

Blackboard Tutorial: Overview Program Transcript

In an effort to continually improve the Walden learning experience, Walden will be implementing several enhancements in the classroom.

These enhancements are a result of feedback from students and faculty members and we hope you'll enjoy the new features.

New features have been added and the appearance has been enhanced, but most familiar features work in much the same way.

First, you may notice a new color theme, and the page formerly known as the "My Institution" page is now called "My Homepage."

You will notice the homepage and your classrooms have a crisp new look and feel; the editing tools even stay hidden until needed.

The homepage has some new features and functionality, and you now have the option to customize it to better meet your needs.

Included on the homepage is a new browser test feature, to help you make sure your web browser is fully compatible with Blackboard; the new Blackboard has improved compatibility, officially supporting the newest versions of all the most popular web browsers.

Two other new modules, a dictionary and thesaurus, have been added to the homepage - you can add others, if desired, using the add module button.

A new "Global Navigation" menu provides a new way to access some old features, and adds a number of convenient new features...

Such as updates with improved visibility,

an easy new way to view new grades...

...and participate in discussions...

...and you'll also have the option to add an "avatar" photo to identify yourself.

Inside the classroom, you'll find smoother course-to-course navigation, making it quick and easy to switch between courses.

Your "My Grades" page has been updated, providing better organization, making it easy to find important grades.

Better feedback from timed quizzes makes it easier to see how much time is left, and harder to accidentally leave the test before it has been completed.

Enhancements to the discussion board include, avatar images, easy identification of the instructor, the ability to sort by discussion thread...

...the ability to view all replies in context on the same page...

...a new text editor with a number of new features, and improved, automatic support for Microsoft Word: the Paste-from-Word mash-up should no longer be needed!

We're very excited to bring you these improvements to our Blackboard, and we hope you'll enjoy them, too!

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