



Urantia University Institute

Self-Directed Study Program

Getting Started



Welcome to Urantia University Institute's Self-Directed Study Program. This guide walks you through how to create a TalentLMS account and how to add Self-Directed Study courses from the course catalog. You can watch a video recording of this guide [here](#).

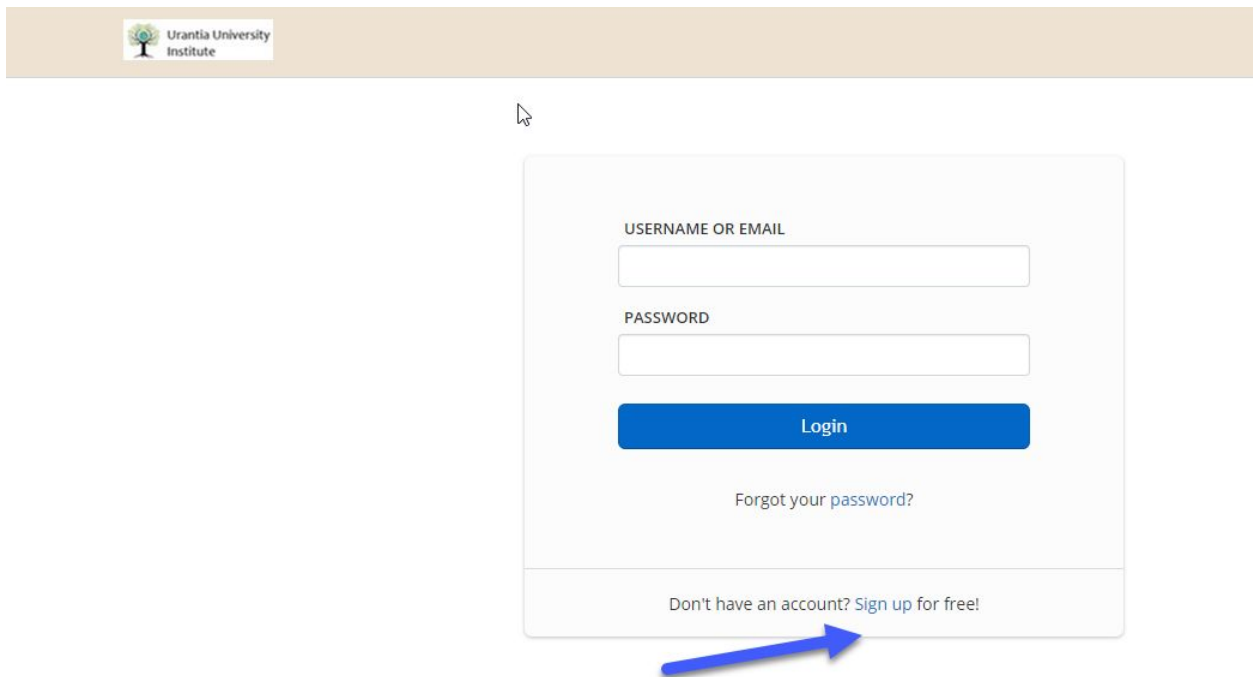
Create An Account

To get started you need to create an account on TalentLMS, our online learning management system.

Navigate to sds-urantiauniversity.talentlms.com in your internet browser



As a new user, click on **Sign Up** to create your free account



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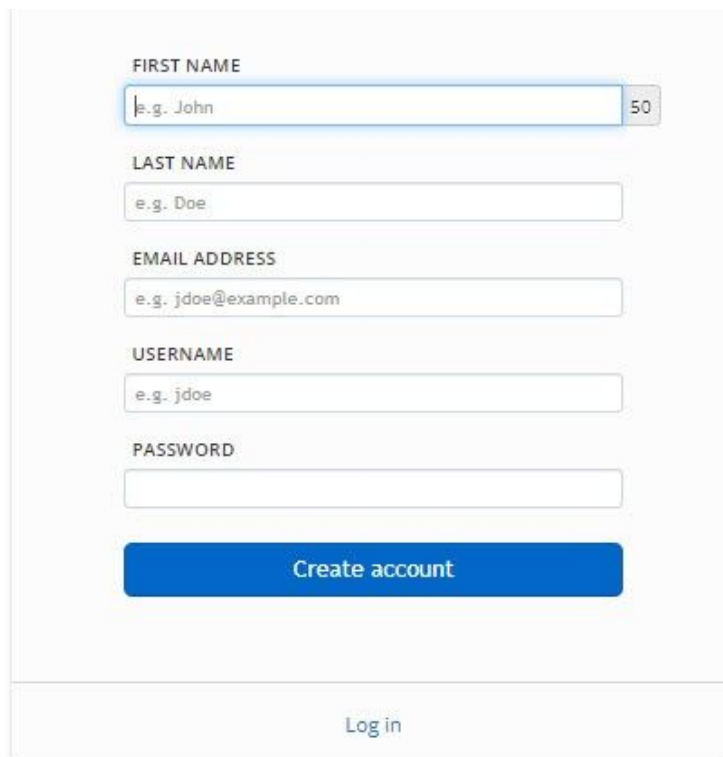
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Forgot your password?

