Summer 2018 Blackboard Standard Template Updates

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Overview

The standard Blackboard course template that is applied to all courses at the time they are created has been updated to include NEW student success resources and to enable efficient editing of centrally managed content. This new template will be applied to all courses beginning with summer 2018 sessions and onward until additional changes are necessary in subsequent terms.

Template Changes & Additions

Course Menu Items Re-Ordered

The Course Menu has been streamlined to group resources together. We know that you will likely make course layout adjustments to support your teaching strategies and your students. This standard template layout is a starting point that provides a logical grouping of links that you will likely find critically helpful to your students.

View a screenshot of the course entry point for the standard course template. Note: The Faculty Resources link is hidden from students and includes the screen message only visible to Instructor: “Item is not available”

Centrally Managed Content

The following resource collections have been prepared and are managed by the Educational Technology Center, and are automatically included in the standard Blackboard course template. They are created in a way that allows easy modification by ETC staff as needed. For example, if an office location or contact information for a campus resource changes, we are able to modify these pages which will be immediately reflected in all courses containing them either as a part of the template or otherwise added. This means that neither instructors, course builders, nor teaching assistants have the ability to modify these resources. Although it is NOT RECOMMENDED, the links can be removed from the Course Menu by those with the proper course role permission. These links are intended to provide enhanced resources for student success in an efficient manner that requires no action on the part of the faculty.

- Faculty Resources - Provides instructions and reminders for a set of semester start-up routines that you commonly need to address - including the REQUIRED course availability setting.
  (View Screenshot)

- Research Guides - Provides links to the University Libraries, including a subject LibGuide link that’s specific to your course’s discipline - it automatically knows which subject! (where available). This resource set DOES NOT INCLUDE electronic reserves.
  (View Screenshot)

- Campus Resources NEW! - Provides contact information and web links for an array of student success resources such as Disability Resource Center, Online Tutoring, Academic Advising, and more.
  (View Screenshot)

- Blackboard Help - Provides contact information and web links for getting technical help using Blackboard, including after-hours phone/web support.
  (View Screenshot)

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