

bio**beyond**

Release Notes: BioBeyond Pluto April 2022



These release notes contain information about key changes and updates to BioBeyond.

Pluto Version

[Argos Education](#) is our technology partner, providing a powerful new platform and a safe home for BioBeyond. [Argos](#) is Odysseus' faithful dog, so we named this BioBeyond release Pluto after the Disney character and the (dwarf) planet.

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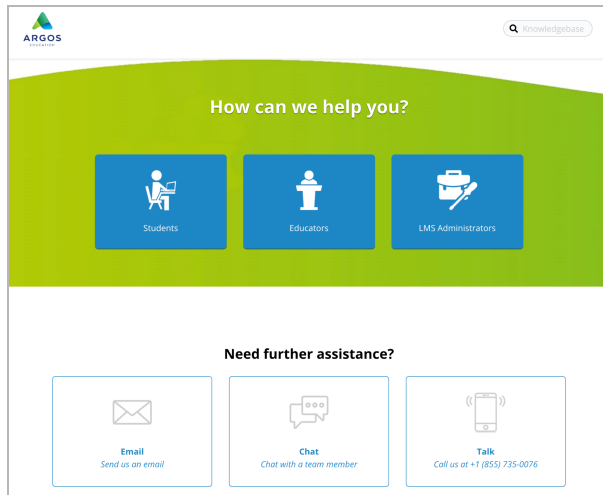
Highlights

- Lesson by lesson grade sync into LMS gradebook
- 24/7 support with email, chat, and talk
- Redesign of World Biodiversity Expedition (Unit 2)
- Easily customize your student's Course Overview (Learnspace)
- Student review mode of lessons after due date has passed

Platform Feature: Lesson by Lesson Grade Sync

You now have the ability to see lesson by lesson scores by student in your LMS. Instructors no longer need to sync the scores either, the grade will automatically sync when students complete the lesson in BioBeyond. [Read more.](#)

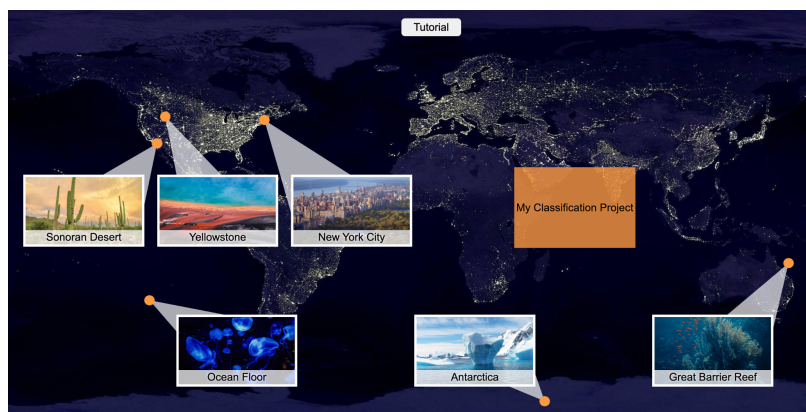
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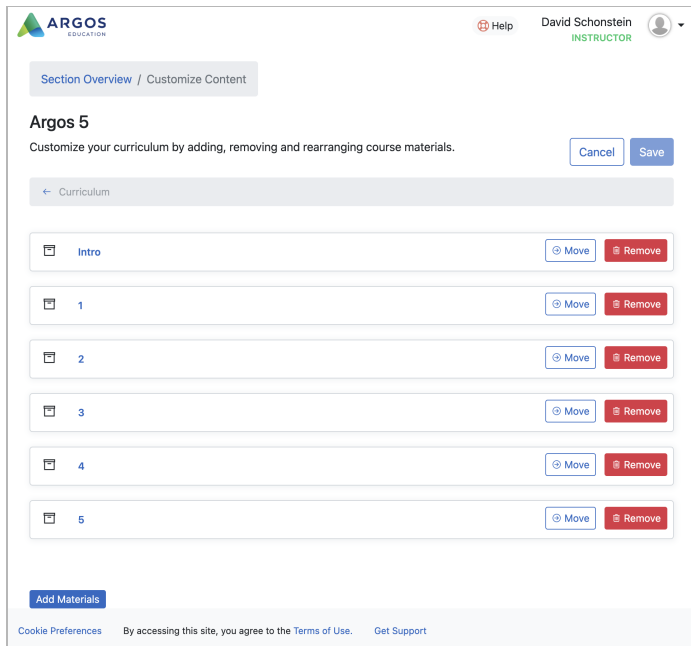
You and your students now have access to 24/7 support with [our new Argos Education support page](#). This should be the first point of contact for all your questions and issues. Students should still check [the Inspark Student FAQ](#) for content related questions.

Content Upgrade: Unit 2 Redesigned

We have made Unit 2, the World Biodiversity Expedition more intuitive for students. All lessons have been combined into a one large lesson with a single screen for choosing locations, with the ability to reach My Classification and the Tutorial. Additional slides were added to teach effective classification with examples.



This will greatly reduce friction within the Unit and confusion about where the major assessment lies. We are also working on being able to adjust the number of classifications from 50 to 30.



Platform Feature: Easily Customize the Course Overview

Instructors can now easily customize units and lessons within BioBeyond and easily add materials. This replaces the BioBeyond LearnSpace and provides students with a simple Course Overview organized by unit. [All this functionality is available in the LMS under the Manage Section, along with extensions, adding due dates, and much more.](#)

We will be creating a version of the BioBeyond that combines what is currently Unit 1 and 3 into the first unit students complete. Unit 2, the World Biodiversity Expedition will then be Unit 3 in BioBeyond. This will provide a smoother learning experience.

Platform Feature: Student Review Mode After Due Date

Students will now be able to review their lessons once the due date has passed in case they need to use it for studying for an exam or reference for some other assignment or lesson.

Update: New Interface for Unit 7 Blue Planet Report Grading

The team is hard at work on a new interface for the Unit 7 Blue Planet Report Grading. Students will submit their report, as before in Smart Sparrow, to be graded in Argos by an instructor or TA. You will be able to view the submitted report and submit a grade that will automatically sync with the LMS gradebook. We will send out updates as soon as it is ready.

Lastly, please continue to let us know when you see something that you think could be improved. We continuously incorporate your feedback. Email team@inspark.education