Don't have an account? [Sign up for free!](#)

Next enter your information and then click **Create Account**



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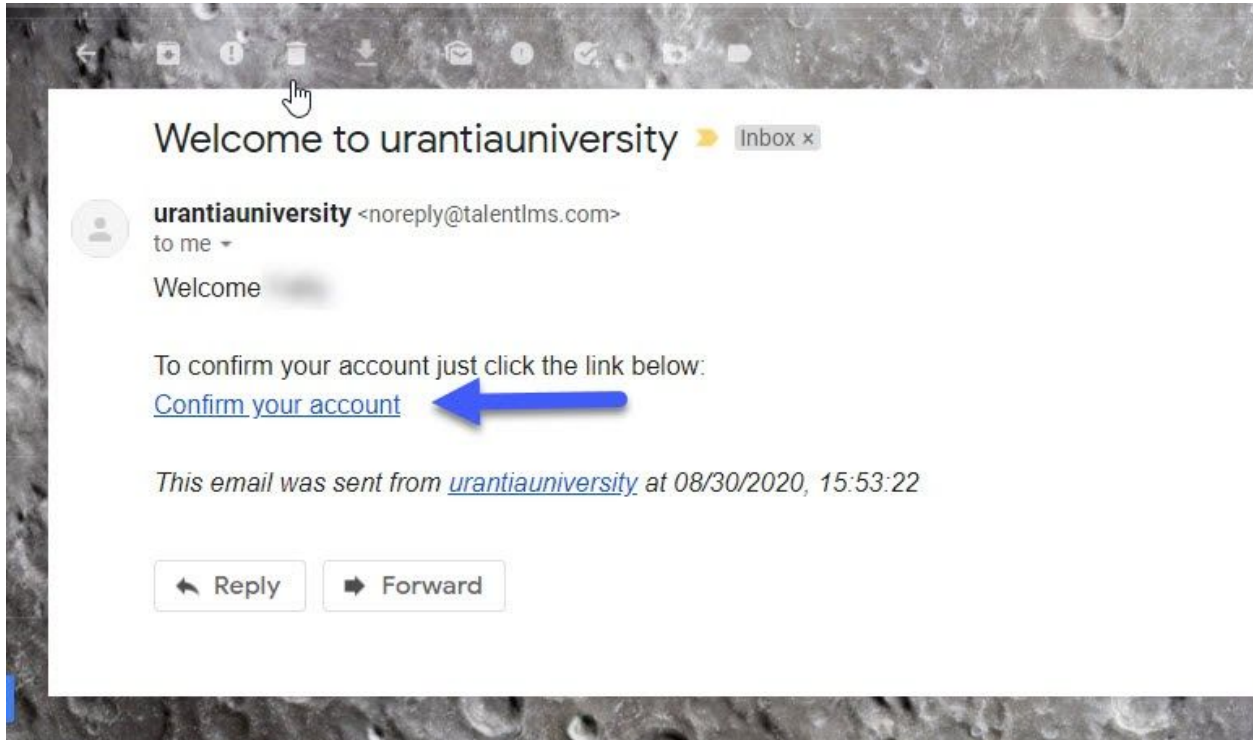
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Confirm Account

You'll then be directed to confirm your account through the email address provided
Login to your email and click **Confirm Account**.



Once you've confirmed your account you can login to TalentLMS using the information you provided.

Learner Dashboard

The first screen you'll see is your Learner Dashboard.

You already have access to the Reference modules:

- Learner Resources contains additional study materials such as: Online Reference Resources, Video Library, Further Readings, Charts, Visuals, and Handouts.
- A Tour of *The Urantia Book* -is designed to help you relate the intricacies of each paper to the major themes and motivating questions of parts I, II, III, and IV

Learner Dashboard

The dashboard header includes the Urantia University Institute logo, the user name 'FATTY BAGGINS', and navigation links for 'LEARNER', 'MESSAGES', and 'HELP'. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled 'Home' and features a search bar for courses. Below this are five summary cards: '2 courses in progress', '0 courses not passed', '0 completed courses', '0h 0m training time', and '0 certifications'. Two course tiles are displayed: 'Learner Resources (0001A)' and 'A Tour of The Urantia Book (0001B)', both showing 0% progress. On the right sidebar, there are links for 'COURSE CATALOG' (Find new courses) and 'PROGRESS' (Find out how you are doing with your training).

