USC TRANSITION TO BLACKBOARD LEARN ULTRA

This presentation outlines the benefits and proposed timeline for the University of South Carolina's transition from Blackboard Learn Original Course View to Blackboard Learn Ultra Course View.

A Provost’s Office initiative in collaboration with the Division of Information Technology.

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WHY MOVE TO BLACKBOARD LEARN ULTRA?

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- Strategic Alignment
- Improved Student Learning Outcomes
- Accessibility & Inclusion
- Enhanced User Experience
- Simplified Administration and Efficiency
- Robust Analytics & Reporting
- Pedagogical Transformation Opportunities
- Modern User Tools & Features
- Seamless Integration with External Tools
- Continued LMS Development (Anthology)

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TERMINOLOGY

- Blackboard Learn Ultra = Ultra Course View
- Blackboard Learn Original = Original Course View
- Not to be confused with Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

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USC PLAN FOR TRANSITION - TIMELINE

A Begin Summer 2023

1. Collaboration with LMS support partners from all campuses.
2. LMS Discovery and transition planning.
3. Gain Provost acceptance and endorsement of the Blackboard Learn Ultra transition initiative.

B Fall 2023

1. Partner with Anthology – train the trainer workshops for support partners.
2. Blackboard Learn Ultra Awareness and offer training and support.
3. Blackboard Days
4. CTE & eLS Training.
5. Faculty & departmental event participation.
6. Virtual Office Hours.

C Spring 2024

1. Housing Organization converted to Bb Learn Ultra.
2. LMS Retention Policy implemented.
3. Blackboard Learn Ultra training continues.
4. Fall 2024 courses created in Blackboard Learn Ultra

D Summer 2024

1. Work with faculty to transition their fall courses to Blackboard Learn Ultra.
2. Blackboard Learn Ultra training continues.

E Fall 2024

1. All Fall courses offered in Blackboard Learn Ultra
2. EDU Support accommodations for an increased volume of LMS-related support calls.

F Beyond Fall 2024

1. Existing organizations converted to Blackboard Learn Ultra
2. Ensure Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 courses are created in the Blackboard Learn Ultra course view.
3. Blackboard Learn Ultra training continues.

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ORIGINAL VS. ULTRA COURSE VIEW

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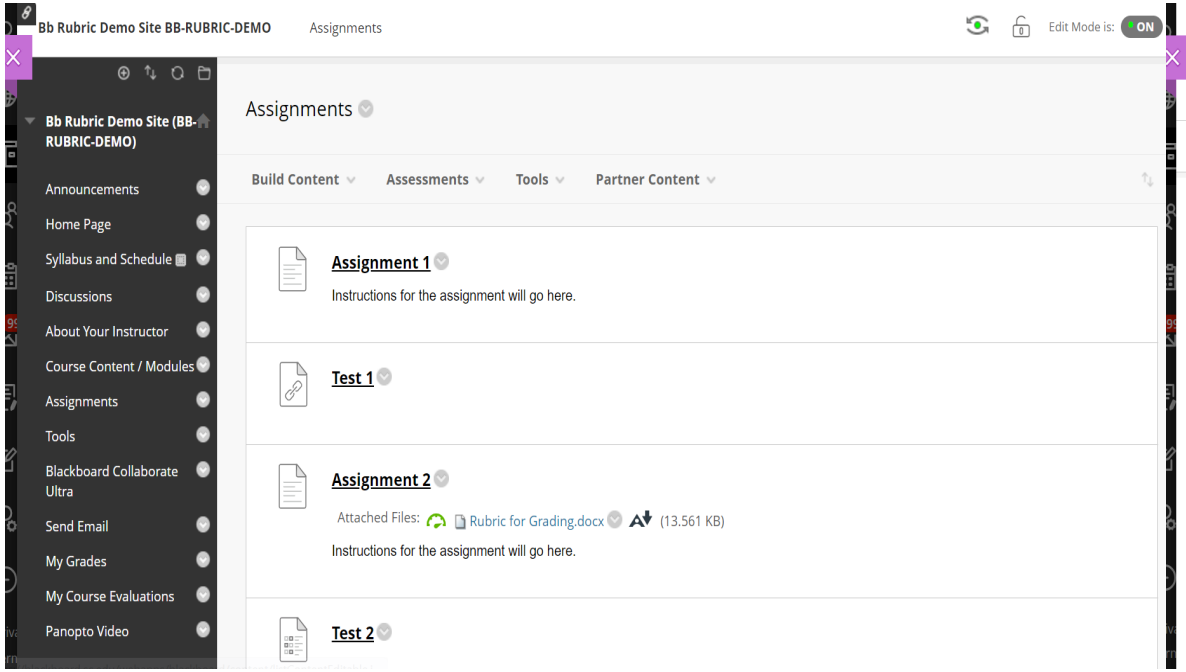

