



Ultra Base Navigation Handout for Instructors

Notes for Instructors: You will have the option to keep your course in the current Original Course View. There are no plans to phase out the Original Course View.

"Ultra" describes the transformation of the user interface and workflows in Blackboard Learn. The Ultra Base Navigation is the experience you have **outside** of a course.


Blackboard removed all of the My Institution tabs and modules and created a streamlined menu (Ultra Base Navigation). This system level menu cannot be customized.


There is not any course re-design required and existing workflow experience within a course (except for inline grading) is not changed and provides faculty with the same features found within current Blackboard Learn 9.1 courses.


The streamlined interface provides simplified tools for instructors to focus on student performance (i.e. activity streams, calendar due dates) and course "layering." One simple click tells instructors who has submitted, who is late, and what has been graded.


The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra Base Navigation interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with the following items: Institution Page, Valerie McCombs, Activity Stream (highlighted), Courses, Organizations, Calendar, Messages, and Grades. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "My Courses", contains sections for "Tools" (Announcements, Calendar, Tasks, Tegrity Recordings, Personal Information, Goals, Application Authorization), "My Announcements" (no announcements posted today), and "Course List" (listing TRN_10 and TRN_16). The right column, titled "Stream", shows "System Notifications" and an "Upcoming" calendar for Nov 7, 2017, with three training events: Training02, Training02, and Training03, all with event dates of 10/1/18, 12:30 AM.


Ultra Base Navigation


 **Profile:** Select your name in the list and make changes to your online persona.


 **Activity Stream:** See up-to-the-minute action for all of your courses


 **Courses:** Navigate to past, present, and future courses.

 **Organizations:** Access the organizations that you lead or are a member of.


 **Calendar:** View course events and due dates for all your courses.


 **Messages:** View and send messages in all courses.

 **Grades:** See what needs grading across all your courses.

 **Tools:** Access global functions that are outside of your courses such as portfolios or the Content Collection.


Blackboard

 JSCC Student User


 Activity Stream

 Courses

 Organizations

 Calendar

 Messages

 Grades

 Tools

Ultra Base Navigation for All Users

- As you open content, it slides out in a layer. You can easily see where you've been and navigate back to any spot.
- The system automatically saves as you create. Review, refine, and share your work when you're ready.
- Courses are automatically organized by term.
- New Tools: Organizations, Content Collection, and Portfolios.
 - Organizations are groups that behave like courses and allow group members to communicate and share documents.
 - Content Collection allows you to store, share, and publish content in personal or course folders. Link to files, instead of creating copies of them in each course.
 - Portfolios can be used to collect and organize content that represent the work done over time.
- Notifications of course activity are more robust in this new environment.

Course level menus (left-hand navigation in each course) remain unchanged and can still be customized as before.

The **Activity Stream** – provides a view of tasks across **all** your courses.

Important information is listed at the top. These could be notifications about past-due assignments or messages from instructors.

Assignments or events that are coming up in the next few days will be listed as **Upcoming**.

Events, discussions, or assignments due today, and any new content added today will be listed here in the **Today** area.

Recently passed events are in the **Recent** area so you can keep track of what's been accomplished.

Students will see recently graded assignments and can check the grade right from the Activity Stream.

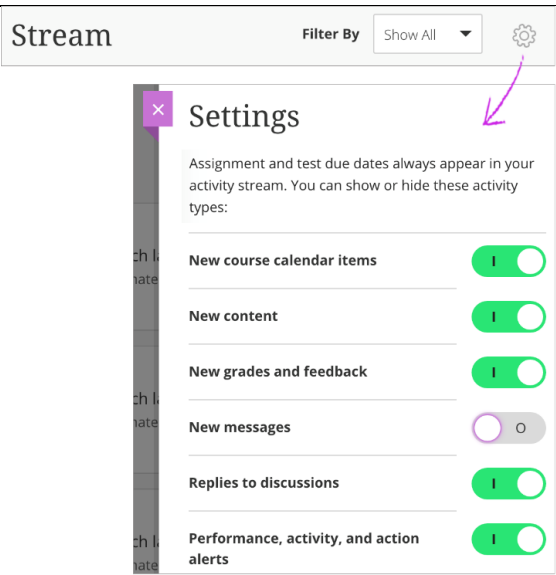
Select the 'Filter By' option to focus on the information you want. The filter menu appears next to the stream page title.