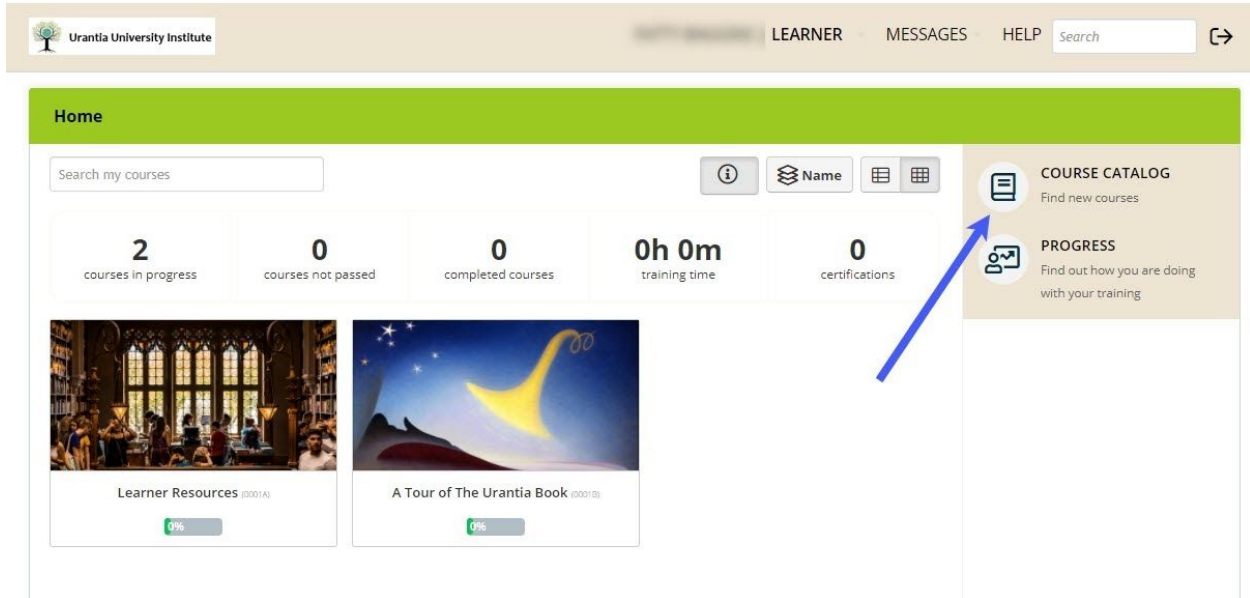
Switch View

If you see a list of course rather than image tiles, click on the grid icon to switch views.

This screenshot shows the same dashboard but in list view. The summary cards are identical. The course tiles are now expanded into a list. The first section is 'ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRANCH' which contains 'Learner Resources (0001A)' with 0% progress. The second section is 'SELF-DIRECTED STUDY' which contains 'A Tour of The Urantia Book (0001B)' with 0% progress. A hand icon is pointing to the grid view icon in the top right of the course list area, indicating the action to switch back to image view.

