

FA2008 Blackboard Student Survey

Attempts 377

Question 1 Which answer best describes your primary role at UMBC?

Full-time Undergraduate student 88.859%

Part-Time Undergraduate student 10.345%

Unanswered 0.796%

Question 2 Which answer best describes your primary use of Blackboard?

As a faculty member teaching a course. 0.531%

As a student in a Blackboard class site. 96.286%

As a teaching assistant of a Blackboard class site. 0%

As a member of a Blackboard organization or community site. 1.857%

As a manager of a Blackboard organization or community site. 0.265%

Unanswered 1.061%

Question 3 How do you normally log into Blackboard?

Through myUMBC? 89.125%

Directly at <http://www.umbc.edu/blackboard> or
<http://blackboard.umbc.edu>. 8.753%

Unanswered 2.122%

Question 4 Which browser do you use most often?

Internet Explorer 37.931%

Mozilla Firefox 48.276%

Safari 10.08%

Opera 0.265%

Other?	2.122%
Unanswered	1.326%

Question 5 Which of the following best describes your use of Blackboard at UMBC?

As a supplement to a face-to-face course	72.679%
For an online course	4.509%
For a hybrid (part online, part face-to-face) course	12.467%
Community/Organization for research or other	9.284%
Unanswered	1.061%

Question 6 Please choose the following tools that you use on a regular basis. (Check all that apply)

Course content (course documents including syllabus, PowerPoints, etc.)	86.737%
Announcements	81.963%
Email	58.621%
Discussion Boards	44.297%
Chat	3.979%
Groups	10.61%
Assignment Upload for papers/projects	46.684%
Turnitin Assignment Upload	20.159%
Wikis	5.04%
Blogs	3.979%
Wimba Voice Tools	3.183%
Pronto	0.796%
Blackboard Backpack	1.592%
Multi-Media: Audio/Video files	7.162%

**Question 7 How important are the following advantages to using Blackboard.
(1 = Not important, 7 = Most Important)**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communicating directly with other students in your class.						
15.65%	11.141%	13.263%	11.406%	16.711%	11.936%	17.241%
24/7 access to course content.						
2.387%	0.531%	2.918%	3.183%	6.631%	9.284%	73.21%
Increased student engagement in the course.						
11.671%	10.345%	12.732%	20.424%	17.507%	9.019%	14.854%
Reinforcement of learning through practice quizzes.						
12.202%	7.162%	11.406%	12.467%	15.915%	14.058%	21.485%
Secure place to post grades.						
2.387%	2.387%	4.509%	6.101%	9.019%	20.424%	52.255%
Convenient place to collect research materials and communicate with colleagues						
13.263%	9.549%	11.141%	17.772%	16.18%	12.202%	15.385%
Other (Please describe in the last question)						
14.854%	2.122%	0.796%	2.918%	2.918%	1.326%	5.57%

Question 8 What do you consider to be disadvantages of using Blackboard?

Reliance on technology	48.541%
Learning curve to becoming proficient in the use of Blackboard	15.65%
Learning environment is too impersonal	18.568%
It's too time consuming	17.241%
Other (Please describe in the last question)	12.467%

Question 9 What do you think is the single most needed improvement about the administration of Blackboard?

Login	10.08%
Enrollment into Blackboard course and community sites	4.775%

Server reliability (Is it up and available?)	19.363%
Server Performance (e.g., "slowness, error messages, looping")	35.809%
Functionality of the Bb application (Does it do what I want?)	5.836%
Student Training and support	7.427%
Faculty training and support	8.223%
Other (Please describe in the last question)	3.714%
Unanswered	4.775%

Question 10 My professors are effectively using Blackboard in the following ways:

User & Document Management

- * Password-protected class & group space
- * Upload or copy/paste documents (expiration) 57.56%

Communications & Interactivity

- * Announcement
- * Email, messages
- * Discussion & Chat 83.289%

Assessment & Grades

- * Electronic assignment delivery & collection
- * Quizzing, Surveys
- * Grade book 80.637%

Question 11 How would you rate your professors' overall use of Blackboard?

Outstanding	17.772%
Good	59.682%
Fair	18.037%

Poor	3.183%
Unanswered	1.326%

Question 12 If you could pick one professor who uses Blackboard well, who would it be and why?

Samantha Riley-Posts grades, powerpoints, and announcements regularly

Professor Strickling. We have online chats and discussions boards, but most importantly our syllabus and all other course documents are posted online and are at our finger tips 24/7. It is very convenient and reliable. Our grades are also posted in black board so you can follow your grade at all times.

Howard Smead. He is my only teacher that really uses Bb to its advantage. He posts grades very promptly and it very efficient in checking emails I may send and responding to them.

I have to say Dr. Cui she communicates regularly with students and responds to question promptly. She also posts grades quickly for students to access.

Prof. Linda Harris in English Department

The best uses of blackboard I have seen this semester was by Alan Kreizenbeck, due to the fact that for his craft of acting class, he does not use blackboard at all.

Dr. Carpenter uses blackboard effectively to post daily updated announcements about class discussion, online assignments, and helpful handouts to contribute to lecture.

My only professor that uses black board is Rusinko & Vingradova for Russian 101

Dr. Carpenter always has the wileyplus assignments and quizzes posted as well as the locations and details for the exams.

Professor Vaporis.

He always posts helpful announcements, always posts our grades, and has all of our course documents.

Professor Smith

Econ 122 Charles McBride uses Blackboard well as the announcements are always up to date along with notes, so if you ever miss a class you know exactly what happened.

Dr. Cui because she forces us to use the discussion board by offering an incentive.

Dr. Carpenter

Professor Tate Redding He puts all of the materials from class on Blackboard and keeps up to date with all grades.

