

Blackboard Tour

The main navigation area for your Blackboard course is at the left side of the browser window. This area is customized by your instructor. It will look slightly different for each course you take, but the general function is the same -- to help you navigate around the course. You will use the links in this area to navigate throughout your course. Note that the navigation bar for each course you take may look slightly different. The image below shows a typical online course. Even though the exact navigation on your course may be different, let's take a closer look at the navigation links in the figure below.

Each navigation link in the sample is listed below with a brief description.

- Announcements:** Access this area to view important up-to-the-minute information about your course. This is the first page you will normally see when you login to your course.
- Your Professor:** Virtually meet your professor and find out important contact information. This area is sometimes named "Faculty Information" or "Staff Information."
- Syllabus:** View important information that includes the course syllabus. This area is sometimes named "Course Information."
- Course Schedule:** View the schedule and due dates for the course. This area is sometimes named "Timeline" or "Course Information."
- Course Modules:** This area is sometimes called "Course Material", "Course Documents", or "Assignment.". View presentations, notes, assignments, and other information. Some instructors list the course modules, lessons, or sessions, here.
- Course Project:** This course contains an optional section named "Course Project" to describe the semester-long project completed by students in the course.
- Discussion Board:** Participate in online discussions and communicate with your classmates and professor in this area. Some instructors have configured the Discussion Board to be the first page you will see when you login and select your course.
- Messages:** Send and receive messages to your instructor and classmates in this area.
- Collaboration:** Join a live chat in Collaboration
- Resources:** View related articles and web sites as provided. This area is sometimes named "Web Sites."
- My Grades:** Check your grades online using My Grades. This area may be called "Student Tools."
- Get Help:** The Get Help link opens a new web page with information about the Library, Success Services, and Tutoring Center.
- Tech Support:** Also listed as "Student Tech Support", this link displays a new web page with contact information for technical support with Blackboard, E-mail, and the Student Portal questions