The screenshot shows the 'Activity Stream' interface. At the top, there is a header with a globe icon and the text 'Activity Stream' followed by a red notification badge with the number '2'. Below this is the 'Stream' title. A purple arrow points to a 'Filter By' dropdown menu that is open, showing options: 'Show All', 'Grades and Feedback', and 'Messages'. The stream content is organized into sections: 'Important' (with a red dot icon), 'Upcoming' (with a calendar icon), and 'Today' (with a clock icon). Under 'Important', there is a notification from 'Abnormal Psychology' dated '27 seconds' ago, stating 'New message: Sent by Benjamin Harper' and 'Hi! I'm your teaching assistant. Professor Chu and I want to welco...'. Under 'Upcoming', there is a notification from 'Introduction to Sociology' dated 'Jun 20, 2017', stating 'Due: Test 1: Research Methods' and 'Due Date: 7/31/17, 12:00 AM'. Under 'Today', there is a notification from 'Abnormal Psychology' dated '1 hour' ago, stating 'New message: Sent by Porter Durand' and 'Are we still meeting in the library?'.

Stream Settings - select the Stream Settings icon to open the Settings panel.

Due dates for tests, assignments, and graded discussions always appear in your activity stream, but you can hide or show these activity types: New calendar items; New course content; New grades and feedback; New messages; Replies to discussions; and Performance, activity, and action alerts.

Note: Notifications are always on for the Ultra experience.



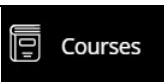
Select "Courses" to view your courses list.

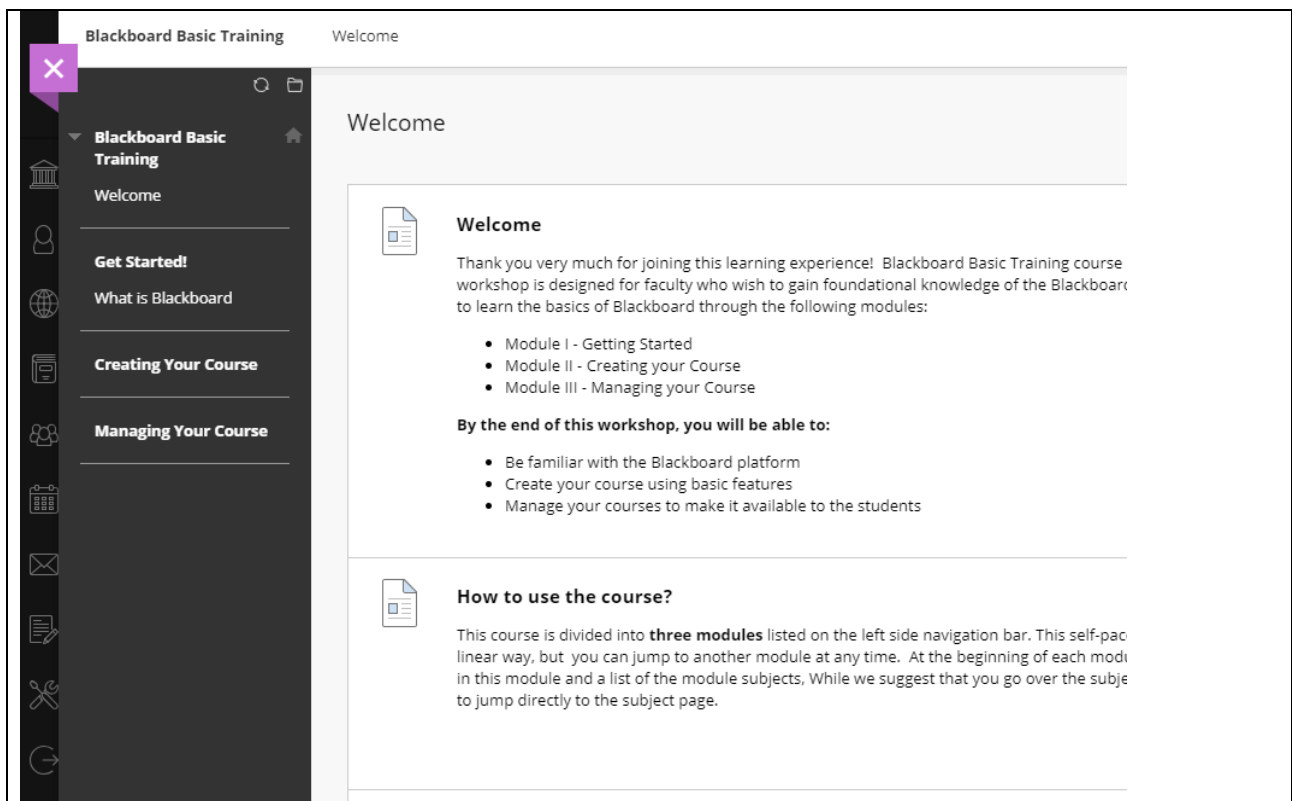
Students will receive a pop-up window ('Course Notices') to alert them about items such as Overdue assignments and tests; Assignments and tests due today; Calendar events happening today; and Course-wide messages.

The icons on the navigation bar open frequently used tools such as discussions and mail.

Course content appears in the main part of the page. Click on the black area to expand and view the Main Menu.

