

FA2007 Blackboard Undergraduate Student Survey

Attempts 773

Question 1

Which answer best describes your primary role at UMBC? (S)

Full-time Undergraduate student	86.805%
Part-Time Undergraduate student	12.549%
Unanswered	0.647%

Question 2

Which answer best describes your primary use of Blackboard? (B)

As a faculty member teaching a course.	0.517%
As a student in a Blackboard class site.	97.801%
As a teaching assistant of a Blackboard class site.	0.647%
As a member of a Blackboard organization or community site.	0.129%
As a manager of a Blackboard organization or community site.	0.259%
Unanswered	0.647%

Question 3

How do you normally log into Blackboard? (B)

Through myUMBC?	89.263%
Directly at http://www.umbc.edu/blackboard or http://blackboard.umbc.edu .	10.22%
Unanswered	0.517%

Question 4

Which browser do you use most often? (B)

Internet Explorer	42.561%
Mozilla Firefox	47.089%
Safari	6.986%
Opera	1.035%
Other?	01.811%
Unanswered	00.517%

Question 5

Which of the following best describes your use of Blackboard at UMBC?
(b)

As a supplement to a face-to-face course	70.634%
For an online course	04.398%
For a hybrid (part online, part face-to-face) course	16.429%
Community/Organization for research or other	7.503%
Unanswered	1.035%

Question 6

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

Course content (course documents including syllabus, PowerPoints, etc.)	90.944%
Announcements	79.948%
Email	54.204%
Discussion Boards	46.701%
Chat	7.115%
Groups	11.255%
Assignment Upload for papers/projects	44.761%

Turnitin Assignment Upload	21.863%
Wikis	3.881%
Blogs	1.811%
Wimba Voice Tools	2.717%
Pronto	0.388%
Blackboard Backpack	0.259%
Multi-Media: Audio/Video files	3.234%

Question 7

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

Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communicating directly with other students in your class.	9.573%	11.643%	12.16%	15.265%	9.056%	22.122%	16.688%
24/7 access to course content.	1.94%	5.175%	6.856%	4.398%	77.878%	0.517%	1.294%
Increased student engagement in the course.	10.737%	19.664%	17.335%	8.668%	14.23%	14.748%	10.996%
Reinforcement of learning through practice quizzes.	6.856%	10.608%	11.772%	17.206%	13.325%	15.265%	20.44%
Secure place to post grades.	5.692%	7.503%	18.887%	3.364%	56.792%	1.552%	3.881%
Convenient place to collect research materials and communicate with colleagues	12.678%	15.265%	13.195%	10.737%	11.514%	14.748%	16.041%
Other (Please describe in the last question)	2.07%	2.587%	2.458%	1.552%	6.856%	12.937%	1.682%

Question 8

What do you consider to be disadvantages of using Blackboard? (B)

Reliance on technology	54.075%
Learning curve to becoming proficient in the use of Blackboard	13.713%
Learning environment is too impersonal	15.265%
It's too time consuming	15.136%
Other (Please describe in the last question)	16.041%

Question 9

My professors are effectively using Blackboard in the following ways: (S)

User & Document Management

- * Password-protected class & group space
- * Upload or copy/paste documents (expiration) 58.473%

Communications & Interactivity

- * Announcement
- * Email, messages
- * Discussion & Chat 80.983%

Assessment & Grades

- * Electronic assignment delivery & collection
- * Quizzing, Surveys
- * Grade book 85.899%

Question 10

How would you rate your professors' overall use of Blackboard? (S)

Outstanding	18.499%
Good	59.25%

Fair	17.335%
Poor	3.622%
Unanswered	1.294%

Question 11

If you could pick one professor who uses Blackboard well, who would it be and why? (B)

Phil Sokolove Uses it a lot for multiple of things. Attends to it much more regularly than most faculty.

professor Marshall. She posted her notes before class time so I can look at it before class

Professor Wilson. Calc 152. She uses the course documents to upload any information at all. E.g. whenever a test or quiz is coming up, what homework is due when, etc. She also posts all the grades in a very simple form. I can find out anything I want whenever I need to.

n/a

Tara Carpenter because she effectively relays information on a daily basis and it reinforces lecture. It is also a great supplement for grades.

Dr. Steve Caruso. Dr. Caruso utilizes blackboard extensively to post lecture notes, schedules, announcements, updates as well as grades. He also post practice exams and study tools as well as alternative learning tools like animations and such.

none

They all used it equally well.

prof, anoruo has the entire text presentations, grades, all docs for class and assignments, he has embraced the functionality of blackboard more than any other class i've had.

Samantha Riley in LRC 099 (Algebra) updates blackboard with every quiz, homework assignment, exam and course documents.

baradwaj because she updates and makes sure everything is going smoothly and well very often

Dr. Carpenter

Professor Nicole King uses Blackboard very proficiently. She always keeps her announcements up-to-date and if a student happens to miss class one day, Professor King's Blackboard web site provides all the course documents from that day. In addition, it is a reliable way to check upcoming due dates.

Julie Newman,

She uses blackboard as a supplement to class. she provides links to things that people expressed interest in but were not part of the class. she was very interactive. posted lectures well in advanced and also readings if anyone cared to learn more. her actual powerpoints were great as well. very detailed!

Dr. King AMST,

She has us doing all sorts of things on blackboard that I've never experienced like Wikis and Blogs. We also have discussions on blackboard.

I would choose Mrs. Carpenter because she used all the criteria listed in question 9.

Dr. Tara Carpenter uses Blackboard really well, she posts announcements and is available to answer questions over email. She also regularly posts documents and items that are very helpful to all of her students.

mrs.m.scott

Dr. Tara Carpenter. Very good with updating announcements and posting grades. puts exam answers on blackboard within 20 of students taking the exam.

Lili Cui, because she taught phys 111 and post everything we need on blackboard.

Professor Chakmakian always post announcements, grades, and course documents in a timely manner

Dr. John Birkenmeir for posting course supplemental material

professor desi. math 106.

he posts grades relatively quick, along with announcements that he has posted grades. he also posts announcements as reminders for upcoming quizzes/tests.

Dr. Lu that is covered in class is available online

professor vaughan in the political science department is always prompt in posting grades and posting important announcements

Dr. Carpenter, because she posts EVERYTHING on blackboard. Practice quizzes, surveys, helpful handouts, class powerpoint slides, grades. The only thin she won't post is class announcements, because she wants us to still come to class.

Dr. R. Hosmane

Any professor that keeps blackboard updated with class information.

Posting .pdf documents over 20 pages for reading assignments is a waste of printer ink or is too much strain on the eyes.

-he always gave good tips on it and it was easy to find documents and submit them.

Dr. Carpenter because she makes use of it almost regularly. she makes announcements and posts course documents.

Professor Bonnie Kegan (STAT121) because she is constantly posting announcements on BB, uploading assignments, grades, etc. which helps me to know what's going on in class.

Lui cui, because she has every single detailed information of blackboard and helps me to be updated with class

I would pick Professor Danna because she uses Blackboard to keep the class updated about assignments due, grades in class, and upcoming events.

Dr.O'brien.

Because she posts practice assignments

Donald Snyder and Professor Anderson because they post things on time and quickly so you always know things in advance.

Susanne Sutton; her pages are highly customized, she makes broad use of the technology without making its use mandatory, and she's willing to explore esoteric features like Wimba.

Dr. Michael Boyd because he posts grades, discussions boards are constantly updated, quizzes online help us prepare for exam question, and the days lecture outlines are posted online for us to use and to print to take extra notes on.

Dr. Laurie because he posts multiple course documents for students to use to their advantage on exams and reports.

Professor Desi uses Blackboard well because he is always up-to-date with announcements and posting grades. He communicates with the class about Blackboard and is willing to discuss any issues concerning it. As a result, any issues with grades or announcements can be taken up with the professor in a reasonable manner.

One of my education course instructors (whom I cannot remember her name) uses Blackboard well. She posted projects and we had to upload our responses; we used it to communicate with all class members; she posted grades, etc. I believe she used Blackboard to its fullest potential. She taught my EDU 310 class.

Samantha Riley uses blackboard really well. She puts up quizzes and review materials for exams frequently.

Dr. Carpenter. She is able to effectively post our grades as well as tools that will help us excel academically.

Professor Meres,

-he constantly emailed students and posted announcements. Grades were posted as well. very helpful!

Prof. Stapleton uses Blackboard very well in that she takes advantage of all the features necessary for our course. She administers quizzes online but she gives us the entire weekend to take the quiz, taking into account that sometimes the site experiences technical difficulties so she gives us plenty of time to take the quiz. Grades are quickly posted online and documents are easily accessible via blackboard.

My chemistry teacher (Prof. Tracey) uses Blackboard in the most convenient way. She posts all our grades as soon as possible and doesn't leave anything out.

Professor Vaporis because he updates grades all the time and has a lot of course material uploaded to the site.

Dr Spence, she always uses it to post the homework and syllabus. She always posts grades on each assignment so it is easy to see how you are doing in the class.

Professor Michael Ferry, he had everything posted that he said he would

Prof. Laura Stapleton (PSYC 331 0202)

She uses it for quizzes as well as course documents. Also, she post grades promptly.

Proffessor Gauruine in the education department.

Orgelfinger– she doesn't require us to do online coursework but still uses blackboard to allow us to find out about our assignments

Hua Lu, Professor of Biology. She uses it effectively to send the class emails, announcements, lecture notes and important class documents. This makes it simple to keep up with the administrative details of the class.

Dr. Laurie. The discussion boards for HIST303 encourage students to share knowledge, interact with each other, explore the material outside of class, and ask questions of the professor or teaching assistants. Dr. Laurie also has various resources, including interesting facts sheets, comprehensive information on class dates and assignments, recommended reading lists, and a good deal more. Dr. Laurie's use of Blackboard makes it an excellent tool for succeeding in his class, even for someone who is not necessarily a technophile.

Also, Dr. Moses, who posted a great deal of supplementary material for her Hebrew 101 class. Having recordings available to help learn pronunciations is really a valuable resource, and Dr. Moses really went the extra mile to post material for us to take advantage of.

Dr. Carpenter is very interactive with blackboard as far as answering questions, posting grades and making announcements regarding anything from room assignments to clicker problems.

Dr. Carpenter uses it best out of all instructors. she constantly updates the students of any material or news, incorporates its use for a weekly basis, posts handouts and uses it in conjunction with wiley plus. truly great, exceptional incorporation of technology with classroom.

warwick. she posts our powerpoints for class, and also any announcements and with her recent health issue, blackboard was a very useful means of communication with her.

Doctor Zoe Warwick because she post grades as soon as possible, and she post all powerpoints and handouts and announcements as early as possible.

Lili Cui– PHYS 111 she posts all the lectures, labs, quizzes, exams, grades, homework assignments. Discussions for homework, labs, and exam review and question answers.

Dr. Carpenter for CHEM101

Uses it the most effectively and efficiently.

Gets announcements out to us as soon as possible.

Puts up handouts and documents whenever she can.

Checks the discussion boards to make sure the students are doing okay.

Dr. Lili Cui of the PHYS department. She makes an effort to post all course material and all grades as early as possible.

Professor Terry Bouton uses Blackboard pretty well I'd say, because he uses it moderately and not at all as a substitute for teaching the material thoroughly in class. Pretty much he uses blackboard to make sure we were paying attention and that we are keeping up. It's good to know that if we start to not get what he's saying nobody has to raise their hand and look stupid in class, he would see it by our responses online and he says he'd make adjustments accordingly.

Karin Readel uses Blackboard well and often. She has assignments, numerous discussion boards, group pages, up-to-date announcements, etc. on Blackboard. Blackboard is key to the class (SCI100) and getting many assignments completed.

Laura Strickling she posts the grades quickly and has great links for extra help

Dr. Carpenter, because she always posts up the lecture slides before class. She also posts a lot of helpful documents for the Chemistry course. If such documents that were posted were not available, I wouldn't be able to reinforce everything learned as well.

I would say that Dr. Lili Cui has demonstrated a mastery of applying blackboard to the college classroom. In the two semesters I have had with her she has encouraged and rewarded student

use of the discussion board. She also creates helpful threads such as a study group and homework help thread. She also posts responses to student questions on the discussion boards and emails. Dr. Cui also uses webassign within the BB site to give online homework assignments, she posts keys for old quizzes and homework as well as practice exams.

