



Overview

The What's New in Academic Collaboration workshop provides intensive, hands-on instruction covering the GUI-based administrative and teaching and learning functions introduced in Blackboard Learn™* technology between Release 7.0 and Release 9.0. A variety of hands-on activities and best-practice discussions provide for a very thorough understanding of how to manage daily tasks, increase administrative efficiency and create engaging learning environments for students. It also presents best practices for supporting both Web-enhanced and fully online e-learning implementations.

Workshop Topics and Outcomes

Session One: Administering Academic Collaboration

- **What's New Overview.** Identify the administrative and instructional advancements introduced in Blackboard Learn – Course Delivery*, Content Management*, and Community Engagement* technology between Release 7.0- 9.0; Identify changes in the graphical user interface of the Administrator Panel; Personalize Administrator Panel content and layout.
- **Roles Definition.** Review System Roles and Course Roles and describe their relationship with User Privileges; Customize existing System Roles and create new System Roles to reflect institutional processes.
- **User Management.** Identify changes in the graphical user interface in the Users area; Create users and assign System Roles within the new interface; List and modify user information using the new search tools; Set users to available/unavailable and remove users; Assign Observers to multiple users within the new observer management area.
- **Course Management.** Identify changes in the graphical user interface in the Courses area; Create, manage, categorize, and remove courses using the enhanced interface; List and modify course information using the new search tools; Enroll users from the new location; Archive, restore, import, export, copy, and recycle courses using the new queued processes.
- **Managing Organizations.** Identify modifications in the graphical user interface; Create, categorize, and remove organizations using the enhanced interface; List and modify organization information using the new search tools, Enroll participants from the new location; Archive, restore, copy, import, export and recycle organizations using the new queued processes.
- **Brand and Theme Management.** Select a system theme**; Manage a color palette**; Discuss how to modify the Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) to create Themes**; Customize Login Page**.
- **Managing Content Collection and Sharing.** Enable/Disable Content Collections; Search for and manage orphaned content by user and location; Manage the Recycle Bin; Manage user lists; Download and restore Packages; Archive and restore a course which contains links to content stored in Collections; Discuss GUI components for backing-up and recovering content; Enable default metadata standards and define custom metadata templates; Discuss reusable Learning Objects.
- **Managing e-Portfolio Templates.** Describe Personal Portfolio capabilities and benefits; Define artifacts; Create and modify Personal e-Portfolio templates.



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- **Tools and Utilities.** Enable and disable system-wide tools and settings including Avatars** and Notifications**; Copy and edit a Language Pack; Enable Blackboard Scholar® and SafeAssign™; Discuss Blackboard Sync.
- **Operations Management.** Locate and review the online administrator manual and Quick Tutorials; Navigate Behind the Blackboard™ for product documentation and release notes; Search the Knowledge Base; Troubleshoot and report system issues.

Session Two: Teaching and Learning with Academic Collaboration

- **What's New Overview.** Identify instructional enhancements introduced in Blackboard Learn – Course Delivery and Content Management technology between Release 7.0- 9.0; Locate modifications to the graphical user interface from the instructor and student perspectives.
- **Course Building and Content Presentation.** Review course menu enhancements and add Sub-header** and Divider** menu items; Create a Course Module Page** and Review Notification** features; Develop learning objectives and lessons using the Syllabus Builder; Enable Review Status; Deploy content using Adaptive Release.
- **Course Management.** Determine course style setting, including content display options**; Manage the new course tools panel; Set a course Language Pack; Utilize the enhanced copy, recycle, archive, import and export course tools.
- **Assessment and Evaluation.** Prevent plagiarism with SafeAssign™; Submit and evaluate Self and Peer Assessments; Record, modify, and manage all grades in the new Grade Center, including customizing Grade Center settings and views; Monitor student progress using the Early Warning System, Notifications** and Performance Dashboard.
- **Interacting with the New Discussion Board.** Define new Discussion Board roles and settings; Create and manage Discussion Board forums and threads with the new interface; Collect, tag and flag Discussion Board threads; Search forums and threads using enhanced search capabilities; Grade forums and threads; Review Discussion Board statistics.
- **Creating and Managing Groups.** Identify collaborative learning use cases and considerations; Describe new Group Settings; Create and populate Groups and Group Sets** with self-enroll, manual and random enroll options**; Create a Group Module Page**; Add, monitor and Grade a Group Assignment**; Discuss tips for enabling successful group work.
- **Teaching with Blogs** and Journals**.** Identify Blog and Journal use cases; enable individual, group and course Blogs; Assign individual and group Journals; Discuss best practices for monitoring Journals and Blogs.
- **Collecting and Sharing Content.** Establish Personal Settings; Describe Detail View menu enhancements; Identify and utilize enhanced item and folder properties, including Versioning, Tracking, and Comment; Add new reusable Learning Objects and share with a course; Tag and discover content with new metadata templates; Move files to and manage the Recycle Bin; Deploy enhanced Workflows to share content and track progress; Create and email Passes on folders; Archive courses which contains links to content stored in Collections.



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- **Creating and Managing e-Portfolios.** Differentiate between Basic and Personal Portfolios; Define and collect e-Portfolio artifacts; Create a Personal Portfolio; Add, share, view, download, and comment on e-Portfolios; Discuss Portfolio templates and e-Portfolio quality assurance.
- **Social Bookmarking.** Define social bookmarking; Identify capabilities and educational benefits of Blackboard Scholar ®; Establish an account and profile; Install and utilize the bookmarklet feature; Create bookmarks with tags; Establish streams; Search Scholar streams and tags; Utilize the Scholar Course Home Page to incorporate social bookmarking into courses; Discuss social bookmarking best practices.
- **Locating Resources.** Locate and search the online instructor manual and Quick Tutorials; Access Behind the Blackboard™ to search for documentation and the Knowledge Base; Create an account on Blackboard Connections.

Who Should Attend

Session One: Academic Collaboration Administration (Approximately 2 days)

- System Administrators and support personnel managing and supporting the move to:
 - Blackboard Learn™ (Release 9.x)
 - Blackboard Academic Suite™ (Releases 7.x, 8.0) – The workshop topics will be modified accordingly for institutions running these previous versions.

Session Two: Teaching and Learning with Academic Collaboration (Approximately 3 days)

- All users at the institution who collect, share, and discover content using:
 - Blackboard Learn™ (Release 9.x)
 - Blackboard Academic Suite™ (Releases 7.x, 8.0) – The workshop topics will be modified accordingly for institutions running these previous versions.

Duration and Costs

- Workshop is 5 days in length (6 hours of instruction each day)
- 12,000 USD for up to 15 participants in each session (training consultant travel and expenses are not included in the cost)

For any questions, please email training@blackboard.com or contact your Client Manager.

* **Note:** Prior to Release 9.0, this was known as the Blackboard Academic Suite™ including the Blackboard Learning System™, Blackboard Content System™ and Blackboard Community System™.

** **Note:** Indicates features and functions specific to Release 9.0