SP2007 Blackboard Student Survey

Attempts: 1125 (Total of 1441 attempts for this assessment)

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

Full-time Undergraduate student                     90.133%
Part-Time Undergraduate student                    9.333%
Unanswered                                         0.356%

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

As a faculty member teaching a course.              0.178%
As a student in a Blackboard class site.            98.133%
As a teaching assistant of a Blackboard class site. 0.267%
As a member of a Blackboard organization or community site. 0.356%
As a manager of a Blackboard organization or community site. 0.444%
Unanswered                                         0.622%

Question 3
How do you normally log into Blackboard? (B)

Through myUMBC?                                     88.978%
Directly at http://www.umbc.edu/blackboard or http://blackboard.umbc.edu. 10.133%
Unanswered                                         0.889%

Question 4
Which browser do you use most often? (B)

Internet Explorer                                    50.222%
Mozilla Firefox                                      42.844%
Safari                                               5.6%
Opera                                                0.711%
Unanswered                                           0.622%

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

As a supplement to a face-to-face course              69.6%
Questions:

**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, sound/video files, etc.): 88.178%
- Announcements: 76.533%
- Email: 54.311%
- Discussion Boards: 54.4%
- Chat: 8.622%
- Groups: 16.267%
- Assignment Upload for papers/projects: 44.089%
- Turnitin Assignment Upload: 25.156%
- Wikis: 2.311%
- Blogs: 1.956%
- Wimba Voice Tools: 2.756%
- Pronto: 0%
- Blackboard Backpack: 0.978%

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

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Question 8
What do you consider to disadvantages of using Blackboard? (B)

- Reliance on technology 56.8%
- Learning curve to becoming proficient in the use of it 11.911%
- Learning environment too impersonal 14.933%
- It's too time consuming 13.511%

Other (Please describe in the last question) 13.511%

Question 9
My professors are effectively using Blackboard in the following ways: (S)

User & Document Management

* Password-protected class & group space 58.844%
* Upload or copy/paste documents (expiration)

Communications & Interactivity

* Announcement
* Email, messages
* Discussion & Chat 79.644%

Assessment & Grades

* Electronic assignment delivery & collection
* Quizzing, Surveys
* Grade book 87.733%

Question 10
How would you rate your professors' overall use of Blackboard? (S)

- Outstanding 18.844%
- Good 58.222%
- Fair 18.844%
- Poor 3.022%
- Unanswered 1.067%

Question 11
What do you think is the single most needed improvement about the administration of Blackboard? (B)
Login 5.867%
Enrollment into Blackboard course and community sites 6.489%
Server reliability 37.956%
Student training and support 4.622%
Faculty training and support 9.778%
Performance (e.g., "slowness, error messages, looping") 26.756%
Other (Please describe in the last question) 3.556%
Unanswered 4.978%

Question 12
Overall, how would you rate the effectiveness of Blackboard as a learning tool? (B)

Very good 44.533%
It's okay 49.333%
Not very effective 5.156%
Unanswered 0.978%

Question 13
If you could pick one professor who uses Blackboard really well, who would it be and why? (B)

Dr. Warren Belasco, because he posts announcements regularly and encourages group discussion on the boards. He allows students to post their own threads. He also links a lot of helpful articles that we can use for assignments.

Dr. Parker’s GES 332 course. He set up discussion boards for individual groups in a class simulation, has posted a great number of readings on Blackboard, has the syllabus and other important course documents posted, and uses the Announcements feature pretty well.

Laura Stapleton for PSYC-331 (Experimental Psychology), she uses it for every announcement students could possibly need, always posts grades on time, and every document we need is available on BB.

Darpan Parikh because he puts everything that we need on BB, and effectively uses the announcements to let us know about it; also he has discussion boards set up for posting material, and uses it for posting our grades as well.

Lili Cui. She not only posts the lecture notes before class so they are able to be read and printed out but she also posts homework to be done on blackboard where you can then discuss problems with the homework on the discussion board with other students and even herself.

Dr. Sokolove because he posts up grades, announcements, and encourages use of the discussion boards.

Dr. Clayton Laurie--all documents needed for the class can be found pretty easily, as well as additional resources.
Dr. Anderson, of the physics Department.
He is usually really good about posting up the lecture notes early enough that we can print them out for class.