I only have one class at UMBC this semester and I have Professor Richards. She uses Blackboard fairly well. We used it regularly throughout the course, mainly for discussion boards and online chats, but I liked that I could check my grades or find e-mail addresses for my classmates. (This was especially useful for a few of the group projects I was involved in.)

Dr. Freeland of BIO301 because he posts exam grades with grade-spread graphs, encourages reading of supplemental posted documents, and facilitates group discussion using the discussion board function.

Dr. Housmane uses BB to post all past quizzes and exams that aid us in preparing for current exams; as well as giving us quizzes that we do for a grade. He posts updates quite frequently.

Dr. Mauricio Bustos

He has supplemental material to his BIOL 430 course online, along with fast posting of the grades and the grade distribution, along with course notes and expected material to be learned. He also emphasizes the use of the discussion board to create communication between the course takers.

Carpenter because she posts quizzes, grades, announcements and every possible thing on backboard.

Samantha Riley. Grades, Review sheet for Exams and Announcements

Dr. Assakkaf and Dr. Zupan. They seem to use the system to its fullest extent.

Dr. John Schumacher. He always posts material in a timely fashion, and keeps blackboard very up to date. We have taken online quizzes, and he just uses the tool very well.

Dr. John Borrero, for setting up practice quizzes and graded quizzes that function as they should. In-class materials are updated frequently and work.

Mr. Sandiz

Dr. Perks

One professor who uses Blackboard well, would be Mr. Laur, my SOWK240 professor. This is because he likes to post everything on blackboard including, grades, lectures, assignments, readings, and many announcements and this makes my life a whole lot easier because I know I can get all of my assignments online and in one place. Out of all of my professors, I feel that he uses blackboard the best.

Mr. Rob Smith who teaches the IS 310 because he constantly updates all communications and assignments and grades throughout the entire semester.

Dr. Carpenter – all of the class slides, grades, and helpful handouts for class are posted as well as updates on the class.

Rusinko, because everything she sets up works well, and does not fail.

Professor Catania used it effectively for the PSYC210 class I took with him. He posted documents, notes, outlines, and weekly quizzes.

Prof. Morris and Prof. Ting both use Blackboard and use all its features.

Dr Frieberg, b/c we have many online labs/quizzes to do that help us prepare for our exams.

Dr. Carpenter because she uses Blackboard tools perfectly.

Dr. Provine.

He is readily available through blackboard and quick to post grades. He is also very efficient at posting announcements when needed.

Any professor in the science dept. I've taken Chemistry and Biology and I really benefitted from the use of Bb, in my other classes which do not use Bb I am a little irritated by lack of access to course material.

Dr. Laurie. He makes full use of uploading documents, links, and establishing a discussion board for all his classes.

My math professor, Professor Riley. She uses it to post quizzes, review sheets etc.

mr me

Lisa Beall because not only does she use most of blackboard's functions including the communication and course document sections but she incorporates it into the curriculum in ways including the Blackboard postings.

I think all Professors use Blackboard well. No professor is bad at using Blackboard.

My CHEM 101 professor, Dr. Carpenter, uses Blackboard very well. She posts announcements, grades, answer keys, practice exams, and more.

Mr. Redding, he posts all the lectures, past exam, supplement readings, grades are always current and up to date, events going on in the school and opportunities. He lets you know when things are posted, where they are located and informs you of all information that he provides.

Dr. Vaporis is constantly keeping us updated on class topics and other websites that relate directly to the course. Also, he posts study guides and photos through blackboard site.

Lili Cui because she updates regularly and asks that students use the Discussion Board application as much as possible to help each other out with the course content. She also keeps grades updated in a timely manner.

I really don't have a teacher that has used the site well. Most of my professors just use blackboard as a way to put important assignments, the syllabus, and grades.

Ibrahim Assakkaf because you can go back and review anything from class by using content loaded on blackboard. The TA's are also good at answering questions from a discussion board.

Professor Hosmane uses it to tell of any extra notes he added to lecture, post due dates for quizzes and homework assignments and to address anything that might have been left out of lecture announcements.

Dr Carpenter b/c the course materials are really helpful

Dr. Carpenter. She posts all the things that we need on BB including practice exams, lecture slides, practice homework problems, grades as soon as they're received. Frequent announcements are made about any new information.

Dr. Carpenter. She uses blackboard daily. To update us on handouts and such. She provides handouts and online quizzes

Professor Henry Emurian because he posts information at reasonable and accurate times

Professor Carpenter, because she actually uses it correctly.

This is my first experience with BB as a student and I think the prof's as well, so there is really no basis to answer this.

I would probably say my SCI100 professor and his teacher assistance. Professor Meres, Carrie, and Amanda posts all of our grades and assignments online. We don't have to rely on anybody but ourselves to check and retrieve our assignments and grades. I really enjoy this system.

Dr. Stapelton because she always is very prompt at posting grades and at returning emails.

Dr Zupan because grades are quickly posted, course announcements are regular, and he is the only professor I have that utilizes the survey and homework capabilities of blackboard.

Dr. Hosmane (orgo professor), because he puts up everything related to the course: practice quizzes, practice exams, his lectures, and announcements and grade book is always updated.

professor Gierasch because she always posts our grades right after a quiz or exam so we know where we stand in the class unlike some other professors who take their time in posting grades. Also, she uses it to post announcements and slides from class, and the syllabus, which all help enhance our learning experience for the course.

Tate Redding,

He utilizes Blackboard for the parts that I find most important: posting grades quickly, homework assignments online, announcements of changes to the class

Dr. Laurie integrates messages to the class through blackboard and it keeps us up to date with what is expected of us for class.

John Schumacher, professor Medical Sociology (SOCY 351), uses Blackboard frequently and effectively. He continues to post class notes on a weekly basis on Blackboard and all students have easy access to their grades, documents or any other files or information they may need to do well in the class. It is good to have professors using Blackboard like this because it helps the student out more in a convenient manner, since Blackboard allows students to access information at the tip of their fingers at any time. I hope more and more professors will not only use Blackboard but use it for its full value and capability. It saves students and professors time and benefits the students for the most potential success.

Anderson -physics

Dr. Carpenter does the best job out of my teachers with her use of blackboard, posting all of her lecture slides, making frequent announcements, and keeping everything up to date. The only problem is with the grades, which are never clear.

The professor who uses Blackboard the best would be Professor King who teaches AMST 222. She regularly posts announcements and includes all handouts under the Course Documents tab. She also has created a class wiki for us, which is pretty cool. Additionally, she requires us to use the discussion boards. Although they are not really used for discussion, it is nice when some documents do not have to be submitted in hard copy form. Besides the lack of discussion (which isn't really her fault), the only

critique I have of her use of Blackboard is that she doesn't use the grade component.

Dr Carpenter. I never have to worry about being surprised by anything as long as I continue to check blackboard.

Dr. Kelly Forys.

This professor uses blackboard not only in re-enforcing her class room teachings but also in communications, announcements, re quizzes and assignments.

Dr. Borrero -

He submit grades in a timely manner as well as posting helpful handouts, study guides, etc.

Dr. Borrero also has weekly/bi-weekly quizzes and always available practice quizzes. Between him and the TA, anything involving grades frozen or crashed computers is quickly resolved, as he builds in a small extra time frame.

none

Professor Karen Sutton uses many of the functions on Blackboard so that we have what we do in class on blackboard for review. She uses the pre-set time function so documents are available at a certain time.

samir omari- teaches arabic

All of them that uses Blackboard, because they post requirements, grades, and all the things for students on a timely manner.

Professor Carpenter because she always posts announcements and helpful handouts on the Chemistry blackboard

all my professors use it well, some faster than others.

Dr. Schultz because I never have to search to find assignments, notes, etc for his class. They are always posted on time.

Dr. Hosmane uses Bb the most. He posts practice tests, quizzes, lecture notes, announcements and grades as well as a whole host of other buttons he has that I haven't used.

Professor Boyd, my instructor for History of Rock and Roll, has been especially helpful when using blackboard as an online tool. In addition to providing class notes from lectures that are accessible to all enrolled in the course, he also keeps up and maintains a regular communication system of thread posts and presents interesting questions for the class to

think about and consider about the material. Online weekly quizzes are especially useful, as one can access and complete them at their leisure.

Professor Pincus is the only professor I know to use blackboard.

Dr.Stephen Miller

Prof. Meres, he puts all the documents needed for class at the beginning of the semester, so that we can get them printed out, and don't have to worry about last minute additions.

Math 106Y

Instructor: Raji. J.Baradwaj

Cause she uses it often and keep us update with the schedule for the week! which is very convenient.

Dr. Nezhat Olia in LLC dept

She uses more components of the blackboard system than any other professor I've had including having students submit their assignments through the discussion board.

Also Dr. Jamie McClennan in Sociology

He used the discussion board effectively to stimulate discussions outside of class and to generate greater interaction between students on campus issues.

The professor would Dr. Kimberly Moffitt because we utilize the discussion board frequently, our grades are promptly posted, and any review sheets or handouts are always easily accessible on Blackboard.

Professor Harris because she uses blackboard intensely to help us with our assignments. For instance, professor Harris posts examples as a guide for my class to use when completing an assignment, posts power point lecture slides for us to use to refresh our memory of what the lecture was about, posts grades-announcements and etc.

Dr. Tara Carpenter, because she is very orderly and gives the notes we discuss in class so we can print them and not worry about coping information while she lectures.

Dr. Schultz uses majority of the applications available in Blackboard and he understands the program. He utilizes the quizzes and discussion board for supplement and not just for busywork.

Dr.Carpenter

she posts everything online in a good way. She posts in class problems online and all of our grades are posted as well as quizzes. I think she's really using it good. I think prof. lake needs to start using blackboard to post her slides.

Karen Freiburg because she always has updates up right away.

Professor Carpenter, because she stay up to date with the material posted on blackboard and the materials learned in the classroom. She has lecture slides posted before we learn it in class so that we can look over it and get an idea of what is expected to be known in the next lecture. Practice exams are always posted before the actual exam along with the answers so that we may see how well we did on the practice and practice the same type of problem on our own for better learning.

I would select Mr. Eric Anderson because he's the only professor that has e-mail the students noting that blackboard is available to use for his class.

Nicole King: Stores all information about the class. Links to class work off the Blackboard site. Place to communicate with students in groups.

The professors that use blackboard best, use it often. They post the lectures and all needed material. They usually post the grades so that we can access them and not have to wait for the end of the semester to look at the final grade on the transcript. I think every professor should be required to use blackboard. It enhances my learning tremendously.

Dr. Carpenter, because she always posts slides and problems from class, along with homework answers, links to other resources and our grades almost directly after the exam.

Dr. Carpenter because she has all of her lecture slides on it and has practice exams.

Eric Anderson, of my classes he uses it the most.

Dr. Carpenter,

She has a lot of students to send information to and she does a great job using BB to do it.

I have only had to teachers who have used blackboard and I don't think either of them use it very well. One gets confused and messses up all of the grades she posts and the other teacher puts all of this stuff on blackboard and it ends up being very confusing.

Dr Carpenter... everything is at our fingertips

Drs. Lacourse & Carpenter for CHEM 101

and why:

quick responses to questions, posting of material, announcement updates

Dr. Schultz, because he has grades posted fairly quickly most of the time and he keeps an updated syllabus posted. Nicole King, she uses it for everything, makes life easier.

Jamie Falcon, because he uses it to set up a grade sheet that students can access. It being an Excel spreadsheet, we can manipulate our grades to see what we need to get on homework, tests, etc. to get the grade we want in the class. Jaime is also very proficient in updating Blackboard with assignments, making it available to students quickly.

Professor Lyle Nash (or at least the Spanish department) has made the best use of Blackboard that I've seen thus far. The one drawback is that our grades are not kept on the site. He uses Blackboard to communicate with the students (announcements) and we (students) use discussion boards, groups, and chats as part of the class.

Dr. John Laur because he posts all the assignments, we post our assignments on blackboard, we use blackboard in class, and he posts news for classes almost every week. Elder Dr. Carpenter because she has Wiley Plus, it is easier to navigate her site, grades are shown easily, and course documents are available. ISFM Professors in general make the best utilization of Blackboard to post course documents, lectures notes, and grades.

Dr. Carpenter

She posts announcements weekly or when needed and makes use of the grade book feature.

Mrs. Everhart, because the class revolves around blackboard.

Anderson – all notes are up, grades are available, as well as old exams.