Dr Carpenter, posted announcements daily to keep students updated about what assignments are due and when. Also used a discussion board to answer questions and help students find study groups

Dr. Carpenter. Because she tries to use all the resources available and useful for students.

Aamir Noorudin. He is proficient at using BlackBoard and uses it to post documents, allow uploads for assignments, class notes etc. We convinced him to put the class notes out prior to class for those of us who need to see printed material, we could come prepared. That worked well for me.

Dr. Karen Frieberg, all the quizzes for her class, included in the student labs tab, are extremely helpful for learning the material.

Any teacher(or TA) who is well knowledgeable and able to post important documents, announcements or grades in a timely manner.

Lili Cui is the only prof. I've ever used Blackboard with.

I would pick Professor Amy Everhart because she organizes the coursework well on Blackboard. She also uploads the information regularly.

My professors for all three Spanish classes used Blackboard the best.

Dr. Carpenter. She posts announcements frequently and has many resources made available through blackboard such as practice exams, wiley plus, grades, etc.

Prof. Chard utilizes Blackboard well by posting assignments and documents in a timely fashion and allowing time to read and digest the material outside of class before discussing the blackboard assignments and articles in class as a supplement to the print text.

My english professor because she tends to post announcements the most on it and we use the discussion boards.

Dr. Laurie, HIST

Post assignments and helpful hints to hw and projects.

Dr. Carpenter....

She integrates just about all the course info with blackboard and allows for 24/7 knowledge of upcoming events, and critical information to the course...

Professor Lake. She always posts lecture notes as well as grades in good time. She is also always available through email.

Professor Carpenter (Chem 101), she uses it most frequently and it allows us to access WileyPlus assignments and she keeps up to date on announcements and grades.

Dr Carpenter

she just completely took advantage of the technology and it made the course very easy to do well in

Oskoz because not only does she utilize discussion boards and partner chats, but she is consistent with announcements and is good at getting the grades posted up.

Karin Readel Because she uses many different parts of Blackboard and it helps to keep most of the class organized.

Dr. Panos Charalambides, he constantly uses BB to post assignments and grades as well as much need course material.

I would choose Professor Carpenter. Her class is hard and it has a LOT of material that is covered in class lectures, labs, but also material we need to be studying at home. She posts everything on time, if not beforehand to ensure that students get the right documents to study from, and she also posts things to help students study for upcoming quizzes and exams. Overall, very organized.

Any foreign language course seems to utilize blackboard effectively. It is very helpful to have a resource that provides syllabus information, as well as assignments and grades readily available.

Professor Karen Sutton (who I have for AFST 100) because she keeps the grade book updated, she emails to keep people updated about what should be happening in class, and if she wants to make a change to the syllabus, its always posted online as the latest updated version. She also uses the announcement tool.

Engel - POLI: posts quiz and exam grades immediately after she has graded them, sends out announcements and reminders through email and Bb, also posts her powerpoints a week before the class, and exam reviews go up weeks before the exam as well.

Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner - she posted items relevant to the class in a very efficient and timely manner.

Professor Nicole Cousin-Gossett,

She always gets the grades posted and course material pertinent to the class is readily available to use. When I ask about something either she or her TA email me back.

Dr. Tara Carpenter

Has an excellent grasp of Technology. Keeps us constantly up-to-date with announcements. Is consistently updating just about every aspect of it. Resolves issues almost immediately after finding out there is a problem. Great grading system and use of online review resources to help students LEARN, not cheat or get by. Also, very vibrant colors, very attractive webpage.

Dr. Carpenter. She frequently puts up announcements, assignments, and grades.

Bonnie Kegan (Stat 121 Hybrid) uses Blackboard very well. She posts Questions of the Day and responds to Discussion board posts almost immediately, and grades are posted in a timely matter. Everything that I need for the course is in the course documents. She also has much supplemental material.

all my professors use blackboard equally from my point view.

Dina Glazer because she promotes the interactive use of the discussion boards, provides immediately graded quizzes and exam grades.

I can't.

My professors this semester don't use blackboard for anything but posting the syllabus. I find this REALLY inconvenient. In the past I have found that I do better in classes that post all of their assignments to blackboard in addition to utilizing the discussion board.

This semester, I would pick Amy Froide - she's been the only one to consistently post our grades, and always posts announcements and news.

Sussane Sutton. She updates the grades quickly and I have a complete overview of all the work I have done.

this doesn't seem very important. use of blackboard is not an indicator of how well a professor is teaching the class.

Dr. Clayton Laurie excels in his use of Blackboard. He provides all information pertinent to the course in addition to outside readings on topics related to course material. Dr. Laurie also does a great job facilitating Discussion Board conversations, as well as encouraging students to take part in such activity.

dr. sokolov not only uses BB often but he also uses it to its full potential. no other class is as involved in BB as biology.

Dr. Carpenter because she posts announcements, grades, and all other types of informatinon for the students.

Ms. Cui

She posts grades, has a discussion board, puts course documents up in a very timely and ordered fashion.

Dr. Tara Carpenter uses Blackboard well because she updates it frequently and regularly with announcements and documents helpful to us.

Dr. Lutters

I think Blackboard is extremely helpful.

I just wish all of my professors used it.

Prof Sandy Danna, She is very good at posting all announcements on the sight so that we can see previous announcements and current ones.

Cousin-Gosset. It is because she is always ontime with the grades and assignments.

Professor Darpan

Robin King, and just because that's where I spend most of my study time for her class.

Dr. Tara Carpenter - quick, effective, to the point, and clear.

Professor Christopher Corbett regularly uses Blackboard to post writing assignments rather than printing them and handing them out in class. This is convenient because I can work on his projects wherever I have access to a computer. He also uses Blackboard to post reading assignments so students don't have to spend time and money looking for the articles and books we use as course supplements. This is very helpful.

