



Educational Technology News

Special Edition - Blackboard Learn



April 16, 2012 ~ Spring 2012



Blackboard Learn will be used for all courses starting Fall 2012.

Faculty Training

In Spring and Summer 2012, 49 sessions of Blackboard Learn training have been scheduled at MxCC.

- Transitioning to Blackboard Learn, 13 sessions
- Working with Migrated Course, 12 sessions
- Online Teaching Tools, 8 sessions
- Getting Started with Blackboard Learn, 5 sessions
- Blackboard Learn Course Design Lab, 3 sessions
- Tools Training (Communications, Grade Center, Assignments, Tests, Tracking, etc.), 8 sessions

Schedules are posted at [http://www.mxcc.edu/Content/Educational Technology Training.asp](http://www.mxcc.edu/Content/Educational_Technology_Training.asp)

Bb Learn workshops at other colleges or via webinars can be found in the Course Cart at

<https://www.commnet.edu/academics/iitt/coursecart.asp>

All Fall 2012 online/hybrid professors are required to take Transitioning to Blackboard Learn and Course migration & Online Teaching sessions by the end of June 2012.

Course Migration

Only “active” courses offered in Fall 2011 and beyond will be “automatically” migrated but may not be ready until Summer.

Faculty are advised to fill out a migration form in Faculty Self-Service to have their courses migrated.

To migrate courses offered before Fall 2011, faculty need to fill out a migration form. ***Four weeks before attending Migration training, faculty should fill out a migration form and receive a confirmation email from system office. Review the migrated courses before attending Migration training.***

Rollout 2 Faculty at MxCC

Using Blackboard Learn in Spring 2012

Humanities: Terry McNulty, Rick Eriksen
Science: Ray Dennis, Judy Wallace, Marci Swede
Math: Mary Rayappan
Business: Lin Lin
Social Science: Yi Guan-Raczkowski

Mobile Learn

In Spring 2012, the Blackboard Mobile Learn app for smartphones and tablets are being piloted in Bb Learn by Rollout faculty.

MxCC Distance Learning is located in Chapman 632/633

mxccdistan@mxcc.commnet.edu ~ 860-343-5756 ~ Monday to Friday 9:00 am —5:00 pm

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Spring & Summer 2012 Blackboard Learn Training Schedule



All sessions will be held in Chapman 629. Complete schedule available at:
http://www.mxcc.commnet.edu/Content/Educational_Technology_Training.asp

Getting Started with Blackboard Learn

Prerequisite: No prior experience with any version of Blackboard.

An introduction to the Blackboard Learn learning management system, which provides a standardized interface and a set of online educational tools that help facilitate learning, communication and collaboration in on-ground, hybrid, and fully-online classes.

Register in Course Cart at <https://www.commnet.edu/academics/iitt/coursecart.asp>

Saturday, 4/28/12	9:00am - 12:00pm
Monday, 5/21/12	9:00am - 12:00pm

Blackboard Learn Course Design Lab

**Recommended for online/hybrid faculty who develop a brand new course.*

Prerequisite: have attended a Getting Started with Blackboard Learn workshop.

These hands-on coaching sessions will provide you with an opportunity to work in your own courses in Bb Learn. With individualized advice from facilitators, you design your course in a way that helps streamline classroom management and enhances student learning.

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Saturday, 4/28/12	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, 5/29/12	9:00am - 12:00pm

Transitioning to Blackboard Learn

**Required for faculty teaching fully online/hybrid courses*

Pre-requisite: prior experience with Blackboard Vista required.

An introduction to new features and functionality of Blackboard Learn: Interface comparisons: Blackboard Vista vs. Blackboard Learn, Course Menu modification, Syllabus, Content Areas, Learning Modules, Content Collection, Communication tools.

To register, email mxccdistance@mxcc.commnet.edu with date, time, phone number and division.

Friday, 4/20/12	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday, 4/27/12	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Friday 5/4/12	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday 5/11/12	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday 5/23/12	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Migrated Courses and Online Teaching Tools in Blackboard Learn

**Required for faculty teaching fully online/hybrid courses*

Pre-requisite: have attended a Blackboard Learn Transition workshop and received a confirmation that your courses have been migrated to Blackboard Learn.

An overview of the most common migration issues and working on your own migrated course.

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Thursday, 6/14/12	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Late Summer 2012 Blackboard Training



Visit the MxCC Tech Training web page for training handouts at:
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Tuesday, 7/31/12

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Blackboard Learn: Communicate Information to Students

Pre-requisites: Blackboard Learn: Transitioning from Bb Vista to Bb Learn

This session will focus on best practices, strategies, and associated tools that will help instructors communicate important information to students related to course resources, changes, updates, due dates, FAQs, etc.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Blackboard Learn: Interact with Students through Discussions, Blogs, and Journals

Pre-requisites: Blackboard Learn: Transitioning from Bb Vista to Bb Learn session or Blackboard Learn: Getting Started

This session will focus on practical strategies that will help faculty build a sense of community and trust in their courses, set clear grading policies and expectations related to communications and interactions, address the use of Rubrics in grading, and include discussions on various techniques that will encourage participation, interaction, and peer support.

Thursday, 8/02/12

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Blackboard Learn: Keep Your Students on Track

Pre-requisites: Blackboard Learn: Transitioning from Bb Vista to Bb Learn session or Blackboard Learn: Getting Started

This session will help instructors learn how to use a variety of tools and strategies that can help increase retention, identify "at risk" students, and help keep students on track by determining what content students will see and when, and by helping instructors build rules and use the tools that will alert them if a student is falling behind.

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Blackboard Learn - Master the Grade Center

Pre-requisites: Blackboard Learn: Transitioning from Bb Vista to Bb Learn session or Blackboard Learn: Getting Started

This session will focus on strategies that will help instructors effectively manage student grades. Topics will include: Managing and organizing Grade Center, creating various types of columns, grading manually created columns, etc.

Wednesday, 8/08/12

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Blackboard Learn: Create Tests, Surveys, and Pools

Pre-requisites: Blackboard Learn: Transitioning from Bb Vista to Bb Learn session or Blackboard Learn: Getting Started

This session will focus on strategies that will help instructors to plan and deliver online tests using Blackboards Tests, Surveys, and Pools tool.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Blackboard Learn: Create and Grade Assignments

Pre-requisites: Blackboard Learn: Transitioning from Bb Vista to Bb Learn session or Blackboard Learn: Getting Started

This session will focus on best practices and practical strategies for incorporating assignments into your online course environment.

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9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Blackboard Learn: Save Time Online!

Tips and Tricks for Streamlining Online Classroom Management

Pre-requisites: Blackboard Learn: Transitioning from Bb Vista to Bb Learn session or Blackboard Learn: Getting Started

This course is equally relevant for instructors who would like to “web-enhance” their classroom-based course with Blackboard, as well as for those who are teaching hybrid and fully-online courses.

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Thursday 8/16/12

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Blackboard Learn: Getting Started with Bb Learn

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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