

Transforming Your Teaching with Blackboard Learn: Fully Online Version

A Cohort-Based Professional Development Experience with Technology Support

Blackboard Institute Agenda May 27-June 2, 2020

Daily Schedule: 9am-11am daily (no weekends)

Day 1: Orientation to Teaching with Technology and the Blackboard Environment

Topics

- What Creative Studios Can Do for You!
- Using Blackboard for Teaching and Learning (going beyond a repository)
- “Starting from the End” with Backward Planning
- Course Management and Self-Sufficiency
- Syllabus Revision and Refinement
- Designing a Course for Transferability/Scalability

Activities

- From Big Ideas to Learning Outcomes
- Designing a New Syllabus—Essential Elements and Engagement

Bb Tools and Functionality

- ❖ Navigating Blackboard Ultra
- ❖ Edit Mode, Student Preview
- ❖ 3 Areas for Teaching: Main Interface, Navigation Bar, Course Management
- ❖ Syllabus
- ❖ Calendar
- ❖ Tracking Views
- ❖ Setting Up Content Collection
- ❖ Adding/Dropping Students Manually
- ❖ Overall Design of Blackboard: “Many Ways to Do One Thing!”
- ❖ Dynamic documents using Sway (syllabi, mini-lectures, student assignments).

Guest Faculty Presentation(s): TBD

Day 2: Course Content Development and Usability

Topics

- Setting Up Your Navigation Bar for Effective Tool Management
- Creating an Effective Module for Teaching and Learning
- Designing Your Course for Usability and Intuitive Navigation
- Content and Course Rigor—Pedagogical Best Practice
- Presenting Content for Multiple Audiences
- Using Bb to Submit Assignments
- Universal Design and ADA
- Learning Goals and Outcomes/Aligning and Measuring using Bb
- The Importance of Retention and Engagement in Online Environments

Activities

- Ready for Online Learning?
- Design Thinking and Design Frameworks
- Usability (“Which Course is the Most Usable?”)

Bb Tools and Functionality

- ❖ Customizing Navigation Bar
- ❖ Selecting Tools
- ❖ Properties and Teaching Style
- ❖ Creating Modules with Content Folders or Learning Modules
- ❖ Building Content
- ❖ Items
- ❖ Assignments
- ❖ Linking Content
- ❖ Bb Goals

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Day 3: Student Engagement and Online Communication

Topics

- Active Learning Online
- Group Work Doesn’t Have to Suck! Strategies for Whole Class, Small Groups, and Student to Student Projects and Communication
- Developing a Learning Community with Bb Communication Tools
- Moderating the Online Environment/Netiquette Best Practices
- Custom Course Enhancements from Creative Studios
- Creating/Incorporating Multimedia for Teaching and Learning
- Gamification for Student Engagement

Activities

- Active vs Passive Learning
- Team-Based Learning
- Moderating Online Communication with Case Study Scenarios—What Do You Do?

- Multimodal Teaching and Learning (multimedia, digital interactions, podcasts, cinemagraphs, customization/personalization)
- Working in Groups Online
- YuJa Video Management System
- Bb Collaborate
- Quizzizz, Kahoot
- Copyright/Creative Commons

Bb Tools and Functionality

- ❖ Setting Up Groups
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Course Messages/E-Mail
- ❖ Discussion Boards
- ❖ Blogs
- ❖ Blackboard Collaborate (Ultra)
- ❖ Multimedia and Graphic Design Production
- ❖ Student Response System (iClicker Cloud)

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Day 4: Assessment and User-Testing

Topics

- Assignments and Rubrics
- Formative and Summative Assessments
- Creating Large Test Pools Using Excel
- Academic Integrity Tools and Best Practices for Implementation
- Feedback and Course Progress Measurement
- Full Grade Center Management
- Using Data for Intervention, Assessment, and Course Refinement

Activities

- Why is Assessment Important?
- Formative and Summative Assessments
- Peer and Online Assessment of Courses

Bb Tools and Functionality

- ❖ Quizzes/Tests
- ❖ Assignment and Assessment
- ❖ Retention Center
- ❖ SafeAssign
- ❖ Respondus Lockdown Browser/ Monitor)
- ❖ Needs Grading
- ❖ Full Grade Center Management

- ❖ Course Reports
- ❖ Using Blackboard to Publish

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Day 5: Launching the Course, Copying Course and Course Content for Transfer

Topics

- Final Checklist to Launch
- Copying Course Content (Within the Course and to Another Course)
- Blackboard Mobile Apps
- Technology Support Center
- Blackboard Central
- Help Desk

Activities

- Showcase of Course
- Showcase of technology support resources available at UTEP

Bb Tools and Functionality

- ❖ Bb Mobile Apps
- ❖ One-Drive
- ❖ My Apps

Guest Staff Presentation(s): TBD

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