Dr. Phillip Sokolove does. He always posts announcements and study questions and even contributed frequently on the discussion board. It's nice to get your professor's input and ideas even outside of class.

Dr. caruso.

Dr. Phil Sokolove: He makes daily use of blackboard, including announcements, discussions, reminders, grades, helpful tools, etc. Its very convenient and helpful.

lili cui because the she was the one professor who used the discussion board

Professor Lilli Cui does a very effective job of using blackboard. we have access to our grades which are posted on time, previous exams, lecture outlines. she does a very good job. it is the only class that i have that uses its discussion board to create more interaction between students and help increase understanding through explanations of subject matter from student perspectives.

As a freshman, when I first started using Blackboard it was a little confusing. As I started fiddling around with it and clicking random links, I got the hang of it.

Another thing to work on is the performance. Sometimes I had trouble logging in or just plain getting to myUMBC. Other times it would just be super slow.

Dr. Sigurrdson uses blackboard very well because each tab is clear and straightforward. His blackboard site is extremely organized and you never have to search through the site to find what you are looking for. A lot of professors just upload things under their tabs but its not organized after that point but Sigurrdson's is.

Adia Garret (Psychology teacher) uses blackboard well because he posts announcements, all the documents we need, and has the online quizzes set up so they are easy to access.

Dr. Sokolove because he used every tool blackboard offers efficiently and fairly.

Professor Readel. She has the most documents on her site and the most students to deal with

Dr. Carpenter uses blackboard very well. She uses it to post grades, assignment, announcements and helpful handout. i think its because she teaches a very large lecture class.

I would choose Dr. Carpenter because she uses it very well and she posts up Assignments through announcements and post your grades through the grades which makes it easier to evaluate your performance in class. she is the only one out of all my teachers to use it the best compared to my other professors.

The professor I would pick who uses blackboard very well is professor April Householder. The reasons I would pick Mrs. April Householder is because she makes learning convient for students and less expensive because school very expensive by posting the articles we need to read on blackboard and the e-media reserves. We would always have the correct documents and learning equipment.

I would pick Professor Vaporis and Professor Lindenmeyer. They upload announcements frequently and upload grades constantly. This is the best means of communication.

My history professor because she =uses it all the time and tells us when she changes something on it ir when it would be prudent for us to go on blackboard.

Professor Baradwaj uses blackboard well because she frequently puts pdf files up to help students understand her math lessons, as well as review sheets and their solutions, and practices problems to make sure that what she is teaching is clear and understandable for her exams. She also puts up exam grades within the week so that students can easily know how they are doing on exams.

Eileen O'Brien because she keeps everything the students need posted and updated daily.

Dr. Taryn Bayles

the assignments she chose for my class displayed the multiple uses of blackboard to me

Professor Sokolove uses Blackboard the best out of all of my professors. He posts all of his study guides and helpful links onto blackboard. Also, he encourages discussion between peers and is always checking the discussion board for any questions that he may be able to answer.

Mrs. Walters because she frequently posts announcements and hw assignments. We post all papers and hw on blackboard instead of having to print and bring it to class. It's just a lot easier and more comfortable.

Morris,

was a great teacher!! we love her

I would pick professor King-Meadows because he posts up all current information on blackboard. He always updates the grades and puts up announcements so we know what is due next class.

Professor Tara Carpenter because it's a great tool for her to communicate with her students, post up urgent announcements, post up important documents such as sample exams, answer keys, and sheets that help us study for exams.

Karin Readel

Dr Carpenter. She always puts announcements and grades up on Blackboard in a timely manner. She also responds to questions we have in the discussion boards.

Professor Rachelle Williams, she puts up all her information on blackboard along with Professor Adia Garrett and Professor Cousin-Gassett. If I happen to miss a class one day, I can catch up easily.

Dr. Sigurdson used it well because he was not overly reliant on it as a learning tool while still being very efficient in updating grades.

Carpenter, because she uses blackboard efficiently for online assignments and announcements and such.

Dr. Sokolove, He is always on to answer questions quick and efficiently. He also posts all course documents there also.

Dr. Carpenter

Dr. Kriste Lindenmeyer uses Blackboard well because she posts all the course content including lecture images, identifications, study guides, grades, and online quizzes. This is very convenient because you don't have to search around for misplaced content.

Dr. Anne Brodsky- Always has grades updated immediately. Can email and receive quick response. Awesome teacher!

Dr. Grubb is very reliable in posting grades and overhead slides onto the blackboard site. I find myself frequently checking to see if my recent exam or paper grade has appeared.

Prof DesJardins uses Blackboard well because she is not dependent on it. Files are uploaded so that we can access them, and she has all the announcements and information that we need posted as well. She doesn't force student participation on Blackboard, which is good because Blackboard is too complicated, too disorganized, and basically pointless for that purpose [of getting students to participate in discussions online and such].

Dr. Carpenter

Dr. Carpenter uses Blackboard well. Everything is up to date and all the announcements are there. The course documents and supplements are all made available. The discussion board is used effectively.

Dr. Laura Rowland from PSYC 210. She uses BB to post lectures and announcements and grades are updated in a timely manner and are easy to understand.

Darpan Parikh, he uses most all facets of Blackboard in my IS310 class and most are very helpful. He is quick about posting grades to keep students updated, uses the assignment submission effectively, posts many course documents to the blackboard page, etc.

I find all my professors use Blackboard well.

Most of my professors use blackboard very well but when I cannot see my grades it is not very good.

Dr. Sokolove. He answers all the questions that students put and checks Bb on a regular basis.

I would pick my IS 300 professor or my GWST 322 professor because both of them use it in a way that enables students to upload assignments, look at notes that were covered in class, read articles, etc. They take full advantage of the Blackboard website.