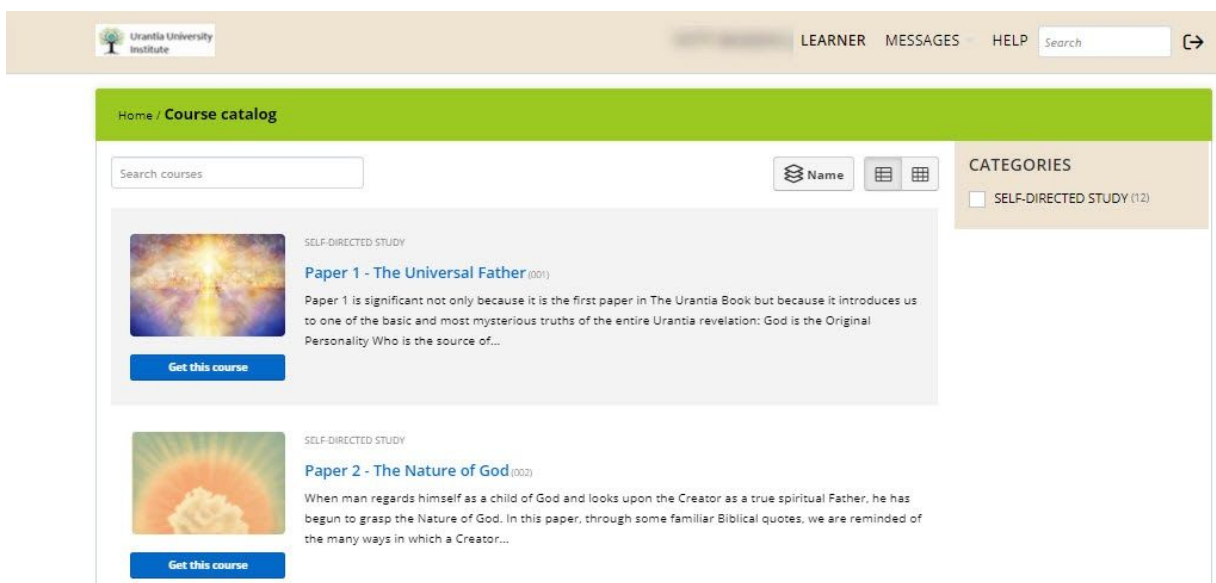
Course Catalog

From your Dashboard, you will access the course catalog, located on the right hand panel of the screen.



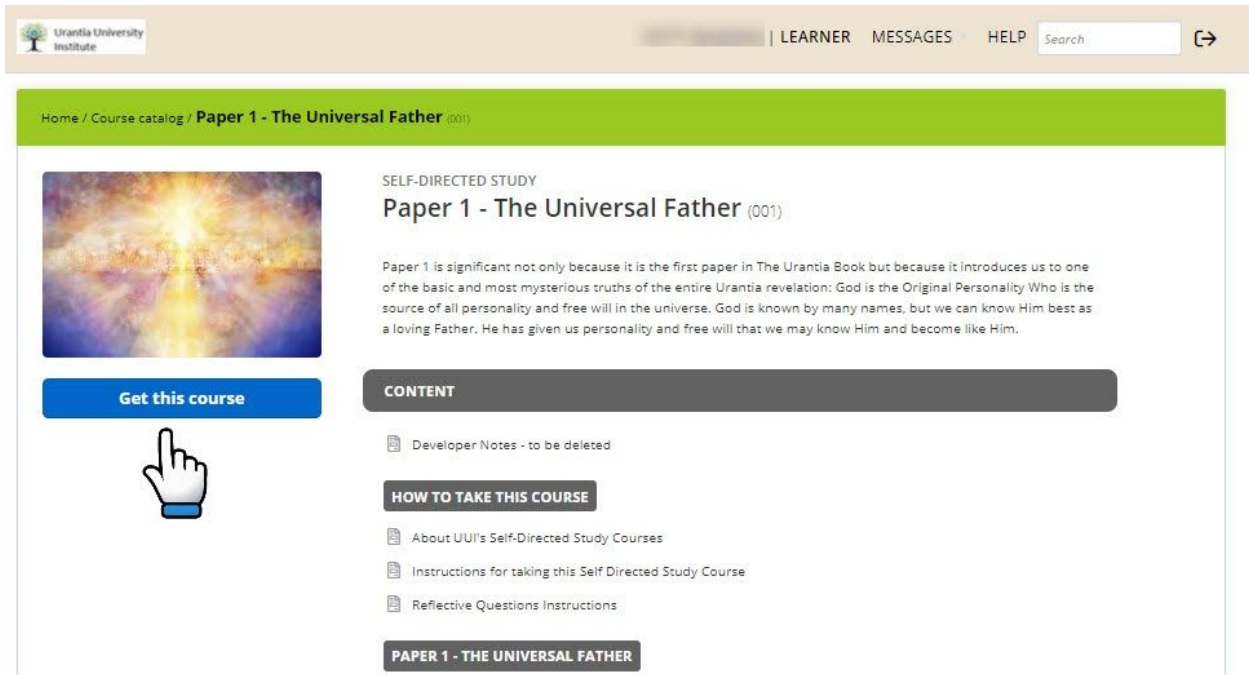
On the **Course Catalog** page you can scroll through all the available self directed study courses. You'll notice that not all 196 papers are available. As UUI instructors finalize other courses they will be added to the catalog.

To preview a course's content, click the blue button **Get this Course**, located below the course cover image.