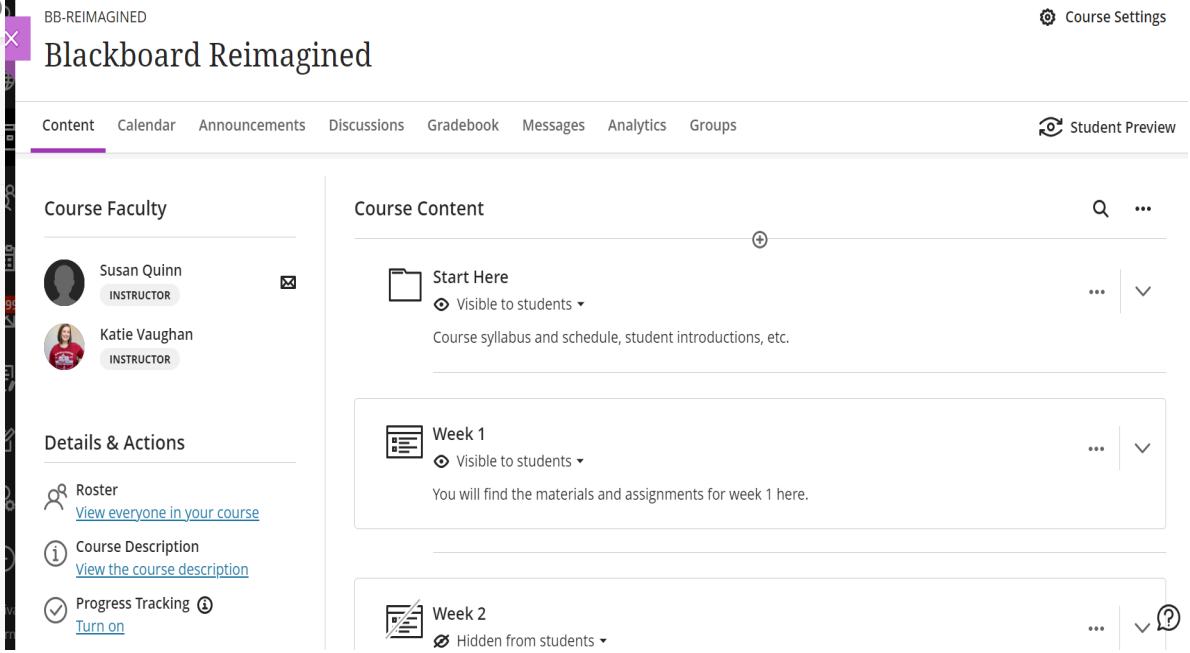

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WHERE ARE WE NOW

- A core project team has been established consisting of LMS Support Partners from the Columbia campus and the comprehensive campuses.
- Faculty currently have the option to build or teach courses in Blackboard Learn Ultra while still teaching in Original Course View. Options for converting courses to Blackboard Learn Ultra:
    - Convert an existing course from Original to Ultra – request an Ultra Sandbox
    - ‘Reimagine” an existing course and start fresh – move content into the new Blackboard Learn Ultra Course
    - Administrator option – Bulk conversion tool – convert original courses to Ultra in bulk and quickly

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WHERE DO I START?

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RESOURCES FOR FACULTY

- Blackboard Learn Ultra assistance or a consultation: http://go.sc.edu/BlackboardHelp
- Training Offerings (virtual)
  - Virtual Trainings offered by eLS and CTE – please register:
    - https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/cte/events_calendar/index.php
  - Small group trainings and consultations by request from eLS and CTE
- Anthology provided resources – KB articles, video tutorials, Anthology User Community
- Look for your LMS Support Partners at on-campus faculty (and student) events held throughout the transition such as our Blackboard Days – Anthology Partners hosted sessions on all campuses and the annual Oktoberbest symposium!
- Blackboard Learn Ultra Transition website coming soon!

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THANK YOU!

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