Dr. Paula King. She puts announcements and course documents there for easy access and does it in a timely fashion. Everything is there in ideal time and she checks it quite often.

Carpenter, because she utilizes almost every aspect of Blackboard to its fullest extent

None blackboard is awesome.

Dr. Carpenter (Chem 101) - Regularly posts assignments, grades, etc. Offered an extra credit assignment exclusively through Bb. She even posted the entire syllabus to Bb in order to save paper.

Grubb

Dr. Carpenter, she uses it to keep in touch with all of her students and post grades. Also assignments are easily found on Bb linked to WP.

Dr. Carpenter because she always posts grades immediately, and keeps us updated with announcements and reminders.

Professor K, she teaches my Socy 354 class and uses it more than any other professor this semester and seems very familiar with the set up and is willing to help with questions

Professor Philip Sokolove, he use blackboard to relate special dates and post study documents. Also Professor Sokolove has posted many helpful resources to aid in solidifying your knowledge. (i.e. Website for the textbook and helpful animations.)

Professor John Stolle-McCalister

He uses the resources available on BlackBoard to meet the needs of the class, he doesn't over use it, and is proficient when using it.

I don't have one specific professor in mind because the TA's usually upload the grades. Dr.Freiberg's TA's and Mrs. Cousingossett's TA post grades effectively. Dr. Dickson also posts up grades. I would have to pick Dr. Dickson as the best professor because she always posts handouts, quizzes, and quiz answers (after we have taken the quiz) to blackboard.

Tara Carpenter because she uses it in a way that is easy for students to understand assignments and what is expected of them.

Clayton Laurie. He is consistent with posting grades, announcements, and course documents. Most professors are not.

Professor Nooruddin, He uses blackboard constantly and gives us updates as soon as possible which is wonderful.

Dr. Bediako, because he puts up a lot of information that is well organized for use.

Ms Mundy because all documents are updated and posted on time, so we can organize easily our work.

Out of all my professors that use blackboard to its fullest is Dr. Ilsa Lottes. She post when new assignments are coming up and post material that she things will help in our studies.

Professor Sokolove because his class page has all the information you could need, he updates it regularly, and if you post something he answers very soon.

I would have to pick Mr. Lauer (SOWK 240) because the instruction given for the blackboard is sensible and uncomplicated.

none of my professors use it well or consistently

Joe Clark - he posts grades quickly and uses the documents section to post assignments, which is very helpful

Dr. Carpenter uses blackboard well because she has the grades posted as well as practice tests.

Jeanne St. Martin; she uses Blackboard's features to supplement classroom learning rather than replace it. Grades for assignments and tests are posted soon after the work is graded, so we can see how we did before the class meets again.

Heather Linville.

Professor Braunschweig

Dr Taryn Bayles uses Blackboard very effectively. All lecture notes quizzes and anything else needed for class are always posted promptly.

Dr. Baffour she gives grades and assignments and resources on blackboard

Ting, she utilizes it completely and really helps her students.

I would choose Dr. Carolyn Tice as being outstanding using blackboard. She uses it effectively as part of her teaching tools. I have only one professor who didn't use blackboard at the beginning of the semester, during the semester and the end of the semester. I have had other professors at other colleges use blackboard effectively with no problems. Again Dr. Carolyn Tice is outstanding.

Dr. Garrett, my psychology 100 teacher because the online quizzes are a very useful tool when it comes to preparing for exams.

Dr. Karen Freiberg probably makes the best use of Blackboard out of all of my teachers. Dr. Tyson King-Meadows comes in a close second though. Dr. Freiberg has lots and lots of online resources for us. All of our grades are on there for everything and updated constantly so you always know where you stand. All of our study quizzes are online and are reviewable which is awesome for studying. She also has short videos, interactive flash movies, flash cards, and study pages to help us as well. There is an up to date syllabus on her page which may not sound like much, but it's impressive compared to other professors.

Dr. King-Meadows is another professor who constantly updates grades online so you always know where you stand. In college, this is extremely important so I wish all teachers at least did grades online if nothing else. He also posts the in class

powerpoints online and allows us to submit our papers via blackboard in order to reduce our carbon footprint which I think is a good idea.

I don't have a professor that uses Blackboard well.

My IHU teacher, Arooj Rana. She constantly sends emails and announcements. She offers help with blackboard problems and is quite proficient in her use of the site.

Dr. Bonnie Kegan - She had everything needed for the hybrid class posted before the class even started!

Professor Schultz because he uses it to post grades, encourages us to use the discussion board, and follows the actual syllabus posted at the beginning of the semester. He uses almost all of the services that blackboard offers.

Dr. Carpenter: we always know what to expect, when, why.... We also always know what is going on. There are no surprises.

Dr. Carpenter, my CHEM 101 teacher. The main reason why she uses Blackboard so well is that she has to communicate with 700 students so that is her main source of communication. When I usually log into Blackboard, I usually go to the CHEM 101 link.

Dr. Clayton Laurie sets up his Blackboard sites in an easy-to-navigate manner, and contributes promptly to the discussion board.

Lili Cui

Professor Volaj, because he posts all of his study guides there for everyone to use. Majeski, keep the class very informed on assignments.

I cannot recall the last professor who utilized the GradeBook feature well, keeping students up to date on their grades. I think that the provision of current grades, course documents, announcements, and possible practice material/assessments is the most important. Dr. Borrero did a fine job of this.

Andrea Kalfoglou, Ph.D., frequently updates.

Donald Snyder, MCS 222, excellent incorporation of blackboard into every aspect of the course.

Amy Everhart. she always posts chapter slides and grades on time.

professor Hussey uses blackboard well. she posts all the class materials online which makes it easier for me to study on my own. she makes her class not available and not make it seem like it is some national security items only to be read in class.