Nicole King, uses blackboard well. There is always updated information, and whatever she gives us in class is always backed up on blackboard. Tara Carpenter...she is very much involved and knows we want as much info as possible and she provides.

it would be my chem 101 professor, carpenter.

she updates blackboard constantly and when there is something that we all need to know she will put it on blackboard.

Dr. Alonso Professor Everhart None because Bb is not dependable.

Robertson in the psychology department, as a good deal of the course was on blackboard in the form of interactive learning, practice quizzes, and chapter tests. When blackboard was allowing people to log in, this was an effective way of learning. Mark Zupan. Well organized. Everything is kept up to date. Grades are always posted soon after an assignment is completed. Announcements are redundant.

Dr. Lili Cui, for web assign home works, lecture notes, posting answer keys, and other announcements. Tara Carpenter – she utilizes all of the features available. this helps us stay on top of things, including lecture power points, grades, documents, and announcements

Prof Beall. Psychology 200. She gets the class into discussions.

Lisa Beall, only two of my professors use Blackboard and she is the only one that uses every aspect of it.

My Psychology professor she posts everything on blackboard and that's where we do our quizzes too.

Dr. Anderson from physic department. He is the pro of Bb because he knows how to upload all kind of learning materials onto Bb and we are also require to use the class discussion function in Bb.

Dr Miller: Grades are always posted with feedback, and he uses it to provide a large amount of information to suppliment the class

The only professor that I had this semester that used Blackboard was Dr. Laurie. Dr. Carpenter because she always has announcements on it, has good links and has a lot of helpful handouts on it too. Professor Nikole Pekarske, because she posts a daily schedule, class cancellations, and assignment sheets online, so if you happen to miss a class, all the information is right there on blackboard. She also uses blackboard to email the entire class if class is cancelled or something in the daily schedule changes. She uses every aspect of blackboard to her advantage.

Carpenter.

Posts all necessary materials from class.

No one. no one uses it well because blackboard never works properly. But it's not the professor's fault.

Dr. Swann, (geog dept). He posts lectures, supplemental readings and grades. The discussion board is open as a tool for student. Overall, I like that bb is there in his class as an extra resource (that is very helpful), but it is not required to use it.

Carpenter Dr. Cui because she uses announcements, discussion board, documents, and homework in one convenient place. Professor Jacob because she utilizes most of the aspects blackboard has to offer (announcements, groups, discussion boards, links to other resources, grades, course info, syllabus, course documents, etc.)

Dr. Boyd, as he is the only professor to utilize online quizzes, which reinforces the material.

I have only had one professor that actively used Blackboard, and that was for an online course. He posted all the assignments on time, but the TA was slow in grading and the questions were not answered very well. The professor was Gary Burt.

Professor McDonough because she not only has us post discussion answers on it but also has valuable course documents posted on it like in the helpful handouts section.

Professor Alison Tracy – assignments, grades, announcements, and everything else is posted promptly all the time!) Delana Gregg. She is a computer genius. Lili Cui-- she encourages discussion board, she makes relevant announcements, she posts up practice exams and answer keys, she uses webassign for homework. Everheart, she posts the most announcements up. My grades are easy to get to for that class also. Vickie Williams because she uses blackboard the way its supposed to be used.

professor Kaflagou,

She place all powerpoint slides on blackboard and maintains 100% communication with class. She also created a blog for class to post articles.

Dr. Carpenter

I don't like any of them. Steven Miller– He is the only teacher I have this semester who uses it prof. Pitts

everything we need from the class is on blackboard

professor boyd. he is always up to date.

Dr. Rusinko uses Blackboard well since she does post class quizzes on the site, in addition to the syllabus and other assignments. Falcon

Drs. Shields and Stacey for Honors Forum – weekly updates of course assignments on a reliable basis.

Doctor Alonso uses Blackboard for everything. I like the fact that she always put the homework up one week in advance and puts up

announcements. Dr. Grubb uses Blackboard well because he only uses it to post grades and to communicate class discussions. He also tells the class orally in class of the assignment to be posted on Blackboard. This is the proper use of Blackboard. Other teachers put too much emphasis on Blackboard. Blackboard is a menace because it works half the time and some teachers rely on Blackboard to tell you when an assignment is due. In fact several teachers have not informed the class of when something is due during class time. Other teachers never hand out a syllabus because it can be posted on Blackboard. I pay tuition to go to class the teacher gets paid a salary from this tuition, why are they not available to answer my questions then?

Professor Carpenter.

Other subject professors don't even try to use BB. or understands how to use BB which made a lot difficult.

Lili Cui, Physics 111 and 112 Professor. We use Blackboard often, so she makes sure that important documents are uploaded (including lecture notes, etc.) in a timely manner. She always participates with other students on the discussion board.

Samantha Riley because she is very timely in posting on Blackboard

I think it would be Dr. Freeland, he was up to date on all handouts and grades and he even had a discussion board which helped out a lot of students.

Dr. Janet Rutledge, posted all course materials/notes in a time efficient manner. Also posted grades quickly

Dr. O'brien

She is the only professor in my schedule who uses the blackboard the most.

Anderson, because he posts EVERYTHING up here, and its easy to get if you miss class or something.

Kirby

Dr. Carpenter, she makes use of my functions, and the class wouldn't work too well without it. Any professor that utilizes the Notifications and Course Content features of blackboard. The professor must also post ALL graded assignments/exams within a reasonable time frame. None of my teachers this semester used Blackboard as well as they could have.

Dr. Alonso because she posts grades regularly. N/A My spanish professor, simply because its convenient. My grades are on there, the

chats are done online, discussion boards also and all the steps that have to be taken to start a chat or discussion is also on blackboard. It is very clear and easy to follow. Dr. Carpenter, because she constantly updates the announcements and always lets us know if class is cancelled before we go to class, which is very convenient Dr. Manil Suri, he posts corrections to tests and homework as soon as he gets them and does not wait for a class period to hand out this important information.

Dr. Borrero-

Multiple online quizzes, posts guided notes, constantly updates grades, etc.

Rhonda Canham, she communicates with the class on a regular basis Jari Villanueva. He uses blackboard for all of our ensemble courses. He sends out e-mails and posts announcements often, and constantly updates pages with new music updates and concert schedule updates. Professor Robert Smith IS 300

Dr. Freiberg because we do all our lab assignments on Bb.

Dr. Tufekci (Sociology) uses Blackboard very efficiently; grades and announcements are always posted in a timely fashion. Other professors are not as good with posting exam grades in a timely fashion. Dr. Lottes, she always had the grades updated at least 3 times a week. She used the announcements very frequently and posted almost every form of notes she had online. Which is extremely convenient to have access to these documents at all times.

Dr Julia Newman

She is very fast at putting grades, announcements, assignments, and everything we need to know in her class she has it on blackboard.

Dr. Chard effectively uses the key points of black board. There are many teachers that use it primarily for papers and documents as well as for grade reports.

My Chemistry 101 teacher, Mrs. Carpenter. She posts announcements, grades and helpful handouts for the course. Everything you need to know, it is on blackboard for this course. It is very helpful. Professor Freiberg. She uploads quiz and tests answers for my psych 205 & psych 304 classes immediately after the last student in my class is finished the exam. This relieves the stress of wondering if I bombed a test. Very helpful teacher that always puts the needs of the student before her own. Dr. Hosmane - keeps up with blackboard grades, quizzes, announcements, etc. If I miss a class, lecture notes are posted up.

Professor Sutton because she is the only one who posts ALL grades on blackboard so your overall grade in the course is accurate and available to you through the progression on the course.

None of my professors actually USED blackboard...except to post the syllabus.

Dr. Cheryl North-Coleman EDUC 411

because she uses the blackboard to organize us and keep update of everything that is happening in the class.

Tara Carpenter. Everything is always on blackboard and is up to date. Dr. Carpenter uses blackboard well because she is very proficient in posting announcements, interesting links, grades, and send mass e-mails. Susan Mitchell seems to have a pretty good grasp of using its features to make sure students have current information for class thru announcements and course documents.

Dr. Robert Anderson has consistently posted important announcements, study guides, and assignments. They've been a big help. Psych tech-Frieberg cause she uses most of the applications, including the most important (course grades). It is also never hard to find out where assignments or announcements are on her page. Other professors have it in two different locations some time. Tara Carpenter – very organized professors chose to ignore posting our grades online, therefore making Blackboard somewhat useless, although it's a great tool. They have either limited knowledge of Balckboard or are too undisciplined to use such a convenient and easy tool.

Carpenter – she uses it the most. Dr. Carpenter uses blackboard well, as she is more attentive to it than my other professors, and posts grades and helpful documents in a timely manner.

Professor Falcon.

He always gives us interesting articles to read that he sometimes uses on exams as extra credit. And he also continuously keeps us up to date with any changes in the syllabus or curriculum through Blackboard

Carolyn Tice, because she post the chapter outlines on the site. Therefore if we miss a class or have a hard time understanding the material, she provides us with some background, and it is always available.

Carpenter is the only professor I have who has somewhat mastered the art of using Blackboard. Every assignment she's posted is easy to access and understand. Unlike some professors, I can easily calculate my grade and find out what I've missed in a class. Zupan because he is always

uploads assignment grades, lectures, all the class materials uploaded on time

Tara Carpenter. Chem 101. Always uploads announcements and documents promptly. :) ms carpenter because she posts quizzes, grades, exam keys, lacks practice exams though. Also my multiple teachers for biology (evolution and ecology)

Dr. Eric Anderson – PHYS121. He makes many different resources available through blackboard, including discussion boards which get pretty frequent use. He posts practice tests, exam solutions, practice problems, homework assignments, and other resources regularly. The gradebook is clear and accurately maintained. He does a really good job.

Dr. Anderson for physics because he uses it for announcements and posting grades. The grades updated regularly give me a more confident idea on how I'm doing in the class.

Kip Keenan– he uses blackboard to post grades/presentations and he does it in a timely fashion

Professor Morris, because lectures were always posted before class and you knew what your current grade was. She also used the discussion board to initiate class discussions.

Dr. Alonso because she keeps her blackboard up to date and posts grades there regularly. My professors have them, but don't use the features. No one.

Professor Wilkinson (ENGL100) is the only professor I have who requires us to use Blackboard to participate in class.

Tara Carpenter, anything, anything at all that is missed during class she posts online, her entire class is accessible from the internet. although the information posted is always in unfriendly formats(boo mac)

Professor Zupan posts all of his lectures on blackboard and also highlights the main point of each lecture in class for quick reference when studying. Prof. Ealick. He's good at taking care of all the necessary details for the class throughout the semester. Dr. Bayles because she posts everything

Sa'ad Raouf, because of his dedication in making sure that no question on the Discussion Board goes unanswered.

Dr. Borrero because he updates blackboard frequently

Dr. Mary Fox because she allows discussion between group members and is always posting announcements about what is going on in class. She also keeps her grades up to date and class documents ready for us to use. Laurie, he knows it in and out and has the least issues with it. Professor Perks, for Organic Chemistry, puts up old tests, all the lecture slides, the grades, and lots of other supplementary materials

Dr Andrea Kalfoglu

she paste everything on blackboard that is helpful.

Dr. Carpenter posts all course materials on Blackboard. Exam solutions go up minutes after the exam ends, and any relevant announcements are made via Blackboard. The only problem is for some reason even though she has all our grades on the site, only the participation points add up to our "total grade".

Dr Mark Perks because he uses blackboard to keep us up to date with our grades, posts lecture notes, and has links to his site with practice exams and previous exams. Professor Sandra Danna,

She uses blackboard for very thing. She posts your grades on time, she puts up announcements. She makes it really easy to follow what's going on in class.

Donald Snyder, American Studies, he uses blogs and it is a very interactive use of blackboard

Dr. Obrien always posts announcements! It would be Dr. Readel. She made sure to update the information regularly by putting up relevant links. All of the class information was visible via Blackboard (labs, quizzes, syllabus, rubrics, etc), and she also participated in discussions. Professor Morris, I believe uses Blackboard very well because she uses it to post important announcements, lectures, and other links to resources. She also uses the Wikki Tool and discussion board as part of the class assignments.

Claudia Ribeyro out of all my professors this semester because she is quick and efficient in her use of Blackboard. Dr. Christopher Swan used blackboard to communicate and collect assignments and discussion board as well as uploaded lectures supplemental readings.

Dr. Carpenter, for effectively disseminating Chemistry announcements, extra practice, notes, etc.

Professor Theil because she is very good about posting all of her powerpoint presentations and reviews on blackboard. Erle Ellis, because I

have used blackboard wiki, discussion board, announcements, and online quizzes.

the professors of my biology 100 class use blackboard very well. they keep u posted on what is recent and important, which of course is necessary for a good grade.

