Arkansas State University keeps faculty and students in sync on campus, on whatever device they’re using

**Blackboard & Dropbox enable seamless access to course content for over 16,000 Arkansas State students, faculty and researchers across 10 campuses**

Faculty, staff and third-party researchers can now securely manage their content in one central place – no more worrying about which campus they’re on that day. With Blackboard Learn and Dropbox, they can work from anywhere, on any device. Faculty members are more productive, students have access to the resources they need, and for IT, there’s the peace of mind that top notch security brings.

**THE CHALLENGE**

Arkansas State University faces a unique set of demands. With 10 different locations in their system, professors often find themselves shuttling between campuses. Ensuring that students and faculty always have access to the resources they need is a constant challenge. To overcome this, the Arkansas State IT team focuses on putting the right technology in place – technology that enables Arkansas State to provide a world-class education for its students. One of the tools they’ve deployed is Blackboard Learn™, Blackboard’s flagship learning management system (LMS). And now the school is taking its ability to support its faculty and students - regardless of the campus they’re on - to a new level by taking advantage of the integration of Blackboard Learn with Dropbox Education.
THE SOLUTION

The seamless integration between Blackboard Learn and Dropbox is allowing Arkansas State faculty and students to do things that weren’t possible before. They can now access Dropbox content from any device—online or offline—directly from Blackboard Learn. The integration has also given faculty the power of best-in-class cross-device sync and the ability to collaborate in shared folders. Connecting Dropbox and Blackboard is also proving to be a big win for the school’s IT security team. Faculty are now able to manage their learning content in one place, without compromising the university’s security policies. Seamless authentication between the Dropbox and Blackboard Learn interfaces means it’s easier for Arkansas State’s IT team to control and manage data. With enterprise-grade security features, it’s also possible to set activity and sharing permissions across classes, teams, and departments.

All of this is giving the IT team peace of mind. “Using the Dropbox integration with Blackboard is greatly enhancing faculty productivity, and is providing staff with the ability to work anywhere, on any device, without compromising data security,” says Carolyn Ponce, Blackboard Administrator at Arkansas State.

GET STARTED:
The Dropbox integration is available at no cost for Blackboard Learn SaaS and 9.1, version Q4 2015 and later. To learn more, visit blackboard.com/dropbox.

“The joint power of Blackboard Learn and Dropbox has allowed us to significantly improve the collaboration process between faculty and students. The newly improved workflows are enhancing our efforts to move course curriculum from the computer to the classroom”

Henry Torres
CIO, Arkansas State University