Using Blackboard Learn as a Teaching Tool

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Topics to be discussed today:

• What is Blackboard?
• Blackboard Capabilities
• Blackboard Support Resources
• Getting courses set up
• Educational Technology Tools
• Passwords
What is Blackboard?

- Official Learning Management System at KSU
- Not mandatory to use
- Lot of support options available
- Integrates with KSU and other applications
Blackboard Capabilities

- Upload and manage content
- Upload grades securely
- Online assignment submissions
- Online tests, surveys
- Blogs/Journals/Discussions
- Announcements/feedback and tracking
- Bb Collaborate – audio/video desktop conferencing
- Blackboard Mobile App
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Bb Support Resources

• Call (24x7) - 330-672-HELP

• Submit Ticket - support.kent.edu

• Make Appointment: www.kent.edu/blackboard

• DL Resources- onlinedegrees.kent.edu
Bb Support

www.kent.edu/blackboard

- Getting Started
- General Resources
- ET Support
- Tutorials
- Training Sessions
- News and Announcements
Visit Support Portal for 24x7

support.kent.edu

Submit Ticket

Knowledge Base

Live Chat

Manage your tickets
Blackboard Learn Login

- Direct URL - learn.kent.edu
- FlashLine.kent.edu >> Blackboard icon in the top right-hand corner
Getting Courses Ready in Blackboard

1. Course Access and Availability
   • Department Scheduler
   • Sync Tool
2. Course Combine
3. Student Roster
4. Content – Copy Content, Upload Content
Step 1 - Course Availability

• Sync your account

Blackboard Learn
Access your online courses (Blackboard Support Website)

Missing courses in BlackBoard? Sync your account now.

Please make sure the course is already set up in Banner. Consult your Department Scheduler.
Step 1 - Course Availability

- Check official schedule for instructor assignment
- Talk to your department scheduler
Step 2 - Course Combine

• Combine multiple courses/sections into one
• Submit online form: www.kent.edu/blackboard
Step 3 - Student Roster

• Students auto-populated in courses via Banner

• Missing students – Submit a ticket at support.kent.edu

• Manually add users - Instructor can manually enroll users (GA’s/TA’s) into course
Step 4 - Content Issues - Copy

- Copy Course Content from Semester to Semester
- Instructions on www.kent.edu/blackboard
Step 5 - Content Issues - Troubleshooting

Uploading Content

- Use Compatible Browser (Mozilla Firefox)
- Enable Pop-ups
- Java Issues
Uploading Content

- Upload any file type
- File Size permission: 500mb per file
- No Course Size limits
- Video/Audio uploads: KSUtube (ksutube.kent.edu)
Educational Technology Tools

KSUtube
ksutube.kent.edu
30,000 users per month
Educational Technology Tools

KSU Presenter
presenter.kent.edu
5,000 users per month
Integrated Tools

• Collaborate - Web Conferencing
• Respondus: Test maker (Instructor)
• Lockdown Browser (Student)
• Clickers (Turning Point)
• Scantron (bubble sheet tests)
Passwords

• Visit secureit.kent.edu for additional information

• Information Security is not just what happens in an office by professionals, but also an individual's responsibility...be aware of your role in protecting your information, identity, and protecting others, as well.
Thank you!