Dr. Boyd for quizzes Dr. Tara Carpenter, she is always using the blackboard to interact with us and tell us the newest updates on class lectures and announcements. Because it is such a huge lecture class, she uses the blackboard to communicate with us more effectively. None.

Professor Rada. Everything for the course, including grading, assignments, lecture notes, sample project answers, etc are available for use. He usually also maintains a daily log of what was covered in class and posts it to Blackboard for students who may have missed a class.

Professor Donald Snyder does a good job posting all of the materials from the class up on Blackboard and making grades available online in a timely fashion.

NONE I have not had any grades this semester posted and all that has been posted are a few papers and handouts. I actually only log on blackboard to get what terms are on my music test. I logged on in the beginning of the semester before class to go over the syllabus but I still have professors who NEVER activated their accounts.

Dr. Carpenter and Professor Wilson because they encourage to check the Blackboard and update it all the time.

Dr. Sampath: good organization and effective use of the tools available

Professor's King and Sutton make excellent use of Blackboard. They provide a lot of information through the Blackboard process and make things easier for working students.

Dr. Garvie uses blackboard well because he keeps it very organized and posts helpful review lecture slides.

Robert Anderson – quizzes, grades, book interaction, etc. Dr. Claassen because most of Bio 100L online directions. Adequate use of email for announcements. There are other professors like Dr. Miller, Dr. O'Brien, etc. who are using Bb very efficiently for posting grades, discussion, emails etc.. Dr. Cheah, post enough info to be relevant, but not too much or too little

Dr. Eileen O'Brien. She posted her PowerPoint presentations, she gave announcements on it, and she posted online quizzes that were easy to use and helpful for the class.

Dr. Carpenter, because she uses all the components on blackboard. Dr. Hoffman, she posts grades for our homework and tests so it's very easy to know how we're doing. Also, she posts all assignments on it, so it can be easy to reference from remote locations.

Mr. Tate Redding would be the professor because he is very good at communicating through email and very quick at posting grades.

Dr. Hosmane – good communication tool with announcements – always posts notes from lectures so that we can access them as a study tool. Puts multiple practice exams and quizzes on the site. Overall – I can always depend on Dr. Hosame to put everything on blackboard so that if I want to work on organic chemistry at 3 in the morning all the tools necessary for it are right here on blackboard. Marc Zupan. Excellent at posting online homework and making sure announcements are out immediately. Also great at posting grades immediately.

n/a Professor Cui cause she used all aspects of blackboard for the class. Dr. Donato, this semester. He's uploaded all of our important documents.

Dr. Majeski regularly updates her lectures, class info, and grades on Blackboard. It makes it easy for me to keep current in her class. most of my professors use it well. i don't really like using it that much, but it can be convenient for posting materials. this semester, my professors only use it for posting materials.

Dr. Carpenter (Chemistry)

She posts many "helpful handouts," announcements, quizzes, grades, etc. She really uses it as an extension of the classroom.

Robert Smith, because he puts a lot of details up for assignments and utilizes it well

It would be Dr. Lindenmeyer of the History Department. Most of our syllabus is online and much of our coursework has to be posted to Bb. At the same time, she has managed to streamline the process to the point where it's fairly efficient to use and access the necessary material. Dr. Tara Carpenter because she constantly posts announcements that keep students up to date on what is going on in class the next day (allows students to bring any necessary items). She also posts the lecture slides and other helpful handouts on Blackboard. Dr. Steele of the Geography department is very proficient in his use of Blackboard. Not only does he use it to post grades, but he also utilizes it to expose us to additional sources that will enhance his teaching and our learning experience. His announcements on Blackboard also make us seem more connected as a class, and him more approachable and accessible as a professor. Laura Stapleton–I don't have her this semester but I remember clearly how

efficiently she used blackboard. Our grades were always posted as well as our course information such as homework, study guides, etc. Messages and announcements were always available to us on blackboard as well.

Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Hamilton (Chemistry) because they actually let you know everything that will be going on in class as well as provide all the necessary documents needed to help with the class. The grades are also posted and well organized.

Dr. Anne Spence and Dr. Tara Carpenter are equally the best.

All of our course documents are uploaded. Announcements are frequent. Grades are posted via blackboard.

Robert Anderson. The only professor I've had so far that used Blackboard as a supplement to the course.

Dr. Alonso for PSYC. She posts all of her lecture notes, study guide, extra point info and any other "better grade" opportunity. Maybe that's why in the beginning of the course, she showed us how to use blackboard... E-mails are answered in timely manner and everything else you can think of that promotes campus activities and social networking is also posted. I give Dr. Alonso five stars!

Kip Keenan because he puts all his powerpoint slides on there. As well as posts grades and any announcements he might have. Dr. Borrero, there are online quizzes due once a week, and he uses announcements to remind us. Also all the class notes are posted on Blackboard as well as the study guides. Everything for the class is posted. N/A

There's a few that use black board well. Their names are as follows; Mrs. Everhart, Mr Falcon, Mr. Frank Green, just to name a few.....and some teachers don't seem to care to use blackboard at all, and in their opinion may not be necessary.

Dr. Shields and Dr. Stacey use Blackboard very well in Honors Forum 100, because they use most of its features and students rely on the things they post for the course.

Dr. Richard Wilson.

He did a great job putting our hybrid course content, grades, and discussion boards on blackboard.

Dr. Laura Lewis. Shes posts course documents, lectures, assignments and notes. She uses turnitin. She posts all grades and articles.

Melisa stecco The Biology 303L instructor, Brian, uses it well because he only posts important announcements. He does not rely on blackboard for

everything else. Patti Ordonez, entire cs341 course had online representation from lectures through grades, updated frequently. Lili Cui. She is able to post announcements, quizzes, grades, etc. reliably and usefully.

Dr. Lili Cui – she always posts up lecture slides ahead of class time to give us the opportunity to print them out for class, the discussion boards are lively, all graded materials are present on blackboard for us to keep up with and know what our standing is in the class.

Professor Bediako utilizes the groups pages, online quizzes, posting grades, announcements, uploading powerpoint lectures, etc. Most teachers only do some or none of these.

Dr. Jodi Kelber-Kaye because she has actually had the class go on and exchange documents for a Town Meeting Presentation. She is actually the only teacher who uses blackboard for functions other than the for grade display.

Dr. Carpenter:

Her blackboard site is set up in a way that any question you may have can be somehow found through blackboard.

My POLI250 professor, Monica Randall, because the class only meets once week so we were able to see our grades for assignments in a more timely manner. Also, it was very helpful for use in the group projects, and for looking at her powerpoint lectures.

Professor Baradwaj uses blackboard quite well.

We have online home works on webassign, which help a lot.

the ones that are organized and actually post stuff on it.

Professor Hosmane because he updates our grades while also utilizing other resources such as announcements, course documents, etc. Whereas, other professors only use one or the other Laurie Julie Oakes. She does a good job trying to post all of her powerpoint presentations and announcements. It's helpful overall and makes it easier for me to get a good grip on what I need to know for the next classes. Diclemente. uses bb to post articles given out in class

Dr. Tara Carpenter

Keeps us posted at all times

John Carter– He kept our class completely updated on information. He quickly responded to us with answers to our questions, updates to our

status, grade posting, and listing valuable tools that were used in and helpful to the class.

Dr. Baffour because she has all of the class resources on Blackboard and they are accessible at all times. Very useful and helpful. E-mailing anyone in the class is highly effective.

None.

Stephen Pitts. Has an incredible amount of material, charts and tables, links, and supplemental lecture information accessible. Dr. Hosmane, because everything that he say in class or anything that he thinks that his students must know is posted on the announcements part of blackboard. He is a great teacher and supplies us with a plethora or resources!
Professor Glazer Samir El-Omari

Dr. Marc Zupan,

He consistantly uses blackboard for grades, quizzes, and all announcements. Everything is quickly loaded onto Blackboard.

Dr. Tara Carpenter because she's one of the few who actually put grades up (although they're no where near up to date or completely correct of course..)

Dr. Carpenter

Lecture Slides

Wiley Plus

Grades

Announcements

Helpful Handouts

It wouldn't be the professor per se but the actual faculty, and that is the psychology faculty. Every class in psyc has used this extensively and i feel it has certainly added to the experience.

Dr. Tara Carpenter, my chemistry teacher has the best Blackboard proficiency i have ever seen. She posts every needed material, grades, announcements, and important information on Blackboard. She is very useful. Professor Sigurdsson probably uses it the best. He posts practice quizzes, regular quizzes, announcements, documents, the syllabus, and has other features posted. He regularly updates the Blackboard assignments, grades and announcements as needed. Dr. Kriste Lindenmeyer: great use of group discussion boards and has all class

information posted – Sokolove, Freeland, Leips, DeVerneil, Rosenberg– post important information about the class. Sokolove and Freeland have used discussion board extensively that greatly helped in understanding course material. tufeki Dr. Carolyn Seaman uses blackboard well because the information is always available and she uses repetition so the students can actually understand.

Dr. HAMILTON

Dr. Lindenmeyer

Lark Classen, she is very good about posting things on blackboard, very good about posting grades and keeps up updated with the new information.

Dr. Carpenter due to her constant updates through blackboard.

Psychology of Learning professor (forget name) he was outstanding used every aspect of Bb.

Dr. Lili Cui (PHYS 112)

She uses Blackboard to post announcements about class, the class notes before class; we use WebAssign; all of our grades are updated quickly; discussion board is used by most of her students (and is encouraged by her) to discuss homework problems and allows students to help each other. I use more different aspects of Blackboard for this class with this teacher, than any other class. I would say that Jonathan Desi uses Blackboard well. Always lots of announcements and reminders for in class things and grades go up very quickly.

Grodsky. Posts all readings on Blackboard clearly. Dr. Lili Cui is a very efficient blackboard user because all of the course materials are well organized on blackboard. Dr. Donald Snyder. Everything is up to date at all times.

I would have to say Professor Burt my CMSC 104 instructor because I rely on Blackboard for my class assignments. It is an online class, therefore he must use it. Dr. Tara Carpenter does an excellent job when it comes to using black board because she posts everything that are vital to the course.

Dr. Carpenter, Chemistry Department.

Dr. Carpenter uses the power of the Blackboard system effectively. It enhanced my experience in CHEM 101/102.

Professor John Laur Jari Villanueva. He makes it easy for us to see how many games we've attended and access to the music that we need. Dr.

Steven Pitts – he is very well organized and makes everything easy to find. professor rubin. She has us post weekly discussion board questions and she's put an outline for the entire course up on blackboard.

all of the biology professors because they put announcements up when necessary

Dr Laura Stapleton, because she posts all assignments online, and i have regular access to my grades, which she updates on a day to day basis.

Professor Ting and Professor Bevenga because they posted all of their curricula, e-reserve docs, reading documents on blackboard. This gives us easy access to all of the information we need for their class. Professor Carpenter and Professor Hamilton are my only professors this semester who use blackboard. I find it extremely helpful to us as the students and to them as the teachers to be able to post hand outs and slides we can print on there for us to use. All of my professors last semester used it well. Dr. Howard Smead, Dr. Laura Lewis, Dr. Vicki Williams, and Ms. Sandra Danna all used it to their advantage, posting study questions, posting grades in a timely manner, and using the announcements section effectively.

??? Gary Burt. He puts everything on Blackboard instead of another course website. This would be great if all professors would do it because you wouldnt have to travel around the web to all the different course websites.

Dr. Chen from the IS department. He posts all notes from class, homework, and class discussions (with answers). You can find the answer to pretty much any question about the course through the things he posts.

I would choose my Biology professor, Reagan Lake, because she only utilizes blackboard for grading purposes, which is one of the most important factors for my signing into blackboard period. Also, she posts the grades up quickly, so I am able to see how I am doing in the course.

Dr. Boyd, he encourages students to participate in online discussions to help elaborate on what we covered in class. He also posts grades and gives several quizzed over BB.

Dr. Cui

None Rich Goldman uses Blackboard well because there is always everything we need for the present class and the future readily available.

Tara Carpenter proficiently uses Blackboard. She uses it to upload grades, host quizzes, and supply documents such as the syllabus, periodic table, practice exams, and review sheets.

Professor Bonny Tighe uses Blackboard very well in the respect that she is prompt with posting Grades online and posts past quizzes and exams for extra practice.

