



Create a Perusall Account through Moodle

Perusall is a collective annotation tool for active online learning and a good addition to any instructional toolkit. It is often presented as the first social e-reader, which turns the solitary, individual act of reading into a collective, collaborative experience.

To use this external tool, you first need to create a Perusall account. To do so, you can go to the Perusall website and follow the prompts as you would with any other online platform. But for instructors using the Moodle course management system, a simpler way to do it is straight from your Moodle course page, which has the advantage that a course with the exact same name as your Moodle course will be created automatically on Perusall at the same time.

At NU, Perusall has already been set up as an External Tool on Moodle, so individual teachers do not have to worry about the [Initial Setup steps](#) listed on the Perusall Support page.

To set up your Perusall account through Moodle:

1. Open the Moodle page of a course for which you plan to use Perusall.
2. Go to the gear icon (⚙️) on the top right corner of that page and click [Turn editing on](#).
3. In the general area of your course, at the top of your page, click on [Add an activity or resource](#).
4. The well-known window with the menu of possible activities and resources pops up. In that window, select [External tool](#). Click [Add](#) (or double click [External tool](#)) to move to the next window.
5. In the “Adding a new External tool” window that opens, type in Perusall under “Activity name” and select “Perusall” from the dropdown menu under “Preconfigured tool.”
6. Click [Save and return to course](#). (Because we are merely trying to get ourselves an account and set up our first course on Perusall, we do not need to add a link, or worry about other settings at this time.)
7. Click on the [Perusall link](#) created at the top of your course page. As the Support document linked above explains, when you launch this link for the first time, Perusall will create a course for you that is connected to your Moodle course.
8. As a last step on Moodle, click the [Edit](#) button next to the Perusall link at the top of your course page and select [Hide](#). Since this link will be your direct sign-in to Perusall for the duration of the course, you do not want this link to be visible to students, so keep it hidden from them.

NOTE: You can set up more than one course on Perusall by following the same procedure described above.

Your students will gain access to Perusall straight from Moodle too. When you are ready to set up your first annotation activity, use the same general procedure to add it to your Moodle page, in the week you want it, using the External tool plugin on Moodle, but make sure to follow the extra steps listed in the “Setting up assignments” portion of the [Perusall Support page](#).

When students launch that link for the first time, they will be automatically enrolled in your course on Perusall. Afterward, they can easily access Perusall from Moodle by clicking any of the links you add to Moodle as annotation activities.