None

Mrs. Cossingosset

because she posts grades and power points

Professor Braunshweig b/c she incorporates group discussion boards and file exchange. (BB is more relevant to her specific class)

Dr. Sokolove because he uses the most assessments that Blackboard has to offer compared to my other teachers.

Professor Volaj who teaches MUSIC117. He has updated grades as soon as he can. Also, he reminds the class that a quiz is coming up and puts up the review sheet so that we can print it out on our own, or just keep it on our computer so that it saves paper.

Dr. Sokolove actively encourages students to use the Discussion Board, as well as posting all handouts online for you.

since this is my first semester at UMBC and for that reason I don't know as many professors, I would say that all my IS class professors are equally good. And those are Mr. Wayne Lutters (IS300), Mr. Tate Redding (IS310), and Dr. Henry Emurian (IS 369). None of these professor's ability on blackboard is overshadowing another's.

Dr. Diane Alonso; she uses Blackboard to give our grades back and posts powerpoint presentations for the next class. I find it very helpful!

John Laur. The assignments he posts are clear. The supplemental materials are good. He posts grades in a timely manner.

Dr. Grubb (history). He posts discussion questions for us, that we have to answer during the semester.

Professor Reagan Lake for Biology 100 uses Blackboard as the resource it should be. She posts grades on time, and links the class website on Blackboard which essentially has anything you need for the class.

Dr. Meringolo, She teaches my History 102 class, which is a large lecture. In class she manages to facilitate discussion, and on Blackboard requires biweekly discussion board postings that are actually graded (not merely checked off to see if they have been done) She also regularly updates grades on Gradebook and checks her email through Blackboard

Buzz hundy, because he put the entire class on there.

Dr carpenter chem 101 b/c grading and whole information in their

prof. Riley of math 106, she posts power points and useful course documents. Also, she sends emails about important issues regarding the class.

Prof. Laura Strickling uses BB to post all important information for the class. We also had the option to use it for chats. There was never any doubt about graded work or requirements/due dates of assignments or changes in plans/syllabus.

Dr Zupan because he uploads document that we need and what he thinks we may need & he keeps the grades up-to-date.

Dr. Majeski of AGNG 200. This is because she emails important information needed to learn for an upcoming quiz or exam and discussions that will take place in class.

Dr. Anderson. He posts up a syllabus, powerpoints for every lecture, and explanations of the exams in case we wish to see how the correct answer is achieved. If he runs out of time in lecture, he puts up announcements, finishing up the problems we had not completed in class. It's quite helpful, and the announcement in the beginning of the year where he asked students to introduce themselves on the discussion board helped me familiarize myself with Blackboard and the discussion board more--and just made the class feel like a friendly atmosphere for learning.

Catalina Shorkey

Tara Carpenter

As of right now two professors that I can think of that use Blackboard very well are Jackie Regales and Donald Snyder. They use it a lot and make it something that we have to get on to get our information that we might need for class and I think that is a good thing to get us interacting with Blackboard

Dr. Diane Alonso

Dr. Tara Carpenter. She puts up all our scores on Blackboard, and our exam grades are usually up very quickly. She puts up a lot of documents which always help, and she makes important announcements on blackboard and in class.

In my opinion it would be Prof. Vaporis of the History department. Out of all my professors he uses Blackboard the most often by posting study aids, class out lines, and other course documents. He consistently uses the announcements to post updates in the schedule of the course and emails them as well. He also uses it as a gateway to other sites such as turnitin.com. Plus he uses Blackboard to post up grades. I believe that this is all very useful for his class in which he goes through about 5000 years worth of history in a matter of months.

Dr. Shawn Bediako uses blackboard effectively as a tool with which to quiz students, post lecture materials, and his weekly requirement of discussion board posts allows for interesting class discussion, as many students check blackboard to see how others respond to their comments.

I believe Dr. Carpenter is the most efficient professor I know when it comes to Blackboard. She is prompt when it comes to posting grades and homework assignments.

Dr. Lander because she posts power points before class which helps in the lectures. She also posts other useful things on the website for class.

Taryn Bayles, she has all needed information and notes posted. I can always find information i needed through her posted content

Dr. Lottes she posts all new assignments right away and sends emails often to keep an on going communication with students.

Dr. Tara Carpenter (CHEM101) uses Blackboard for announcements, homework assignments, and grades.

Dr. Sokolove (Bio 100). Knows how to moderate the discussion board well and makes sure all course content is available (except the review material for the final exam).

He also posts grades in a timely fashion instead of some teachers I have who never post until the end of the semester.

Professor Eileen O'Brien uses blackboard well because she sends emails about assignments and she updates grades often.

Dr. Phillip Sokolove. He uses it the most out of all of my professors.

Tara Carpenter

She only uses Blackboard as a supplement to lecture and discovery for Chem 101. The Discussion Board is only used for homework help, study group formation, etc., and she monitors the topics and answers student's questions. Quizzes and tests are not administered through Blackboard, and announcements are only there to remind us of our assignments.

Tara Carpenter, because she has a very large class and that is the most effective way to get announcements across.

Professor Freiberg, my psychology teacher. She uses Blackboard the most and is best at getting grades, assignments, and announcements on it.

Dr. Meringolo seems to have a great grasp of Blackboard. She puts her power point presentations and assignments on there. She keeps up on grades and keeps us informed of what to expect in class. It improves the class.

Mrs. Bonny Tighe, she posts assignments, links, documents, and practice quizzes/exams.

Dr. Cui

She posts multiple announcements and is very active on the discussion board.

Dr. Tara Carpenter uses Blackboard very well. She always posts announcements in a timely fashion and keeps everything up-to-date. She puts the necessary documents in their respective places, which makes them easy to find.

Dr. Kalfoglou. She frequently posts updates and notifies us if there are any changes in the course timeline.