Mrs. O'Brien for psychology because she posts grades as soon as they are ready and she sends out an announcement to let us know, she posts her quizzes and powerpoints also

Dr. Hosmane because he took advantage of everything and posted everything. He had the links for Aceorganic available through black board. Also, we took quizzes (although they were not the funniest things to do) on blackboard that were timed. He is also consistent with posting grades at a reasonable time. Dr. Christopher Murphy uses Blackboard to make announcements and posts assigned readings in a timely manner. Professor Laura Strickling

She uses several aspects of Blackboard in an organized fashion. She uses the Announcements, Grade book, Communication section for discussion board and assignments for chats in spanish, course documents, and course syllabus section.

Tara Carpenter. Posts all the grades as promptly as she can and accurately. Makes it convenient for students without having to meet with her personally unless there is a problem.

Posts lecture materials, slides, announcements. Lili Cui, physics 111. Out of all my teachers, she definitely takes advantage of everything it has to offer. All of our lecture slides are posted, all practice exams online, links to Webassign through tools, grades are posted. We also use the discussion board for questions before asking her, and all her announcements are posted.

Dr. perks, for materials and ppt slide..etc.. Unfortunately, it wouldn't be any of my professors from this semester. I would say my education 310 teacher, Dr. Danna used it best. I had her last year. She always posted students' grades in a timely manner. It should not be rocket science to post grades. I don't know why other professors seem to have an issue with Blackboard.

Dr O'Brien because she was always updating grades

John Laur, always posts all course documents and grades.

Dr. Rubin, uses it in her lectures everyday, makes the material available, uses the discussion boards, is quick to post grades and updates in the class. Dr. Carpenter since she uploads a lot of documents to help in the chem 101, and has links for our class such as wileyplus on the site so it's easy to find.

Professor Vaporis– he uses it all the time to post grades, outlines, study guides. There is tons of useful information about the course on his site. R. Jason Fagan uses blackboard for every single one of his classes. He consistently keeps in touch with his students providing them with notes and assignments and makes everything available through Blackboard. I have only had one other teacher who has a blackboard page and it was not used. I think that every professor should be required to use blackboard at least as a place for the students to contact each other and a place that we can reliably find the syllabus.

Dr. Boyd, he's just so good at it. A. Charles Catania uses blackboard well because all of his assignments are on blackboard and they are all graded by him on a timely basis.

Dr. Tara Carpenter

Course site is well organized, grades updated quickly, online content is easy to find... announcements / contents in class are reflected in blackboard

Dennis Coates

Dr. Tara Carpenter. She posts everything on it and makes it really easy for students to access grades, documents, homework and every other course material.

Psych 100 Dr. Frieberg b.c she updates frequently.

Violeta Colombo – uses Blackboard to upload grades, discussion boards and chats, includes practice quizzes, and posts sheets necessary for class. Susanne Sutton, for GERM 101, uses the Wimba Voice Board to give us oral quizzes so she can effectively test our pronunciation.

Since attending UMBC and participating in an hybrid type of class, I find that all of my Professor's have been outstanding in using blackboard postings to enhance their lectures, communication and apprising of grades, etc. The Professor that I have interacted with blackboard are:

Professor Chakamanin (spelling ?)

Dr. Ting – Exceptional

Dr. Bediako

Dr. Anderson.. He's awesome.

Dr. Ram Hosmane. Posts a lot of practice quizzes and exams. Has assessments on BB and frequent announcements.

Tara Carpenter uses blackboard to post answer keys, homework problems, grades– and about anything else we need her to post. She uses it as an easy way to reach all of the students. Dr. Stephen Freeland. He posted his lecture slides and helpful handouts as well as actively engaging us on the class discussion board. Professor Monica Simorangkir because she has us doing chats and using the discussion board for our assignments. Professor Eisenmann/Brewster because they are constantly updating course documents for class.

mrs. medicus because our test scores were posted shortly after the test. Dr. Alonso, she posts the grades and lets us get our assignments ASAP online, it's very efficient and practical. Dr. Provine

Don Killgallon. He utilizes the ability to post quizzes up for us to take, email others in the class for class related assignments, look for announcements, and if we miss class all the makeup material will be on the blackboard site.

Prof. Dr. Seaman, because she always demonstrate the lecture to the level we required. Zeynep Tufekcioglu because she posted up a lot of interesting readings.

Marcia Croteau. She put the link to our 'Homework Manager' there with times available (closing dates) so it's very easy to get to.

Professor Pitts...everything is up-to-date and information is easily found None, blackboard could be used much better, despite its many flaws, but still no professor of mine has ever made the most of what a tool such as blackboard could offer.

good

I haven't had very many classes focused on blackboard as much as this IS310 class has been, but my Darpan Parikh uses it pretty well. It was a hybrid class and was pretty simple to follow since he communicated as much as he could.

Bonny Tighe. Regularly posts grades on blackboard. Uploads Exam Reviews Professor Lindenmeyer. She keeps the site up-to-date at all times and includes a great deal of information pertinent to the class, i.e. extra readings, websites of interest, small group postings, etc. Dr. Denise meringolo the teachers who use blackboard well are the ones who just

use it as an addition to regular class where use of blackboard is not required or only requires downloading files one time

Dr. Emurian...any and everything you need is on bb6.

Raji Baradwaj,

she uses the blackboard site to post online homework assignments which helped in learning the course content and it also was a big help because it was graded right away.

Dr. Lili Cui,

She really used the grades feature well, kept us all informed. Additionally she had announcements, documents and anything we needed available. The usage of discussion board also helped to learn a lot in the class. Practice quizzes accessed through Blackboard were essential to doing well in the class. She utilized Blackboard very well.

Dr. Carpenter Dr. Cui

Professor Lyle Nash (SPA 301). He uses the announcement board to send various messages to us on a regular basis.

I don't think anyone uses Blackboard well, because it's the most horrible and inefficient thing ever made and I really wish it would be banned from UMBC.

I would have to say it would be the Spanish teacher. The announcements and updates, communication with classmates and assignments are readily available. My Spanish teacher because she uses it to not only post grades but for discussion boards and chats. Dr. Sokolove – updates almost daily and has lots of helpful material up.

I don't really like going to blackboard for everything though, it is confusing sometimes.

Mr. Belzer. Posts many documents on Blackboard as well has hw and class info. Many class documents available.

Professor Santo Domingo.

He posts everything online and in great time.

Professor Readel because she makes good use of it, including discussion boards, quizzes, and course documents etc. Yael Moses, the Hebrew professor, takes full advantage of Blackboard. She posts almost all of our assignments on it, wimba voice recordings, and grades. She uses

Blackboard as a supplement to the class. We get much more out of her class than we normally could with merely class periods because of Blackboard.

My information systems professor, Mellisa Stecco. She uses blackboard to handout hw, assignments, syllabus, and she posts our grades almost immediately. Dr. Boyd because he constantly updates information and reads the discussion boards and answers questions. He also uses the announcements for an easy overview of what is due that week. My physics teacher because he has every assignment grade up as well as many practice quizzes and tests that we can download and practice with.

Zupan, well knowledgeable of blackboard very organized Carpenter-- she has 700 students but still manages to answer questions/post grades in a timely manner...amazing

Mr. El_Omari, Dr. Vaughan

I believe they were the most up to date on grades.

Sandy Parker of GES, only uses BB for document storage.

Jo Chakraborty,

He uses the announcements effectively, communicates promptly through email, and has the syllabus posted.

A good example is the posting of partner presentation dates, in case we forget what was said in class, he has it posted online.

Professor Grubb since he uses Blackboard for the discussion posts more than my other professors

Professor Jon Squire uses Blackboard extensively for CMSC 411@UMBC. All of his class material is posted his website and mirrored through Blackboard. If Blackboard is down for maintenance, students can still access all of the necessary information directly from his web site.

Tara carpenter; course documents and grades are regularly posted. Eric Anderson (PHYS 121)

Powerpoints, old exams, a bunch of other resources available.

for this semester, it would be ms. tara carpenter for chem 102, always posts powerpoint slides, announcements, cps instructions, in class problems, hw answers, wileyplus access etc which are crucial for success in the course

Professor Siggie because he is the only professor who has online quizzes which help reinforce the material and he is also the only professor that has important material on Blackboard.

Professor Meres – posts up assignments for us students to do Aamir N. of Information Systems. He takes advantage of Blackboard and it is very helpful.

Dr. Pitts because he pretty much gives us all the information and documents that we need to get a good grade on tests. there are many resources. Dr. Karpel/Dr. Garvie because they always upload the practice tests, review questions, and lecture slides on to it and put the grades into the grade book frequently.

Professor K. Morris for SOWK 240. The class is Technology in Social Work and so is supposed to teach social work students how to use various tools for research and professional use. Many of us are not familiar with available technology and Blackboard is a good complement to the course content. Bonnie Kegan because she makes lectures available through power point and even audio clips that can accompany them of her explaining the topic. She makes everything available (classwork, quiz announcements/explanations, etc.)

Professor Miller–Agostini

Dr. Lauri,

There are constant announcements and things posted for my history 110 class.

Professor Anderson of my psychology 100 class uses blackboard well. Through blackboard we are required to do quizzes for each chapter that helps us study for the exam. The online quiz grades are automatically posted and the exam grades are posted very quickly. Professor Val for Spanish 202. She posts most of the projects and papers on blackboard and uses the site regularly Carpenter Dr. Ram Hosmane because he posts a lot of review materials and announcements. along with your current grade Carpenter. She was my only Professor who actually used blackboard to post grades.

professor meringolo because she uses blackboard as reinforcement for what she has already told the class in person, not as mechanism to communicate Professor Tatarweich, my Human Context of Science and Technology teacher. He does a great job communicating with us through blackboard and posts many helpful documents for us to help us on our papers. He has every paper to be submitted through blackboard and most importantly is understandable with the problems that occur with blackboard at times. Dr. Tara Carpenter uses Blackboard extremely well.

She posts course documents (for class, exams, and powerpoints). She also answers the discussion board questions that people pose and updates the "announcements" frequently. She also has utilized the survey questions and other means to see if the class is being taught to a satisfactory level. Dr. Caruso uses Blackboard well. He posts grades, documents, and links to various other sites that are useful Mrs Danna for EDUC 310. She always keeps us updated on what is going in class when we are not in class and also reminds on about assignments and such on blackboard.

Professor Rada has used Blackboard extremely well by offering all of the assignments beforehand so that students can't get work done early. Also he has provided our grades in his grade book. No other teacher, this semester, has done this so far. Professor McDonough does a great job of posting her Power Point presentations the day before she gives her lecture. She follows up on Blackboard with questions from class that she couldn't answer in class, and she just does a nice job over-all with this technology.

Dr. Carpenter of Chem 101 and 102. She uses it like "mad crazy". We get our online notes, links to quiz, documents, bascially a skeletal structure additon for coming to lectures. Ms . Everhart & Ms. Law.

Post grades & important documents, as well as announcements.

IS101 Boonlit Adipat uses the blackboard site really well. He uses it 100% since it is a IS core he uses it for announcements, uploading assignments, turning in etc assignments, etc.

Dr. Yager (INDS)

Kriste lindenmeyer because she posts everything we need to know on there along with extras that will be useful to us in the future.

Prof. Cui because she seems to have more experience and she puts up a lot of stuff, like in the course documents, grades, webassign, discussion board and also gives examples. She does a lot more than my other professors.

Dr. Carpenter--the documents she posts are mostly pdfs, so I can read them on my laptop. Dr. Tara Carpenter uses Blackboard well. She posts online quizzes, uses the announcements to remind students about important dates and posts practice quizzes and helpful handouts through Blackboard. She also puts up practice problems she will be doing in class so you don't have to worry about trying to frantically copy the problem and you can focus on how she is loving it.

Denis Provencher (French 101) uses blackboard well because a large portion of our homework consists of online assignments. Also, he is fairly good at keeping the gradebook up to date. none

Carpenter uses it well because she posts very useful handouts and powerpoints on the site. She also makes announcements.

Professor Thiel

She postes course information in a organized concise manner.

John Sturgeon, because most of our reading material for the class is very effectively posted on blackboard. Lil Cui. She posts all that we need to have for class and our homework. All answers to quizzes and exams we took are posted so we can review them. It makes studying a lot easier. Also, she has our grades posted so we know how well we are doing. Carpenter, most helpful professor

Prof. Lindenmeyer uses Blackboard well because she updates grades regularly and posts announcements. My other instructors just post the syllabus and leave the site alone. Prof. Lindenmeyer showed us what she put on for our benefit and would show us changes she made during class.

