Integrating your Blackboard system with other key campus technologies improves the flow of information and helps manage your costs as your online learning deployment grows.

Automated data processing of core activities such as loading student and course information plays a vital role in an institution’s infrastructure. It not only guarantees consistency of data, but it builds trust throughout your campus—administrators, teachers and students alike. That’s because every user can focus on what they went there to do - learn, teach and grow - not on the challenges of manual processing like inaccurate information, lagging response times and time-intensive data entry.

Blackboard offers a wide range of services designed to ensure rapid, successful integration of Blackboard Learn with your student information system, portal, authentication scheme and other applications. With automated data integration, everyone benefits: accurate data, quicker response times, lower long-term costs and happier users.

**Reasons to Invest in Blackboard's SIS Integration Services**

- Your time is valuable—why tie up valuable business and IT resources when Blackboard can automate your business processes?
- We can connect Blackboard Learn to virtually any data source
- We have performed hundreds of seamless integrations across many different systems of record
- In addition to being experts on the products we’ve developed, we’re also experts in supporting the global educational community with 12+ years of experience supporting thousands of customers with millions of users
A Comprehensive Approach

Our SIS Integration consulting will automate the transfer of user, course and enrollment information from a source system (such as SIS, LMS, ERP or other system of record) to Blackboard Learn, and establish a process for managing that data over time. We’ll work with you to identify key data elements, behaviors and business rules, providing you with:

- Blackboard automation tool (Snapshot)
- Data integration test plan
- System administration hands-on training
- Documented data integration process
- Annual Integration Customization Maintenance (ICM) support for Bb upgrades and hot fixes

A quick and seamless integration led by Blackboard experts will lay the foundation for your institution’s future growth and scalability—without taxing valuable internal resource time to do it.

Everyone Wins

A data integration effort led by Blackboard Consulting benefits everyone within your institution:

- **Administrators**: Reduced hours spent on manual data entry frees up time for other critical activities.
- **Students and Educators**: Timelier access to course materials, grades, attendance, etc., and consistency of information makes for a more productive and happier student body and academic staff.
- **CIO and eLearning Leadership**: Cost reductions through operational efficiencies, increased user adoption and a clearly documented set of business rules, enable the institution to operate more productively and profitably.

Focus on engaging and assessing learners—not on navigating complex data integration. Let Blackboard Consulting help.

Client Testimonial and Success Story: Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (NAHE)

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District located in El Cajon, CA facilitates and supports educational programs and services at Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges to meet the needs of more than 29,000 students across both campuses. With two separate college locations the District looked to Blackboard for assistance integrating into a single site.

Challenge

Blackboard Consulting was able to support the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District in accomplishing several objectives. While they were looking to integrate their offerings into a single site, they wanted to maintain individual course catalogs with the unique brand of each school. A cross listing of courses was also desired to enable students to select courses on either campus.

Solution

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District engaged Blackboard Consulting to strategize and implement a solution that allowed for data integration of both colleges while maintaining the unique brand of each campus. In working with each campus Blackboard was able to fully automate a custom data integration to accommodate both locations.

Results

The data integration project was successfully completed with a well documented business process providing a blueprint for future growth. This project reduced staff hours required for data load administration and error checking. In addition to these benefits, course section sites were created for all course offerings at both campus locations promoting platform adoption and overall user satisfaction.

Contact Blackboard

We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you personally about your data integration needs and assist you with determining the best approach for your institution. To find out more about how Blackboard can assist your institution, please visit www.blackboard.com or contact your Account Manager.