Professor Froide because she is consistent in putting up necessary material (i.e. reading for class discussion, etc) and does a great job of updating it consistently. When I was confused on how to view things in class via BB, she gave thorough directions. Props to her!

Professor Morris because she is knowledgable about all of Blackboard and effectively uses every aspect.

Catania

Dr. Todd Eberly because he keeps everything up to date with useful announcements and reminders. Also posts grades quickly and is very organized.

Ms. Susan Mitchell, she customizes the site to her needs and effectively utilizes all aspects of the system.

Bob Smith. He posts practice exams and all class slides. It's very easy to navigate and very nice to have.

Gisela Granena, my Spanish professor. There are so many assignments in our Spanish course, and without Blackboard, it would truly be impossible to keep track of my grade in the course. In fact, just today I was raving about how much I appreciate Blackboard and my three professors who use it (Granena, Orgelfinger, and North-Coleman).

Dr. MacLennan - he posted grades quickly, assignments, etc.

Caruso from Biol 302L, all materials are updated and posted immediately. grades are fairly prompt

Dr. Bouton, because he posts everything we need in a timely manner and it's easy to find. We also use it weekly for discussion board postings, and he frequently updates grades.

Dan Sheckells because he utilized all resources on blackboard to maximize our learning experience. (SCI 100)

Both Dr. Laurie and Dr. Simpson (history). They do not use blackboard for inane assignments and time-consuming blurbs. Rather, they post important documents throughout the year, ensuring that all students have constant and inexpensive access to important course material.

Dr. Anderson,

He actually keeps grades up to date on it and makes announces using it. Makes it really easy for students to keep track of what is going on in the class.
Professor Dana Smith from IS 295 uses Blackboard really well because all assignments and class updates are posted on blackboard.

The professor who taught child development first semester from 10:00 to 11:15 AM. She had everyone do discussions postings for each exam which was counted as a grade as well as allowing for students to be required to post their thoughts and question about a relevant subject.

Professor Clayton Laurie

king meadows. uses it often and well for quizzes, assignment upload, and grade tracking. keeps it consistent and reliable.

Dr. Choi, He has assignments, and most of his lectures. but you still ahve to attend to get the complete description of how to do problems therefor you cant skip the clas sbut can go back and get hte majority of the notes.

I have only had one professor this semester using Blackboard and my experience has not been very good. Some assignments do not appear, and when they eventually do, it throws off when the assignments are then due. Feedback from past assignments is minimal via Blackboard...professor does make himself available on campus but I work 60+ hours per week and campus is 30 minutes from my house so it is VERY difficult for me to make it there. More feedback would be good. Grades don't get posted...I am still missing grades from early March.

Dr. Phil Sokolove, Biology 100

Dr. Clayton Laurie; I always know where I stand in the class and he's easy to reach when i have questions, and he always makes announcements when stuff is due. no other teacher's use of blackboard comes anywhere near as effective as he uses it.

Dr. Sokolove-- because he posts things very fast. He encourages people to go to blackboard for discussion more than other professors.

All my professors uses blackboard very well.

ALL

I guess Hamilton because we do get our grades.

Dr. Lindenmyer because she always updates the site.

Dr. Laurie,

While most professors use Blackboard to post announcements, grades, and some course documents. Dr Laurie does all these things and post a lot of extra content, pertaining to the course as well. He posts websites and articles for the interest of the student.

Kathleen Walsh. She is always prompt in posting course documents, updating grades, and posting announcements. If I ever need a questions answered or need to look back at something, I can count on BlackBoard because I know that she is constantly updating it.
Dr. Carpenter uses Bb really well. He updates quickly and efficiently.

Professor Sokolove because he makes use of a lot of features of BB ranging from discussion boards to posting exam keys and other important documents such as study guides. His BB is regularly updated with grades (exams, quizzes, and cps) and he seems to constantly monitor the discussion boards in case there is a topic that students are having difficulty with. Overall, his extensive use of BB helped a lot with my grade and my ability to follow the material in his classes.

I only take one class with two professors, Dr. Craig and Dr. Rosenberg, who both use it well.

Dr. Claassen
She utilizes the site for grade book purposes, powerpoints, announcements, extra credit activities, discussion, and in many other ways. She does it much more than other professors and is very organized about it.

