Ultra Experience

During the Summer 2017 term, DoIT announced the transition to Blackboard’s cloud-based architecture to update our system with little to no downtime, increase the scale the system in response to load, and increase services when demand is high. The transition to Blackboard cloud was also a technical requirement to evaluate and subsequently migrate to Blackboard’s future systems using the Ultra Experience.

RECOMMENDED FAQs

- What is the difference between my current course and an Ultra course?
- How do I preview my course as an Ultra course?
- Should I convert or redesign my Original course for Ultra?
- What course tools are available in an Ultra course?
- What’s new in the Ultra Experience?
- Ultra Course Adoption Center

General Information About the Ultra Experience

- What is the Ultra Experience?
- How does the Ultra Experience change Blackboard overall?
- How does the Ultra Experience change Blackboard’s dashboard?
- How are courses organized on the Courses page?
- What’s new in the Ultra Experience?
- Five steps to planning your Ultra roadmap
- Should I convert or redesign my Original course for Ultra?

Ultra Courses

- What is the difference between my current course and an Ultra course?
  - What course tools are available in an Ultra course?
  - What third-party tools can I use in my Ultra course?
  - What can I customize in my Ultra course?
  - What can I manage in my Ultra course?
  - What Original content types will not convert to Ultra?
- What is the difference between course views in Blackboard?
- How do I preview my course as an Ultra course?
- Can I convert my Ultra course back to an Original course in Blackboard?

Course Management

- What is the difference between course availability and course completion?
- What are layers and panels in an Ultra course?
- How do I use Student Preview in an Ultra course?
- External Links:
  - Manage & enroll other users
  - Batching editing due dates & content visibility

Content Management

- What can I copy or import from an Original Blackboard course into an Ultra Blackboard course?
- Why can’t I create more than 2 levels of folders in an Ultra course?
- How do I add Box content to my Ultra course?
- What can I copy or import from an Original Blackboard course into an Ultra Blackboard course?
- How do I add a publisher integration to an Ultra course?
- How do I use VoiceThread in an Ultra course?
- External Links:
  - Creating content in Ultra

Upcoming Training

May 3: Monthly Blackboard Ultra Experience Orientation
May 10: Meet the Ultra Developers - Focus on Tests
May 10: Meet the Ultra Developers - Focus on Groups
May 10: Meet the Ultra Developers - Focus on Gradebook

RELATED LINKS

Timeline & Upgrade Schedule
Ultra Experience Glossary
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- External Links:
  - Creating content in Ultra
• Releasing Ultra content with dates, based on performance, or in sequence

Communication & Engagement

• What is the difference between a conversation and a discussion?
• What can I do with Groups in Ultra?
• External Links:
  • About Ultra course announcements (creating, managing, etc.)
  • Creating an Ultra discussion
  • Creating, managing & grading group discussions
  • Viewing Ultra discussion analytics
  • Finding Collaborate

Assignments & Assessments

• How do I import test banks and question pools into an Ultra course?
• How do I use SafeAssign on a test?
• How do I enable Respondus Lockdown Browser on an Ultra test or assignment?
• How do I submit my assignment in an Ultra course?
• External Links:
  • Creating assignments
  • Recording feedback
  • Setting goals on Ultra assessments

Accessibility

• How do I apply an accessibility accommodation for a student in Blackboard?
• What is the difference between student accessibility and time limit accommodations?
• External Links:
  • WCAG 2.0 Level AA for Blackboard Learn with the Ultra experience (pdf)