Dr. Lili Chui, I had her for Phys 111

Dr. Carpenter because she puts up everything that she does in class (to an extent). None of my professors use it well this semester. DR Halverson GES. HE posted all lectures on Blackboard and quizzes and tests–also exam reviews and extra credit questions

Joseph Tatarewicz, because he communicated a lot to us through blackboard and in the classroom, it was an equal thing.

Professor Anderson because he puts his lecture outlines on there. Old exams, discussion papers and he also makes a point in the first lecture to encourage students to use the discussion board for questions and etc.

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Dr. Hummel for socy351 because he posts just about everything we do online on blackboard. Dr. Freeland because he uses discussions board which allows other students to see questions that other students have asked and the answers that he has given it usually eliminates him having to answer the same question five times. Dr. Zupan because he uses it on a multi stage level. Dr. Carpenter,

The grades are up to date and course materials are easily accessible online.

Bonnie Kegan – teaches a hybrid course in Statistics – for two reasons: 1) she puts the lectures in different formats so students have their choice – depending on their technology or their learning styles they can experience the lectures the way they choose; and 2) she puts lots of additional resources on their so no matter what time you are studying – you may not be able to call someone to ask a question but you can look through all her materials for answers. Professor p. king uses it well because she posts all assignments on blackboard so they are always available for you. the communication is also very good.

Professor Ronda Canham,

She keeps student well inform about changes to the schedule, she post the lectures before class so student could follow along while actively engage in the topic, she responds promptly to questions that student might have and always keep you inform using the announcement section on blackboard. shes the best!

professor orgelfinger. she uploads all the documents needed and keeps us updated with class information and assignments through blackboard. Professor O'Brien because a lot of useful tools are available for studying and can be accessed at any time.

my psychology professor, Dr Robert Warren Anderson because he post practice quizzes on blackboard which make me learn better.

Dr. Simms, she uses it daily! Professor Bediako because he uses it as an outlet for several different areas of the class. We use it in his class for quizzes, discussion boards, grades, class documents, and announcements.

Prof Buzz Hundley

Prof. Adriana Medina in MLL 305 Intercultural Communication class

John Laur (teaches SOWK 240) uses Blackboard very well. He always posted class assignments 2 weeks before we had that class and he was constantly updating lectures and readings.

Prof. Dana Smith: She is able to the documents we need, the are accessble and retrieve them. She makes sure that we are able to get grades and review work proficiently.

Question 12

What do you think is the single most needed improvement about the administration of Blackboard? (B)

Login	8.668%
Enrollment into Blackboard course and community sites	3.364%
Server reliability (Is it up and available?)	32.342%
Server Performance (e.g., "slowness, error messages, looping")	27.167%
Functionality of the Bb application (Does it do what I want?)	4.787%
Student Training and support	05.563%
Faculty training and support	10.996%
Other (Please describe in the last question)	3.234%
Unanswered	3.881%

Question 13

How do you get help when using Blackboard?

Send an email to blackboard@umbc.edu	7.891%
Fellow student	58.991%
Blackboard Help tab	11.643%
Course/community manual	3.234%
OIT staff directly	10.091%
Unanswered	8.15%

Question 14

Overall, how would you rate the effectiveness of Blackboard as a learning tool? (B)

Very good	42.173%
It's okay	49.418%

Not very effective	6.986%
Unanswered	1.423%

Question 15

"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?"

Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Access to personal drives or network space	7.115%	9.056%	6.856%	6.339%	8.021%	4.528%	8.668%
Access to specialized software (e.g., SPSS, Matlab, etc.)	4.528%	5.821%	10.091%	6.468%	5.563%	8.409%	7.245%
Audio/Visual file editing	10.479%	7.374%	4.398%	4.269%	5.045%	5.304%	6.339%
Availability of a high speed Internet connection	4.787%	6.21%	5.951%	7.245%	12.16%	9.185%	4.657%
Instructional use during a class (e.g., demonstrations, shared use of software or files)	9.314%	5.045%	6.856%	7.633%	6.986%	5.433%	4.916%
Pay for Print	5.433%	6.21%	7.633%	5.563%	7.115%	10.867%	4.787%
Other? (please specify at the end of this survey)	1.164%	2.07%	0.517%	0.906%	4.398%	5.304%	1.552%

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.) (B)

one thing that blackboard could help with or maybe this would belong in the academics tab of myumbc. a link that would show students what credits they have fulfilled. so a list of the classes needed for their major and which ones they have passed and which ones are still pending. also a list of the gen ed. classes that still need to be taken. like how many

classes remain for the arts/humanities or social sciences credits to be fulfilled. just to give students a perspective to accurately choose what classes they need to take. make it so much easier on the students that way

get rid of it

please let Blackboard work during finals week....it would be nice for it to work at least once before I graduate.

Server is usually slow. Can't login when too many programs are running on my computer.

Question 8: I would consider the reliability and accesibility of Blackboard a disadvantage, specifically the problem with logging in after a long period of inactivity. If I forget to log off or lose my connection, the site will not let me log in again without clearing my cookies and restarting my browser. Maybe the site can develop some way of clearing user history after a long period of inactivity to allow students to log back in in case something happens.

I like Blackboard! It helps me stay organized!

Please make it mandatory for professors post grades online. If this were to happen, students can double check to ensure professors and inputting the correct grades into the system as well as calculate their grades with more ease.

nothing else to say

Q15: Programming projects.

Many teachers rely too heavily on Blackboard, and are shocked and left stranded when it goes down when students are supposed to submit papers or whatnot.

Also, I have trouble logging in from Firefox occasionally; it simply loops around trying to connect.

needs a more simplified, user-friendly interface that's easier to navigate.

Increasing server reliability is crucial for blackboard's success.

Blackboard works pretty well, inclusion of more documents to supplement learning would be great!

The enrollment for class/ courses improvement, i have problems in this area only registering for class! everything else is fairly okay!!

Having classes on Blackboard is a great idea, but it only works if instructors actually make their classes available on Blackboard, and the vast majority are not. I've had an average of two classes per semester on Blackboard, out 12–18 credits per semester. Not every class needs it, of course, but the 24-hour availability of course materials and announcements all in one place online is handy.

Blackboard needs to be more reliable. When professors have assignments posted on blackboard or an assignment turn-in available on blackboard, but the site goes down, it can become a disaster. It's basically a running joke around students in my classes that blackboard is pretty much the most unreliable part about classes. Also, blackboard has become so bloated with additional features that it can be hard to find what you want. The interface is pretty old and dated, but has been crammed full of unused applications and features. Also, most of the additional stuff is so poorly implemented that no professor would even want to use it. Blackboard needs a lot of work, there is no denying it.

Sometimes when the site isn't working I have to go onto google to get to the site. It takes awhile, but sometimes I can access that way. Most of the time it works well with little problems.

for question 12 I would have chosen all of the above. blackboard has given me nothing but heartache. I think the concept is nice, you know access to documents, emails of other students and so on. But it never works so what's the point.

I'd like emails to be automatically sent to me when a new grade has been posted in one of my courses on Blackboard. It'd be a nice feature.

No comments.

Require all professors to use

Ques #7: Getting access to past grades from blackboard classes to verify grade discrepancy is MOST IMPORTANT!! Ques #8: Blackboard DOES NOT give access to grades from previous semester causing drop in grade level.

Good job!!

My major complaint about BB is in the Group pages discussion boards. Finding and posting to the message threads is very confusing and time consuming. You have to put in a date range to see the messages, the term "message status" is not at all clear. Also, the distinction between save and submit is not clear. For instance, the first time I posted an assignment I found out much later that the assignment was never posted because I had only clicked saved and not submit.

hi.

It happens quite often that you cannot access black board due to some security that you can't get by at all. You then have to wait a couple of hours, and try again. I don't understand why it happens. Mostly happens when using Safari, but also when using firefox.

Black board is a great learning tool. However I don't believe it still has a lot of kinks that need to be worked out.

The loop error when the login authentication process fails, and the "Redirecting" page is constantly refreshed w/ constant clicking sounds, is annoying. Versus other "MyPage" web applications this one is aesthetically solid, but performs much slower than others. Also, some better navigation links would help, many of the available buttons on the left pane I never use.

n/a

Blackboard is very helpful, but not very reliable. I sometimes wonder if I'll be able to do the things I need to because blackboard might be down that day.

Blackboard has spurts of ineffectiveness such as crashing; this can be difficult for students and teachers to deal with.

Blackboard is a good idea, but as a software engineer and web designer I can't get past the fact that it's a very poorly written piece of software, rendering it nearly unusable.

Blackboard is an excellent tool for students and teachers. Please do not remove it or make any drastic changes to the way it works.

i suggest a cleaner/more modern looking layout. buttons are very bland. maybe tech it up a bit to make this more appealing to use.

No additional comments

Please give tutorial for learning blackboard better.

Some times, when I am using my laptop in the library or my room, the blackboard services are unavailable past the login screen, as a message will continually prompt for the user to continue, but will not actually load my blackboard page. Please fix this problem as soon as you can locate it. Thanks.

Login is often frustrating because it flashes and doesn't work and then you have to completely close your browser!

the security loop on Blackboard is completely obnoxious. I understand that it's going over a third party server, and I tell the computer that 7 times, and it still tells me that my security is not going to be absolute. I JUST WANT TO SEE MY GRADES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!! Please fix this.

#12 the professor in my other class did not use Blackboard to post grades, only to post class lectures (in powerpoint) and a few announcements.

#8 I don't know that I really see many disadvantages.

#7 There were no others, but I couldn't leave this blank and still submit.

I feel blackboard is very beneficial in learning. It is very organized and makes it easy to find anything needed in a class.

N/A

Classes taught totally online for undergraduate classes is not a good idea (especially first year introductory courses).

It really helps to be able to print off the powerpoint lectures so that we can take notes on them during class.

I would hope to see that blackboard will work more effectively in the future in the area of being able to actually get onto blackboard. I find it very difficult to complete and find assignments via blackboard when the system does not allow me to log into it because of the incredibly slow server.

Blackboard makes life more difficult. I appreciate that I can download course documents and access e-mail addresses for others in class, but its design and functionality are so backward, unintuitive, and unreliable that it's become a burden on me as a student and as a TA. Why can't we have WebCT?

The grades portion is not as useful as it can be. Doesn't reflect how the course grades so even though there are numbers showing, it still doesn't tell you what you've actually got. Blackboard is ,sometimes, very slow and Logging in is almost impossible especially when one has a quiz due and you have to turn it in online before 11.59pm. Thanks It has it's good and bad points. However, I feel if a professor expects us to use Blackboard to get course materials and complete assignments, it should be their responsibility to post grades in a timely manner! As a single mother of three, on scholarship, I cannot afford surprises. It is a pet peeve of mine. Good for the professors that they have advanced degrees, but I think they

are on a power kick when they play mind games by not posting grades. After all, I'm busy too, but I turn in assignments on time!

I can't think of any improvements to Bb. I think it's a great tool. I wish all of my instructors would use it completely and effectively. However, when they do use it, it is very helpful.

One of the most needed improvements which probably has been brought to Blackboards attention, is support for the Linux operating system. There are many problems when trying to upload files from linux which shouldn't happen.

I guess my only complaint about OIT Labs is that you have to be in the labs to do some HW, since you can't download the necessary program (for free).

Instructors need to use Blackboard more, for the students' sake. Grades should be posted for all classes (throughout the semester for each assignment) and announcements pertaining to a course too. Basically as it is right now most of the Instructors I've had thus far (I'm a senior) have not made use of Blackboard or have only sporadically made use of the site (only a select few features).

You need to keep it active overnight when many students are working and trying to submit things. Biggest problem most students have is the reliability of it. I understand that maintenance will need to be done semi-regularly, but maybe it could be scheduled at a time that fewer students will be using it.

Too often the login process results in a loop which doesn't allow me to enter blackboard. I believe this has to do with my authenticated sessions or my cache, because every time i clear my history and cache I can access blackboard. If there was some way to improve this, that would be fantastic, because i don't like clearing all my history.

the display at login is really stupid. all i need to see when i first log in i my courses, and underneath their titles, the assignments. all the different columns and extra information scattered all over the place makes using blackboard an annoying experience.

occasionally when i select the icon to proceed to blackboard, i am met with a webpage that constantly loads and reloads and i am unable to login. i will then log out of myumbc and re-enter my login information and sometimes it works but sometimes it doesn't. it's very frustrating as this has happened on a once a week basis, especially in the beginning of the semester.

some instructors prefer not to use blackboard but their own website instead. i wish that there were some consistency, simply because i can't always remember the web address.

n/a Blackboard is pretty amazing, just make the server more reliable! make it compatible for all web users. The only disadvantage of Bb is being on the computer too long causing eye problems, and headache. I understand its not just from Bb but generally speaking relying on computer has 'side effects'. It's more convenient for teachers than students. When I put other that meant I had never used it.