Yael Moses, puts the majority of the work on Blackboard

Tara Carpenter, she frequently updates grades and upcoming assignments

Lark Claassen

Dr. Sokolove because he gives out what's going to happen and good information in details.

Professor Snyder because he always updates grades and posts assignments on there.

Mrs Z is very factual with informing the students through Blackboard.

Professor Ray because she always updates it to keep me posted about course assignments and any class information.

dr.dalhquist-

she keeps grades up to date and posts announcements as needed

dr.regales

posts documents up regularly

Karen Sutton because she puts all the assignments up and she uploads the grades on time.

Professor Nicole King, because she uses it regularly and really takes advantage of all of the different tools.

Professor Stecco for IS 101. She puts our assignments on there as well as uses the grade book along with all the other features it entails. I wish all my professors would use it like she does. It makes me life a lot easier and helps me get all my assignments done!

dana smith, because her assignments are clear and organized.

Prof Paul Taylor. He is always posting announcements and getting up to do assignments through the discussion boards and sends us e-mails and everything. At first he didn't use the gradelist but he's started to do that too.

Professor Ronch has shown professional skill and dexterity in using blackboard and it's learning devices.

Elizabeth Stanwyck for Statistics 454. Graded assignments go up quickly, all the class notes and homeworks are on blackboard, practice exams, formula sheets, and sample problems. Updated regularly.

Dr. Engel because she puts all the powerpoints on blackboard, she sends out announcements on a needed basis, and she puts the reviews on it as well. It makes it every convenient for me as a student to access these things 24/7.

Dr. Lili Cui because she keeps grades, lecture notes, practice quizzes, homework keys, and announcements up all the time. We use the discussion board frequently, also.

Martha Stewart

Professor Papadantonakis, he regularly uploads assignments and updates grades quickly.

No one at all.

i think every professor is professional

My Biology Professor, Akinmade. She makes full use of blackboard through every tab and correspondence, especially the announcements. She also posts grades, but I don't think she uses this feature as much.

Dr. Carpenter because she posts everything on blackboard so all can access it.

She puts everything on Blackboard, grades, syllabus, practice exams, slides, attendances, etc.

Dr. Carpenter

Everything we need to know is always posted clearly and are crucial to my learning. It's a way for her to communicate to us if she's not present.

In the 5 semesters I have been here I think only one or two professors used the site correctly. Unfortunately, I can't remember which ones it was, and my current professors are "ok" at best.

Prof. Carpenter, because she keeps blackboard up to date.

Professor Readell uses BB most effectively in my current classes. She's the first of my professor's to utilize majority of the functions. Because of her class, I've learned how to use more BB functions.

So far, none of my professors this semester really use blackboard much, and when they do, there is nothing that really stands out.

Adia Garret

Prof Raji.

She makes use of blackboard to access our online homework program. She also uses blackboard to post only necessary materials rather than for every single thing.

Elizabeth Alman. She always has links for us to material related websites, and she facilitates group discussions about our struggles and successes in class.

Dr. Jani Jayshree and Prof. John Laur. They posted all the class material and important informations on the blackboard. Other my professors did not use blackbord, and they did not response to any email.

dr. carpenter uses it to effectively communicate and post documents that she cannot give out in class

Dr. Kapfoglu? In the HAPP department. She uses the site well to send out announcements, upload quizzes and keep track of grades.

Dr. Radji Baradwaj uses Blackboard very well because she promptly posts supplements to lessons for Math 106, with pages of solutions for her students to check. The extra practice is the best preparation for upcoming tests and quizzes.

Adia Garrett.

Dr. King-Meadows because he posts our grades in a timely manner, puts lectures online and leaves us comments/e-mails.

Lili Cui, she uses it for all the homework problems and allows the students to discuss them in online forums.

Dr. Sokolove. He uses Blackboard to post important announcements, a lot of study tools, and ways to ask and answer questions for comprehension,

Dr. B Starkey.

Laura Rose, the TA for Psych 100 Freiberg's class

I believe that all my professors use Blackboard to the same level wich would be about fair.

Bradley Arnold

Dr. Swan because he keeps everything up to date.

Question 13 Overall, how would you rate the effectiveness of Blackboard as a learning tool?

Very good	41.91%
It's okay	51.194%
Not very effective	6.101%
Unanswered	0.796%

Question 14 How would you rank OIT's effectiveness in providing computing labs for the following purposes (1 = most effective, 7 = least effective). If you do not use a computing lab, you may skip this question?"

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Access to personal drives or network space	6.897%	6.101%	6.101%	7.162%	6.101%	5.836%	6.366%
Access to specialized software (e.g., SPSS, Matlab, etc.)	5.04%	7.958%	5.57%	8.753%	5.305%	4.244%	4.244%
Audio/Visual file editing	6.366%	5.305%	4.775%	7.427%	7.427%	3.183%	3.979%
Availability of a high speed Internet connection	7.162%	3.183%	7.162%	7.162%	6.631%	5.305%	8.753%
Instructional use during a class (e.g., demonstrations, shared use of software or files)	5.57%	4.244%	5.836%	9.549%	7.162%	4.775%	5.836%
Pay for Print 1	3.263%	3.714%	2.918%	5.836%	6.101%	1.857%	8.223%
Other? (please specify at the end of this survey)	2.918%	0.796%	0.796%	2.387%	0.796%	0.796%	2.918%

Question 15 How do you get help when using Blackboard?

Send an email to blackboard@umbc.edu	7.427%
Fellow student	58.886%
Blackboard Help tab	13.793%

Course/community manual	3.183%
OIT staff directly	7.427%
Unanswered	9.284%

Question 16 Thank you for participating and please include any other additional comments/suggestions you may have about the use of Blackboard at UMBC. (Remember to click "Submit" when you have finished.)

I love Bb and I prefer when my professors use it.