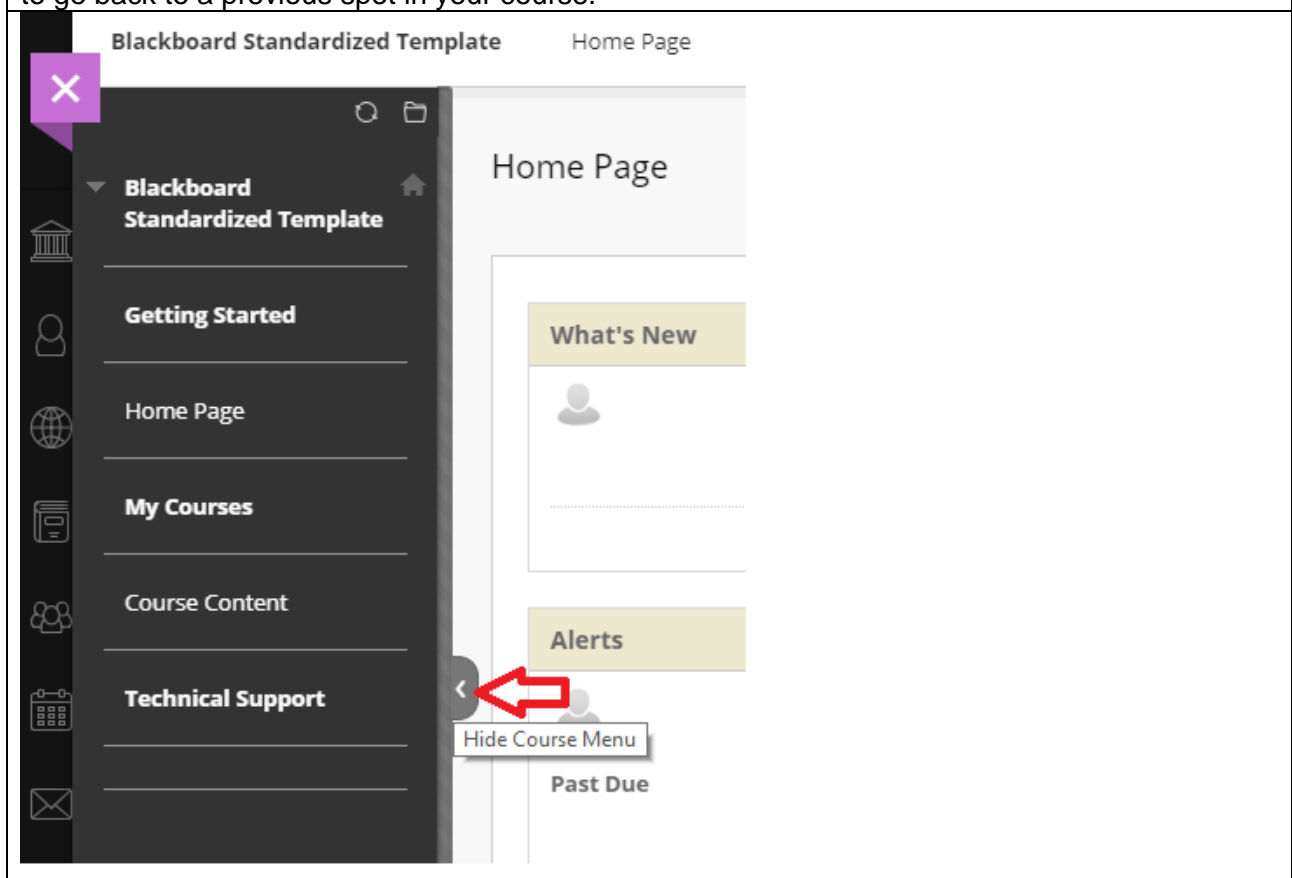
Note: Instructors can set availability to content items based on date, time, individual users, course groups, and performance on graded items.



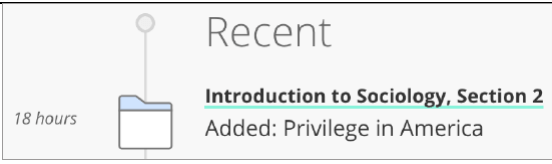


All of your course content appears in the main part of the page. You can always see the left navigation area that peeks from behind layers.

Most content items, such as folders and assignments, have a menu with options. When you open a piece of content, it slides out in a layer on top of the Course Content page. Close layers to go back to a previous spot in your course.



In their activity streams, students are notified that a new document is available.



Responsive Design: As the screen gets smaller, modules and tool tiles stack so you still have access to them at your fingertips. The responsive design elements of the Learn 2016 theme.

Your current screen can be viewed in 2 different ways and is based on the percentage set on your **Zoom settings** in your browser.