I think that blackboard is a very effective tool for learning, especially for quizzes and announcements. Now that I've completed this survey, please go to www.srtclan.tk and post comments about how the site can be improved as well. Thank you!

I use a macbook as my primary computer for accessing blackboard. My primary browser is Firefox. Randomly after logging into blackboard I get a security warning that will not go away. I click continue time and time again, but it does nothing. I have to clear the cookies in the browser in order for blackboard to finish loading.

I don't like using BB because most of the time it is not working. This almost always happens at the time that I need to access it the most. no

Blackboard is not much of a learning tool, it is more of a tool to get additional information about the course, such as documents, and discussion questions. It's hard to take a class through blackboard. Not effective. I have an extremely hard time getting this site to work, I have only been able to access this site maybe 3 times directly through myumbc this entire semester. When I click on the link it goes in an infinite loop and the only way to access it is to go directly to the site and I still have to go through multiple steps to log in.

It ok, very helpful ,I love it.

undefined In the computing labs, specifically in the engineering building, when a student log in with their umbc account it will tell them there are too many files in the "my documents" folder on C:\.

I've checked all files hidden and unhidden and I cannot find what it is talking about. It keeps me logged in until I delete them so I end up having to manually shut off the computer.

That is not so much a blackboard issue as it is a computing lab issue.

The blackboard quizzes are fine but instructors will often hide which questions the students got wrong and just give a final fraction of

correct/incorrect. If the quiz is over 20 questions, it is really difficult to find which ones are incorrect and learn from the quiz. It's counterintuitive and it is not an effective learning tool.

This doesn't mean it should give the answers to the incorrect questions. It should just highlight them so the student can understand which of the questions need more thought.

none I think that all professors should be required to post information on blackboard. Blackboard is very important to me, because I can see before hand what my next topic would be before I go to class. I find it very helpful. It would be EXTREMELY helpful if blackboard allowed and encouraged teachers to have material posted to a publically viewable web page. This would allow students to get documents using methods other than normal browsing, lists of documents could be easily presented with direct download without logging in. Additionally, it would allow one to bookmark the website with all of the documents.

It's un-necessary for re-distribution of public documents to be password protected.

The course documents tab is good, but if un-necessary, it would be good if it could be circumvented.

It would be great if more professors, other than the science dept realized Bb is a real benefit to students.

good

Blackboard is the least reliable website I have ever used. It is broken more than half the time. When I try to log on, a security warning keeps popping up over and over again. Even after the regular scheduled maintenance, the website is still broken in the afternoon. It is very frustrating.

I am not a big fan of Bb at all. It really sucks to be in a class where the teacher is really into using blackboard. They put everything on the site and don't pass out any papers or any like physical course material. I think that makes the class so much more difficult. If I don't do well in that class Bb is the thing I blame for it. It is kind of cool and everything but I think it is unnecessarily complicated. The disadvantage to using Blackboard is that it is not totally reliable. It freezes and does not load pages 100% of the time which ends up messing up quizzes and discussion board postings. It becomes more of a hassle than just emailing someone. Blackboard is a great tool, but please fix the following. They are frustrating as hell... 1. Reliance on Java Applets. On some computers I use, Java does not work very well. Blackboard crashes my browser.

Seriously, TURN OFF THE JAVA if you can. There are AJAX scripts that work better and faster.

2. The infinite login-loop. It is obnoxious, and requires me to close my browser and clear cookies. I tend to have many tabs open... I don't usually shutdown my computer, I put it to sleep. This kills blackboard login for me.

3. HTTPS! I want my login data to be encrypted, as well as grades, etc.

Question 7 "other" great for being able to get study question ect. from lecture classes.

Question 8 "other" blackboard is horridly slow on laptop computers for some reason... this should be fixed ASAP because tons of students use laptops as his or her main computer. No other websites are slower on laptops than desktops so why should this one be?

Students should be able to use programs, like SPSS, at home. Thank you If I want myUMBC to remember me in between visits have blackboard remember me as well - I feel like a fool when one site remembers me and I click a link and I have to type in my password again. Make it mandatory that all Professors/instructors regularly update Blackboard w/ their class lectures/notes, emails & grades. I have an English Professor who has never updated his Blackboard data. I have not clue what my grade is in his class. i think blackboard just needs to be more efficient, sometimes it goes very slow. and sometimes things are hard to find, but maybe that depends more on the teacher. I think blackboard overall is doing a better job than previously. The only thing that they could change though is the availability during weekends and certain times. I think that it should be available 24/7. Also, when my internet explorer is open for a whole day and I try to logon to my BB it does not want to open it keeps trying and trying by itself so I have to open up another window not even a new tab. Maybe I should try opening it with firefox or something else but I still think that it should be able to work regardless of what I am using. I think blackboard is sometimes unreliable, because sometimes they have constant technical problems.

Blackboard isn't always reliable when it comes to signing in. It's sometimes 'down'. This doesn't help when I need to check for an assignment or whatever.

na Blackboard is nice. It does need to have a better GUI face. It often takes a great deal of time to just learn how to use the functions and how it works. It sucks when some teachers use it and some don't. It is hard to remember how functions work or operate.

Work on server reliability AND server performance. Blackboard really needs to get it's stuff together.

8. Too slow, too many error messages

The advantages of using blackboard let you organize everything in one site, and you have access to all.

#8 relies on myumbc which can be temperamental

#15 keep ECS 114 lab running correctly. Some computers don't have mice and some computers are stuck on blue screen like loading personal, saving settings, etc.

Using the posting function is a bit cumbersome and confusing at times.

The server reliability is horrible. It always fails at the most critical times. The integration of something like blackboard should be nearly transparent.

The server performance is pretty poor.

I don't ever get help for blackboard, where is that option on question 13?

I think the e-mail interface is pretty horrible. Sending the first e-mail from the BB email interface is ok. But the problem is replying to everyone in response e-mails, its impossible to do so in any e-mail client. You have to go through blackboard to create a new email just to reply. I often found myself searching the UMBC directory for e-mail addresses for people that I wanted to email from BB just so I could "reply to all" later messages from a mail client.

I mostly like to use blackboard as a gateway to access general information on all of my classes, like grades, assignments, and syllabus.

Please fix the infinite loop on login that requires clearing of browser cookies to fix. This is very annoying and happens all the time. (Its not just me, I have seen it happen to many many people.)

The only problems that I encountered were with some of my PSYC labs, the concept launches periodically didn't load properly. I had more success using Firefox than IE, but still had trouble loading some of the material. I use Safari as my browser and at times I find it difficult to log into Blackboard. This Professors should stop being so technology-based in their courses because it is inconvenient, especially when assignments get changed last minute, instead of keeping to the syllabus. Also, it is better when assignments are paper-based because it prevents me from

not being able to complete an assignment due to technological malfunctions. n/a The biggest problem I had with Blackboard this semester was the reliability of the server. Turn-it-in had multiple hiccups, much to the frustration of one of my professors in particular, which affected due dates for assignments, among other things.

There were also several times when the Blackboard server was not functioning at all; two of these incidences resulted in my missing online assignment deadlines in the language course that I took this semester.

Blackboard also froze up during my oral midterm exam for HEBR101, and this was a major problem since my professor was using Blackboard in the IMC (International Media Center) to record our oral examinations. My recording was completely lost; fortunately my teacher was merciful and she did not make me redo the oral exam; she graded me on how she remembered my performance. I know that others who were waiting to do their exams after me had their schedules upset by this particular incident as well.

Blackboard is overall a useful tool, but many professors simply do not utilize it. Some, like Dr. Laurie (HIST303) or Dr. Moses (HEBR101), put in a lot of extra time to make materials, grades, recordings, etc. available, but others only use the Syllabus feature, which is a bit useful if you happen to lose your hard copy, but otherwise it really doesn't do anything for you.

If Blackboard were more reliable and if more professors utilized it, it could potentially become a very useful tool for students.

everything is simply perfect I sometimes have login trouble with getting into blackboard because of issues with the server. Overall, I feel Blackboard has a lot of useful tools, and I rely on it a lot to obtain course documents and check grades on my assignments.

Nothing N/A

Biggest disadvantage of using Blackboard is reliability. Once I was taking a quiz (actual quiz, not practice quiz) and it would consistently shut down on me. The 'time limit' of the quiz kept ticking and the server kept shutting down so often, I literally answered 4 questions out of 15. Obviously, I failed the quiz, and what's worse is, the Professor replied by saying "I'm sorry, but I can't help you on that, go look for OIT personnel and see if they can help you out." (I'm assuming that is what professor/faculty staffs respond is to be like?) Well, when I went to the OIT personnel they replied by stating "We don't have permission to unlock the quiz". So in the end, the person that had to pay and get the damage for Blackboard's unreliability was me. This is my first year in UMBC, and I

am very dissapointed on how bad the reliability of Blackboard is. Considering there are actual (graded) quiz, test, and report, that are very vital part class, there are no excuses for having poorly prepared staffs who does not know what to do when server shuts down. It is very common to hear other students complain about Blackboard. There needs to be an affirmative action toward this issue, and I hope that some 'mishap' issue like mine does not happen again next semester.

I seem to have a forever looping login after I try to login. It never goes to the front page of BB and it's very frustrating if I'm trying to get quick access to something and it just never lets me into the page. Professors just don't know what advantages are if they really understand how to use blackboard. They don't so I don't really think blackboard helps student a lot. You guys should train professors more, or make using blackboard easier. As you know, studying is so hard even for people who have PhD. Blackboard is so unreliable. It seemed throughout the semester that whenever I needed it the most, I wouldn't be able to log in.

I like using blackboard, its very helpful

I don't have any real problems with Blackboard. It's a great tool and when the professors use it properly, the benefits are superb, however it is very disappointing to see many professors poorly using Blackboard, or not using it at all; they should be obligated to do so it only benefits the student. N/A When there are problems with Blackboard affecting a large number of UMBC users, professors should be notified that there was a problem during a specific time period in case there are students who missed an assignment deadline because of the problem.

I recently purchased an Ipod touch which has similar web access to the iphone. When I try to load PDF files from blackboard, only the first page is displayed. It seems to be an issue with the fact that blackboard loads the file within its frames, instead of loading in a new window. It would be great to fix this problem so that I can view these documents on my handheld device, as that is the main reason I purchased it.

I also think that it would be great to see a myumbc and blackboard site that is designed for mobile devices as more and more people are using them for quick access to school materials and such as opposed to lugging around a laptop.

Connection is too slow Making a link to Blackboard directly from UMBC's webmail would be very convenient.

Blackboard is hardly ever up and running, and when it is it never lets me log into my courses. This is really infuriating because I have some classes where Blackboard participation is necessary for my grade, but how am I

supposed to get a fair grade on that sort of thing if the damned thing never wants to work? The interface is also extremely chunky and very confusing. I say we just chuck the whole thing. Everyone hates Blackboard.

Question 8: Sometimes Blackboard will not open up after I log into it. It seems to get stuck. All faculty need to learn how to use Blackboard effectively. The worst parts of Blackboard are constantly having to open it in a new window to get past the security loop or whatever it is. And secondly when Bb goes down, it just about impossible to get anything done for classes.

First off, Disadvantages to blackboard in my experience would be communications programs have always been touchy, from chats not loading properly through some java error to discussion boards only allowed to be opened in one firefox tab at a time (subsequent tabs show a blank discussion board limiting access to one topic at a time).

As for OIT computer labs, Access to Specialized software can be an issue, although programs like Matlab are conveniently located on all computers (at least as far as I have seen), other specialized programs like Autocad can only be accessed from specific labs that are either locked outside of class or are running on computers with network problems such that profiles are not recognized by Autocad thus rendering it unusable.

Similarly with Audio/Visual editing, most computers tend to slow down when they start working on hefty data crunching and before even getting there, due to the extremely small size of disk quota allotted to each student, the size limit is often easily surpassed before even processing that data (which means constant dialogue box notifications popping up and inability to save information on the network.)