Sometimes the page goes into a loop after I try to log in and I am unable to access blackboard

It HARDLY EVER works. Like the server is always down so I can't get anything done.

BlackBoard has many functions that are helpful, but it is overwhelming to see all of the options at once. If the teachers could reduce the tabs, such as course documents, discussion, ect. to the ones they are going to use, that would be more helpful. Another thing I noticed is that there are too many ways to access something. I think this ties in with my first statement about there being too many options. If they weren't redundant there would be fewer. My biggest complaint is that the teachers don't know how to use the site and I have to go in behind them and figure out where things are because they couldn't post it correctly. Please make a tutorial for them!

None, other than the fact it seems like I tend to get looped repeatedly when logging into the site. The dialogue box opens to warn about a secure connection and it occasionally loops nd won't let me into the site.

Blackboard does not allow students to submit anything late. If a student has an excuse for turning in homeworks or projects late and the teacher uses blackboard to calculate grades, then it makes it more difficult for the student and the teacher to try and calculate their grade and submit it.

Question 8. Another disadvantage of Bb is that I do not have the internet 100% of the time and to go to school and have to go find a computer and check Bb is impossible with my schedule so, if something important is posted, I may not see it for a few days because I am unable to get online.

I like it.

very helpful

students need it

Keep up the fine job ladies and gentlemen

No further comments

This Blackboard Survey seems to have trouble uploading onto Mozilla Firefox

Some of the other browser I like are msn.com, yahoo.com, netscape, msn premium an foxfire-mozilla

8) Other Disadvantage to Blackboard:

The fact that Professors do not have to pass out paperwork because "it's all on blackboard" so it becomes our responsibility to print out all necessary documentation for classes.

every professor should be force to use black board to post their class on blackboard. it makes learning a lot easier rather than trying to take a thousand notes in class. taking notes focuses my attention on writing as suppose to learning.

Blackboard is an effective tool that has helped me with my coursework.

I have not seen any of my professors use Blackboard for audio/visual needs. I also think that the discussion and chat features need to be used more often, as it was very helpful while using WebCT at my previous institution.

It only happened once or twice this semester, but I wasn't able to connect/login blackboard or webmail from home.

Blackboard always seems to be failing to load or crashing or looping at the very moment you need to submit your term paper. The idea that you can get ahead of this by submitting early is flawed in that it assumes blackboard cares how many successive hours you've been trying to log on.

Just have more club information up. Some of my clubs use blackboard efficiently, others do not. I don't know if club presidents are not well informed on how to use blackboard, or not, but it would be so much more convenient if they use blackboard more often.

Teachers should be required to keep updated grades on blackboard.

nothing thank you,

It would be nice if all of my teachers used blackboard to its fullest extent i.e posting lectures, grades, and making use of the announcement board. Blackboard could be a very helpful tool if all teachers knew how to use it.

question 9- teachers need to be quicker about getting grades posted...more than a week is too long.

It would be helpful if all professors were knowledgeable in using black board.

I would like a more accurate spreadsheet of grades to date. It would be much easier for me to keep up with my grades if they were put together in three sections (for example) beginning of the semester to midterm, midterm, and midterm to final. That way I would not have to be trying to raise my grade at the end of each semester. It would also provide me with more motivation to look at my grade, and work harder to keep my grades up if they were more up-to-date

Overall, I am pleased with BB and all it's capabilities. I like that it's usually available 24/7 because we need it to do our work all the time.

Ensure ALL professors are trained on BB use and use it to communicate to students. Encourage professors to grade and post assignments as quickly as possible. Would be nice when a professor posts a BB announcement that an automatic email is sent to students in the class. I check email constantly but not always for BB. I usually only check BB when I'm ready to do homework, but if I got an email alerting me to an Announcement, then I would know sooner.

The register for classes feature, would be nice to see what number a person is in the "hold" list. Would be nice if a list of books for each class is automatically hooked into each class so after registering, we could print out the book list instead of going to the bookstore link to enter each class.

I usually don't like to rely on blackboard a lot, sometimes it gets very time consuming, but most of the time it does save me from forgetting an assignment or remembering an exam and due dates..

The greatest disadvantage to Blackboard are the professors lack of diligence in using it. Students come to rely on Blackboard as an effective tool in organizing and monitoring their progress in their studies. Professors need to realize how important Blackboard is to students.

faculty training in login through myumbc could both be improved

For a school that is widely known for its science and technology programs it really angers and frustrates me that myUMBC/Blackboard never works. The programs are constantly down ESPECIALLY in critical times like midterms and final exams.

It seems like the site routinely as problems with slowness, or failure to load.

It sucks when the internet is down but you have assignments to do on blackboard. The connections in the res halls are not that great either.

It's not very user friendly. I feel that it should be more intuitive. Clicking "Okay" shouldn't take you backwards for instance. Discussion boards are horrible because you can only see one post at a time. Adopting a more "forum-like" format might be better. It would be nice to utilize the calendar/task functions, but once again, it's very un-user-friendly. Not having the ability to make repeating events in the

calendar is a big drawback. Additionally, many professors and TA's need help using the technology. They seem just a little bit lost.

Blackboard is awkward and poorly designed. The faculty obviously does not know how to use it well and it seems more of a hassle to use than an aid.

I don't know of any disadvantages in using Blackboard. I have always used it just fine without problems.

I wish that it were a requirement for all faculty members to use it.

Server reliability & performance is a major inhibiting factor to the productive use of Bb. Suggest the use of a load-balancing cluster?

All of my teachers DO NOT post grades up frequently. While, some teachers don't use Blackboard at all, because it's too complicated for them. So I don't know my grades. Great.

Blackboard is an effective learning resource and i would use again if it was necessary for other courses.

Looping can be a major issue, especially if I need to check something quickly before running to class.

it really was a new and exciting experience using an online source for some of my classes...