Adding a Course to Your Dashboard

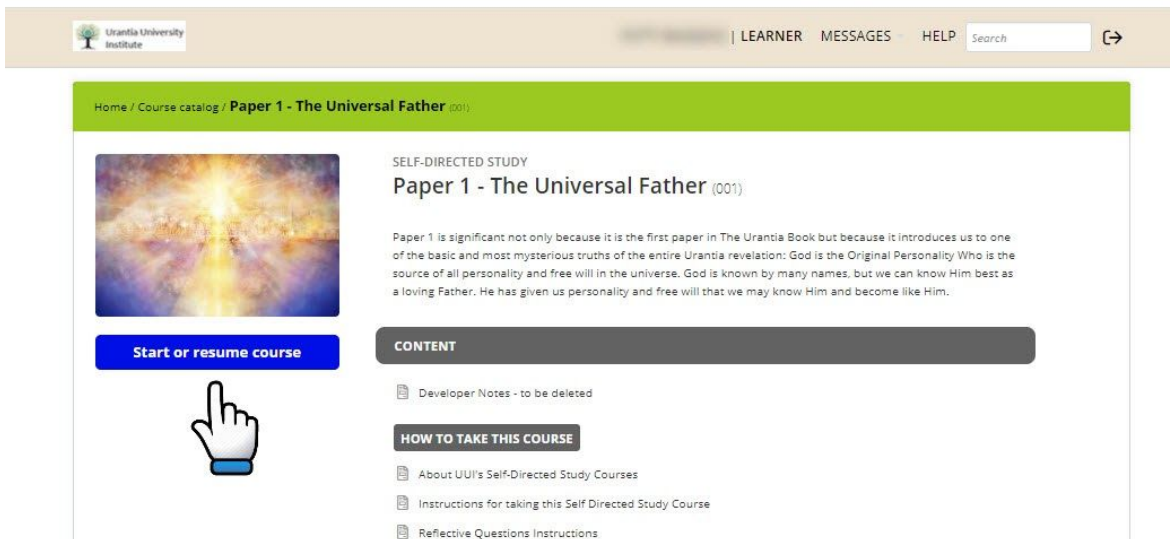
After you preview the course content, you can add the course to your Dashboard by clicking the blue button **Get this Course** once again.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Urantia University Institute logo, a user profile, and links for LEARNER, MESSAGES, and HELP. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation bar is a green breadcrumb trail: Home / Course catalog / Paper 1 - The Universal Father (001). The main content area features a large image of a bright light source in a dark, colorful space. Below the image is a blue button labeled "Get this course" with a hand cursor icon pointing to it. To the right of the image, the text "SELF-DIRECTED STUDY" is followed by the course title "Paper 1 - The Universal Father (001)". A paragraph of text describes the significance of Paper 1. Below this text are three sections: "CONTENT" with a link to "Developer Notes - to be deleted"; "HOW TO TAKE THIS COURSE" with links to "About UUI's Self-Directed Study Courses", "Instructions for taking this Self Directed Study Course", and "Reflective Questions Instructions"; and "PAPER 1 - THE UNIVERSAL FATHER" with a link to the course content.

Start the Course

When you want to start exploring course content, click the blue button **Start or Resume Course**.



The screenshot shows the same course page as above, but with the blue button labeled "Start or resume course" highlighted by a hand cursor icon. The rest of the page content, including the navigation bar, breadcrumb trail, course title, description, and sections for content and instructions, remains the same.

Now you can pursue the course content at your leisure by clicking on any of the learning units. If you click the resume course button, it will take you to the first learning unit.



The screenshot shows the course page for 'Paper 1 - The Universal Father' (001) on the Urantia University Institute LMS. The page features a header with the university logo and navigation links for 'LEARNER', 'MESSAGES', and 'HELP'. A search bar is also present. The main content area includes a title bar, a course image, a 'Resume course' button, and a description of the paper's significance. Below the description are sections for 'CONTENT', 'HOW TO TAKE THIS COURSE', and 'MASTER CONTENT', each with a list of sub-topics. A blue arrow points to the 'Resume course' button.

Other Instructional Videos

Check out UII's Self-Directed Study webpage for other other step by step instructional videos.

Watch the Using your Phone to take a Self-Directed Study course [here](#).

Watch the TalentLMS - The Basics video [here](#). This video will help you become familiar with using TalentLMS, UII's Learning Management System and will show you how to navigate the dashboard and main course pages.

Watch the How to Take a Self-Directed Study Course [here](#). This guide is meant to be used as an accompaniment to the About Self-Directed Study unit. While you are free to work on the units in any order that you choose, we recommend completing them in the following order.