



Introduction

On May 23, 2021, Blackboard Learn at South Carolina State University upgraded to Ultra Based Navigation with Learn. The upgrade will change the landing page and how users find their courses in Blackboard, but makes only minor, cosmetic changes to the structure and content of courses themselves.

Students will notice the following differences:

1. The Landing Page (first screen after logging in) is now the Activity Stream page, identifying upcoming and recent events in the user's active courses.
2. A new Navigation Panel on the left-hand side of the screen provides options for accessing individual courses, the Blackboard Calendar, Grades, and other Blackboard tools and university resources.
3. A new Courses Page lists all courses in which the user is enrolled. Users enrolled in many courses may find the list a little unwieldy at first, but see the "***Courses Page***" section below, for hints on how to make it easier to find the desired courses.
4. Blackboard actively notifies users about due dates, grades, submissions, messages, and more. These notices are posted on the Activity Stream page and sent by email.
5. There is a new Institution Page, with links to university resources such as SCSU 24/7 Blackboard Support, Microsoft Teams Help & Learning, etc.
6. Within each course there are only small differences in the appearance of text and/or buttons in the course menu, and in the standard icons that identify different types of course content (tests, documents, assignments, links, etc.).



Ultra-Based Navigation with Learn, will enhance the overall look and feel of Blackboard for students and faculty alike with a design that will be consistent and responsive across all devices and platforms.

Activity Stream

The default landing page now is the Activity Stream. This all-new activity feed on your Blackboard homepage, provides an always up-to-date newsfeed of all the latest activity in your courses. You will no longer see information boxes cluttering your homepage. Instead, you will see a clean and concise stream of all the recent information posted in your courses.

Stream

Important

Jun 14, 2021 **SOC250-45-SUMMER-2021 Introduction to Sociology**
Past due: McDonaldization of Society: Good or Bad?
Due Date: 6/20/21, 11:59 PM Dismiss

May 11, 2021 | 11:22 AM **SOC250-45-SUMMER-2021 Introduction to Sociology**
Past due: Syllabus Quiz
Due Date: 5/20/21, 11:59 PM Dismiss

May 31, 2021 **SOC250-45-SUMMER-2021 Introduction to Sociology**
Past due: Week 3 - Culture - May 31 - June 6, 2021 : Quiz #1
Due Date: 6/6/21, 11:59 PM Dismiss

Upcoming

Jun 14, 2021 **SOC250-45-SUMMER-2021 Introduction to Sociology**
Due: Twitter, Instagram and Social Change
Due Date: 7/24/21, 11:59 PM

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Here is a link to a video with more details of the Activity Stream: [Activity Stream in Blackboard with Ultra Navigation](#)



Courses Page

On the Courses page, all the courses in which you are enrolled will be listed in alphabetical order by course title. For some users with older courses, the screen might be split up, so you'll need to click on right or left arrows near the top of the screen to find older or newer courses.

The screenshot displays the Blackboard interface for the 'Courses' page. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation icons and labels: Institution Page, CODE Student, Activity Stream, Courses (highlighted), Organizations, Calendar, Messages, Grades, Tools, and Sign Out. The main content area has a header with 'Courses' and navigation arrows for 'SUMMER-2021' and 'Current Courses'. Below the header is a search bar labeled 'Search your courses', a filter dropdown set to 'All Courses', and a '25 Items per page' selector. The course list is titled 'Assorted Dates' and contains three entries, each with a star icon on the right: 'BlackboardTraining_2019' (with 'Original Course View' and 'More info' link), 'M150Restored' (with 'Quantitative Reasoning TEMP' and 'Multiple Instructors' links, and 'Original Course View' and 'More info' link), and 'SOC250-45-SUMMER-2021' (with 'Introduction to Sociology' and 'Original Course View' links).

The courses page might seem unwieldy at first, but there are ways of managing the list to make it easier to find the course or courses you want:

Students:

- Be aware that the list of courses always includes both the course title and course ID number. The course ID number can help distinguish between courses that have similar titles.
- Type any text in the “Search your courses” box to limit the courses that appear on the list. The text you type is automatically matched to both course titles and course IDs.
- Mark selected courses as “favorites” by clicking on the star icon to the right of a Course Title. Starred items will appear near the top of the list until the star is removed by clicking on the icon again.
- Use the Filter options to list open or completed courses separately (if there are courses on the list that have different status categories).



Course View

When you enter a course, you will notice that the same original look, with only minor cosmetic changes to the structure and content of courses are present. The landing page within your course is still the Announcement section and you still have a Syllabus, Content, etc. content areas. To exit your course, and go back to the landing page, click the purple X located in the top, left hand corner.

English Composition II Home

ENGLISH COMPOSITION II

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Course Description

Welcome to English 151. This class is a literature-based course in which you will learn to read, write about, and research literature more critically. You will have the chance to engage with fiction, poetry, and plays via this multimedia course and discussion with your classmates.

This course does not require meeting in a specific place and time—no class attendance! If you are self-motivated, organized, want to learn, and want an interactive course that gives you the flexibility to work at times that are more convenient for your schedule then you're in the right place.

Next Steps

- First, proceed to the Getting Started menu to familiarize yourself with course policies and important information that you need to be successful in the course.
- Next, go to the Course Content menu to begin working through the course. We will get to work immediately, so it is important that you start working as soon as possible.

Institution Page

The Institution Page can broadcast important messages and links to everyone in your institution. Each user can access the Institution Page from the base navigation, making it simple and quick to find out about what's going on around campus or online.

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