Blackboard is a great resource! The looping is annoying, but is easily fixed when restarting the browser.

I do enjoy being able to look at the syllabus and other course documents online in the event of losing them. That is the only thing I like about blackboard. I strongly dislike the sometimes excessive use of blackboard by UMBC professors. I am much more likely to take a class by a professor that does not use blackboard. I failed a class my first semester at UMBC because it was a hybrid course I guess, and I was not able to learn blackboard fast enough to keep up with the coursework. I like to type my papers on a typewriter, so I don't like turning those in on blackboard. I do not like using the discussion forums on blackboard because they often make public conversations I would prefer to have private public, and some teachers make your grades for your participation in those discussion forums publicly viewable to people in the class. In fact, I will probably get a much lower grade in one of my classes this semester due to not using it. If I knew of a different school that didn't use it and I had known of this before enrolling in UMBC, I never would have come to UMBC. The system that some professors use where they will not grade a paper unless it has been submitted to a plagiarism detection service in blackboard deeply offends me as one who takes great pride in his academic work. I believe they should only do that in the case of a suspicious paper. I have a distinctive writing style and I type my papers on a typewriter. How could I have bought one of my papers on the internet?

It is offensive to me, and degrades the academic experience. If I find I have a class with a professor who uses that system again, I will drop the course and find another professor. When I become a graduate student, I will make sure the school I go to does not use a blackboard type system, and for this reason I will not even consider doing my graduate work at UMBC.

Unfortunately, when utilizing Mozilla Firefox, after visiting blackboard once, I need to clear my cookies in order to visit blackboard again or else my browser enters an infinite refresh loop. In addition, when using internet explorer, if I download a file from blackboard, IE times out after the download and I must re-sign in to BB every single time.

These problems are not only experienced by myself, but others as well.

Almost every time I have a hard time logging into blackboard. This annoying pop up "you are about to enter an encrypted site, your information may be seen by another party" or something similar to that pops up. If I click continue it pops up again and again, preventing me from logging in

Blackboard is very helpful

Blackboard is not always available when it's needed!

In Firefox, the login mechanism is still faulty when Blackboard is used after logging into myUMBC. I use the small login link at the top of blackboard.umbc.edu, and that sometimes lets me in, and other times merely logs me out of myUMBC, so I can try to log in again. The large "LOGIN" button in the middle of the page sometimes sends me in a loop of confirmations (though this may have since been fixed -- I haven't been used that big button for a long time).

I think blackboard is excellent. My last school didn't have this and I can truly say that they probably needed it All universities should invest.

make it more functional

In away I like blackboard but in another I do not. I believe it is a cruch where it makes the work less on professors and less personal and where they do not have to explain things in class. Also, some people do not always have access to a computer at all times. On the other hand, blackboard is good for if you have lost a paper or need to format something a professor has posted.

I have never seeked help in using the Blackboard.

Blackboard is sometimes hard to log in to. Often it does not work with Mozilla Firefox because it is not compatable. As a frequent user of Firefox, I find opening a seperate browser in Internet Explorer just to see Blackboard is annoying.

Teachers who ask students to submit exercises to blackboard are asking too much. Blackboard is not a strong enough tool for students to have to rely on teachers to post assignments on time and then find time themselves to post their reactions.

Teachers all have different policies on how much they use the system, because some use it fully, and others partially or not at all it is more of an inconvenience to have to use it for the one or two classes that use it as all of the organizational features are incorrect and you still need to maintain an extensive outside schedule.

And there is an endless post redirect error that occurs on firefox that is very annoying, this also happens on safari occasionally

alright keep up the good work OIT/BLACKBOARD STAFF.

One of the biggest problems encountered was; voice board did not run on laptops.

question 7. I really like being able to use Blackboard to look over what we will be covering in our next class and use it get a bit ahead.

Allows the teachers to post helpful tools and links the it would be hard to relay to all the students in a lecture this allows everyone to be ensured to receive these helpful resources.

If a professor uses blackboard poorly, or not at all, then the entire class suffers.

class schedule sux

I wish that professors would use this tool more. It really helps students that are not on campus all the time and helps me to keep on top of my work. I think that blackboard could have more visual appeal. And make some of the most used features more accessible. But overall blackboard has been a very convenient tool in my college learning. Thanks.

Needs improvement in working with Safari. I constantly have to remove cookies before logging in.

I did not answer the first question in number 7 because I do not think that I use blackboard at all to interact with students unless it is discussion board or chatting. And that is not a way to get in contact or touch with them if we have questions or are confused about something it is strictly for assigned things. I wish that there was a way that I could send a note or something to another person in my class if I need help with something and I do not mean through email.

I think all profs should use BB, at least, for grades and communication.

The disadvantages to using Blackboard exist as a learning tool and a forced social environment. I am currently enrolled in a course with Dr. Akinmade, who requires us to participate in a course wiki and discussion board for class. There is no need for this for many students, so to have this as a requirement is superfluous and

cumbersome. Even more ridiculous is the notion that other existent wikis would not be used for material for the course wiki. Also, Dr. Akinmade has used features of Blackboard such as Pronto to speak to students in scheduled intervals at late hours to briefly discuss material for student projects. This was inconvenient and a total waste of time.

I don't like how I can't open up the adobe macromedia file for doing psych labs with Internet Explorer

I think that for many users, including myself, it would be great if we could get an e-mail alerting us that we have a new posting on blackboard.

apart from the occasional problems when they shut down for maintenance they are relatively okay.

Many of my professors do not use Blackboard at all, which makes things very inconvenient.

I did not use the blackboard as much as my last semester class.

I would like to see a more up to date and interactive interface on bb.

Blackboard often fails and does not load. It is hard to access work that can only be found on Blackboard if it is not working.