and the section you selected. To change to another section, select the section you want to jump to from the drop down box located just below the section.

Click the pair of rectangles located in the upper right-hand corner of the section to return to seeing the whole course.
Another way to reduce the amount of information that appears on the screen is to dock the blocks.

Notice that the heading for each block has a pair of icons next to it. Clicking the - will collapse the contents of the block. Similarly clicking the + will expand the contents.

Clicking the pair of rectangles will dock the block on the left-hand side of the screen.

You can access the menu items located in the block by hovering over the block’s heading.

Clicking that pair of rectangles on a docked block will undock it.

To undock all of the blocks click that same icon located beneath all of the block headings.

Please note that viewing only one section and talking blocks changes only your own view of your course. It will not change what your students see when they log in to the course site.