

Participants

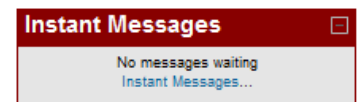
If the instructor has added the **People** block to the course, then you can click on the **Participants** link to see who else is in your course. Clicking Participants opens a list of names with a link to profile pages.



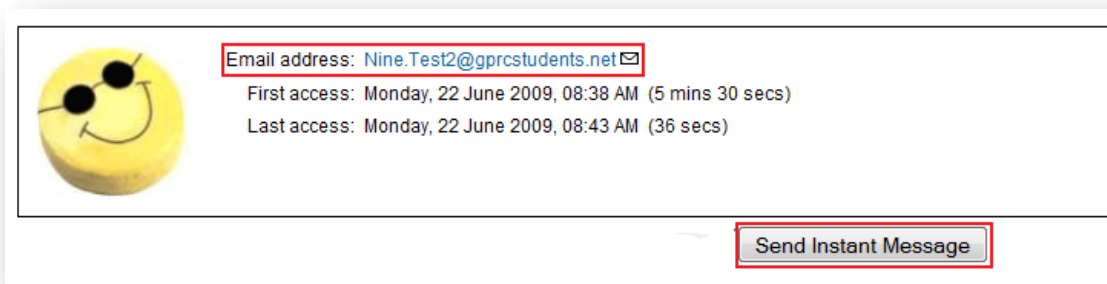
Profile pages will contain an email link, if it is available, and a link to send an instant message.

Instant Messages

If Instant Messaging is enabled in your course, then you will see the **Instant Messages** block. Any waiting instant messages will be displayed in this block. When you click the *Messages...* link you can manage your instant messaging contacts and send instant messages too.



If an instant message is sent to an online user, then the message will appear in a pop-up window. If the user is offline (logged out) then the message will be sent to their email address instead.



Email

Individual emails can be sent to a user from their profile page. Clicking their email address will open your local mail application.

Subscribing to a discussion forum is another means of receive emails. When new forum postings are made, an email is sent out to all subscribed users. Instructors may create forums where all students are subscribed, such as course news forums.

Note: There is a 30min delay between when a forum post is made and when it gets sent to the subscribed recipients. This provides time for the poster to alter their response before class members receive the posting by email.