If one thing were to be done to greatly improve lab performance and experience, it would be to double the quota (at least for all technical and computer based student) and to stop the backing up of files then hiding them in corners of ones profile. This stores unneeded info that takes up space and is difficult to remove without both directly searching for and using the OITCleaner program from an ssh. -- For instance, I have deleted files to make space and to my knowledge they are gone, but in other spots in hidden files and folders are backups of those files taking up space that are not cleared on logout.

i noticed that their is no way for people using laptops to print through their laptop.. or at least i don't know how. if there was a way for people to send a file to print through the network with their laptop and pay for it at the library or imc it would be great.

Keep up the good work! I wish all of my classes used blackboard for the sake of convenience For the disadvantage of blackboard. Sometimes when I login I get box saying "Although this page is encrypted, the information you have entered is to be sent over an unencrypted connection and could easily be read by a third party. Are you sure you want to continue sending this information?" Then you can choose "continue" or "cancel". No matter which option you choose, the same message comes up again, or it will say "redirecting" but it never redirects. So i have to either wait like 30 minutes or switch over to internet explorer. I normally only get this message in Firefox. Disadvantages of Blackboard: it's sometimes impossible to log in without reopening the browser.

- 1.) blackboard isn't mobile browser friendly
- 2.) it isn't up 24/7 as promised, and there are instances where the system is slow, acts "dumb" and unresponsive
- 3.) some instructors (exp of smaller classes) don't use it to its full advantage and things don't get posted when they should (i.e. grades, handouts)
- 4.) if i login from myUMBC, i can access blackboard without logging in again, but if i do the vice versa, i have to login twice... same with webmail, etc

In general, it doesn't seem that UMBC uses Blackboard to its full potential, nor does it seem to be well understood. When it is utilized, there are often many problems with the site (goes off-line without explanation, doesn't display quizzes properly [timers in particular tend not to be displayed], staff recommendations for fixing problems don't work.) Blackboard is a great resource and could be used more effectively at UMBC--maybe more hybrid or semi-hybrid courses? Courses conducted fully-online would also let Blackboard be used better. I am very grateful to have Blackboard as a place to communicate with my professors and view my grades.

when it takes forever to load the lecture slides or even a simple document. Only draw back of Blackboard at UMBC is that not all professors are using it. It is so much harder to miss an assignment when professors use the system regularly and we, the students learn how to get all the information on Blackboard. I personally get very frustrated with one of my professors who decide to use Blackboard once in the blue moon and blames the students for not checking it regularly. Like most students in this campus, I have work and deal with family when I'm not in school. Why can't he understand that? When logging on, the site sometimes gets filled with glitches that are not resolved unless a certain

order or going back and logging in and logging out is executed. The only thing that really irritates me about blackboard is that sometimes it messes my entire internet up and I have to restart my computer to fix it. I talked to one of my roommates and she says it does the same thing to her internet and the only way to fix it is to restart the computer.

Blackboard is great because I can look at my course info at my time, when it is convenient for me. Additionally, I can do it all from the comfort of my home, on my couch, or wherever I have a computer with internet access. This semester it has been way more reliable than previous semesters. If only it is possible to view previous semester's blackboards (such as the old posted lecture notes, old exam grades, etc) that would be very convenient Blackboard crashes in Firefox when running the Adblock Plus extension while loading text input boxes/discussion forms. just don't have all assignments needing the use of blackboard.

Blackboard is a great resource and though sometimes Blackboard has its issues, it can't be ignored that the overall performance out-weighs the minimal problems. OIT is doing a great job and I wouldn't expect anything less. Teachers need to learn about Blackboards advantages because many professors do not feel that they would benefit from its use. Also several professors have stated that they do not know if the material they have posted for students is accessible. For administration provide a "student view" of Blackboard for the professor.

For some classes it helps because the teachers update grades and stuff but a lot of teachers don't do that.

Its a very effective tool. The only thing is that the back and forward web browser buttons usually don't function with blackboard (an error page usually comes up) You just have to get used to navigating blackboard using the red tabs.

undefined Overall, Blackboard has all of the necessary features and professors use them well. The site, however, is very poorly coded. I am often unable to log into the site without first clearing cookies. I have noticed many layout errors in the site as well. One example is maximizing the list of threads in a discussion board. Submitting a post after doing so returns you to the thread list with the thread list illegibly layered over other text. Also, the reliance on the presence of Java on the client machine for chats, ect. is a poor choice. Several students in my Spanish class have experienced issues with this since few other sites require Java nowadays.

I first used Blackboard four years ago in high school, and I regret to say that since then it has not improved at all. It is disappointing that a product purchased by so many schools is so poorly written and tested.

All faculty should be trained in using the blackboard site (all should use to post our grades), one teacher was new and did not know how to use it and I had one teacher who was not new that refused to use it. Biggest problem with Blackboard is that it is extremely unreliable. I was unable to take this survey for about a week because the link on the myBlackboard home page was inoperable – it wasn't until the announcement came out that I was able to get to the survey. Also, it always seems to be down when I need it the most, i.e., when I have an assignment I need to check. The servers should be able to handle usage at peak times (usually around midnight, M–W–F), and they are not. Tools frequently do not work and the navigation is very difficult at times. Were it not for the fact that several of my assignments have been conducted through Blackboard, I would not use the site at all due to the inaccessibility of the program.

BlackBoard is nice but it tends to mess up a lot, especially on Internet Explorer.

I'd suggest that teacher's not be allowed to use Blackboard as a teaching tool whatsoever, it should be relegated strictly to grades, posting assignments, and communication either with other classmates or with the professor on assignments.

In terms of 'other' important factors. Blackboard is too time consuming. finding things can be ridiculous because our professors put documents and assignments wherever they want, there's too many options for them. To keep it simple for them and us there should be a specific location to post assignments, docs etc and no wild goose hunts

The biggest disadvantage for using blackboard is that I am not guaranteed to get on when I plan on doing my work at sometimes 2 and 3am.

It should be free of charge for printing school materials in the computer lab!!

Like I stated above, UMBC should require all professors to use Blackboard. It is not an effective learning tool if some semesters I don't even have a class on it. At the very least students need to be able to access their syllabus 24/7, a couple of pieces of paper can't be expected to make it through 3 months of going to and from class especially for those who commute.

I would also like to be able to find students in my class if I have missed a lecture. Some professors are of the mind-set that if a student misses

class it is their responsibility to get the information they missed from another student. That's all fine and dandy, but if I want to find out what I missed before I go to the next class, how am I supposed to contact a student whom I've never talked to before?

Finally, it would be nice to be able to see all of my grades for my classes. Some professors don't hand back grades until the end of the semester and students are completely surprised. It would make it easier on the students and professors if everyone just used blackboard for this purpose.

I'm satisfied with blackboard and especially myUMBC for it's combined integration of blackboard and webmail. Not all teachers use blackboard. Only one of my professors used it last semester. FYI, don't switch the rankings in questions 7 and 15 – it may confuse your results for those not paying attention (which undergraduates are prone to do).

You are welcome
I wish all my professors would start using blackboard
My professor finds it to be useful in terms of cheating or copying someone's work but in general i would not have any use for it. My professor helped me with logging into it. The advantage in using blackboard is the feed back you get from other students in the discussion board. I had trouble with reply because it did not allow much space and I had to keep retying my reply several times before i realized why this was happening. I also did not know how i could erase my reply after pressing submit several times to finally get it to respond. Once it submit, it was replied like 10 times. It can not be erased. The looping to get the server to come up was long at times. Those were the disadvantages of using the board. free printing at least a limit! like 100 free pages per semester

Pay before printing is not all that good to me, and besides the amount is too much for students that do so many research!

Question 8) disadvantage: If you're logged into blackboard for a certain amount of time, blackboard will become unavailable. It attempts to load various times, but the only solution is to use a different browser or restart the computer. This is inconvenient. They should have email notifications of announcements in blackboard.

I think UMBC OIT has done an excellent job [user friendly and works]. The only problem with blackboard is that too many professors do not use it. The discussion board and practice exams/quizzes are extremely helpful and are rarely used. none Just that professor learn to take Blackboard as seriously as we are required to.

main problem is professors all have their own way of running blackboard and it gets confusing and cluttered

Sometimes the blackboard server is down and I am not able to log on that is really inconvenient.

Make it faster

The older, tenured professors do not utilize blackboard for various reasons, the loop issue is a fix that needs to happen and has been known for over 2 years. Computing services as a whole have been all right, aside the downtime for resnet at 1am every morning, but once you replace the faulty hardware, hopefully that will be fine. Although I will not be here for it, I expect the option for a student to no longer be behind a firewall will prove rather useful to many students. I'm not a fan of blackboard. Its too time consuming. When I go to school, I don't feel like coming home and doing more work online. Blackboard is very very unstable and unreliable. It actually crashed while I was taking this survey. I've actually dropped a class because the teacher required so much work to be done on blackboard and I'm not willing to put my grade at risk on a website that isn't dependable or stable as it has crashed on me the day before a test or when taking an online quiz.

Please fix the looping! Sometimes I can't log into Blackboard without refreshing my whole browser, or even using a different browser! I don't know if it matters, but I have a Mac and I primarily use Firefox. n/a My only problem is that a few times I couldn't finish my online quizzes because Bb had loading problems. Sometimes it is slow, but overall, it is OK. I use the internet in the main street lounge daily, it never works

For mozilla, when clicking on the blackboard link from myUmbc, it comes up with a message window which asks if you would like to continue or cancel. If you have been in a window for too long, it won't let you log into blackboard but just puts you in a continuous loop with the window. Its very annoying; you have to close down the whole window, including any other tabs you have open. Very unreliable, buggy. Constant error messages preventing me from connecting. Many others have this same problem.

It is down way too often and only when I desperately need it. Something should be done about that.

The option to display only some of the courses you are enrolled in does not work. I go in and choose not to display some of them and then when I log in the next time they are displayed in myBlackboard. Blackboard usually works well, but there are times when it does not load properly. Overall it is a good tool to review classes and grades. Blackboard is generally a good tool, but sometimes it lags and it is not responsive or too busy. Question 12: Other: I'm in a liberal arts major and it seems like Blackboard doesn't get used as often or as effectively by our departments

as it does by my friends in the sciences. Even if there is a course on blackboard it normally only has grades and class documents posted. If it's going to be a useful tool for communication then people actually have to use it. I would never go through blackboard to get in touch with someone. The test would already be over by the time I got a response. ? there is always some problem with the cookie and you have to delete it before you can get to blackboard

I like blackboard for submitting assignments and getting information out, however, I had to learn about it from other students because the teachers didn't tell us too much about it or use all the links they could use for the courses. none Overall BB is a very effective tool. The only down side is when the Professor is unorganized or unfamiliar with the tool, making the use of the BB more of a nightmare & hinderance than an effective tool. Its pretty good, I just wished it worked all the time and wasn't down when I need it most. This goes out to all the professors. L2Blackboard please!

I sometimes have problems logging into from myumbc. I have to go to the blackboard and it logs me out and then logs me back in, this seems a bit backwards. I am using a MAC I am not sure if that makes any different.

Also, my prof has complained about how hard it is to enter 80 student's grades into Blackboard, making it hard for me to get my grades. Maybe there is a way to make this less painful for him so I can get grades at a faster rate?

Ok a few things I'd like to say:

First the a big disadvantage of blackboard is that when it is down, we are in trouble. Some of my classes relied heavily on BB and the 2 times it was down, were when I needed to get important documents.

A suggestion for changing BB would be to some how figure out a way for professors to edit the "grading" page. And by that I mean, allow them to post a small paragraph about the posted grades. For example, in my CHEM101 class, at the end of the semester, I had to go back and forth between the grades pages and a document my professor had on BB to compute my grade. Just above the grades it would have been nice if the professor could have posted "Your quizzes count for xx%, your test count for etc..."

Or an even better idea would be to allow the grading system split up into different sections. Like have one section labeled Tests. So lets say I have 3 tests, there would be a grid for them. Then an open space then on to the next sections like quizzes or projects.

Those things would make a big difference for me as a student who is trying to calculate a grade.

Thanks for the great software though.

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It should be required to have grades uploaded and all courses active on it. I find it rather annoying that a teacher activates a site and then only adds the syllabus to it. On a plus side I hate logging into blackboard unless I want to check my grades or anything like that so I can deal with out it but its when you get the one professor who makes you use it that it is annoying. It is good to find other students e-mail addresses in your class though.