Dr. Zupan uses blackboard really well because he utilizes more of the functions than most other professors.

Professor Meringolo because she constantly uses the many features of blackboard such as gradebook and posting documents which makes things easier on the students. All my teachers use it in different ways and all are good. Dr. Baker uses it the most for group work and posting information, Dr. Stapleton uses it the most for quizzes and posting information. I suppose Dr. Stapleton is better at it because she uses it more, posts more, but also she has two TA’s helping her.

Dan Sheckells, We are able to look up anything we need for class and easily communicate with him and other students through the discussion board.

Dr. Sokolove because he always posts announcements and documents such as study questions and lecture outlines. It is very helpful.

Dr. Spence because she posts just about everything you could need, and has open discussion boards where she, the TA’s and other students answer questions.

Professor Oskoz, a Spanish teacher. Always posts announcements about class and quizzes and always posts grades quickly too.

Mr. Robert Smith who taught IS300 because all materials were updated regularly and promptly.

Chemistry.. Mark Perks. He always posts reliably and makes everything clear that can possibly be made clear on Blackboard.

No one, I have yet to see a professor use all the important functionality efficiently and effectively... Overall my professors have SOME good uses but none are overall good with Blackboard.

Eg: Posting Updates/changes to syllabus.
Posting all class materials in correct category Couse Doc. Course Assignment.
FEW Opening discussion section so we can chat with classmates about topics.
Updating grade information...

Dr. OBrien, my psyc100 professor. She made she we understood how everything worked within the first week of class and provided us with a way to contact the TA’s for help if we had any problems. She also provides us with online quizzes/test, exams, and course material that is very beneficial when it comes to taking exams and reviewing course material.
Dr. Carpenter, because she has the entire course planned out well and divided into categories with lots of practice quizzes.

My Statistics teacher because she always posts the homework and announcements on it.

Dr. Stapleton.

Prof. Benson at ENGL 243 and Prof. Davis at EDU 299

Daniel Sheckells

he post answer students’ question thought discussion board and email very quick, post comments and announcements very often, post materials and useful links regularly.

make good use to blackboard site

Dr. Tara S. Carpenter, she has uploaded a lot of usefull material, ie. pratice tests, answer keys and other info. She is always posting updates for the class on blackboard.

Karin Readel because she includes everything (materials, the syllabus, etc.) that we need and she posts frequent announcements.

Anne Spence, because in our class she has a lot of course documents and lectures posted on blackboard. If they were given out in paper form they would probably get lost. All of her course content is easy to find and navigate. She also posts our grades and etc. Thus, blackboard becomes a great organizational tool.

I think students use it more because most of my professors do not use blackboard

Mr. Sandoz. Everything talked about in class can be found on blackboard and the material is up to date. Assignments can be turned in at any time, day or night, in a certain timeframe.

Dr. Sokolove because he uses it for everything, and really integrates his class into using Blackboard well. He posts lecture slides, has review questions, extra learning resources, extra credit, answers any student questions on the discussion board daily, and makes announcements from the site.

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very simply to use and well organized
Professor Gary Burt uses Blackboard on a daily basis because he teaches CMSC through blackboard. He always has the assignments posted on time and uses the announcements to remind us of tests or projects that are due that week.

Don Killgallon of the English department utilizes almost all aspects of the Blackboard website, so I guess that would be using it really well.

Professor Lili Cui. She uses all parts of the Blackboard to its maximum. She uses the Web Assign to do homework. Encourages the students in using the discussion board to help each other. Posts grades, assignments, lecture notes and past exams. Asks for students’ suggestion and questions through the discussion board.

it would be Dasgupta, N because she posts all the handouts and the material that she covers in class so it easy for us to be prepared for class. she is very prompt with this stuff.

solokave who teaches bio 101 is good because he is always on there

Dan Schekells - Sci 100

He uses all of the tools and communicates well through Blackboard

None that I can think of.

I would vote for someone, but not many teachers use the blackboard gradebook routinely. If this feature was used more often, it would really be helpful in determining placement of the class.

psokalove

Dr. Socolove because if one can not make it to class, all the information is on blackboard. He conveniently posts taped class lectures online. He also posts study questions, grades, and extra worksheets on blackboard.

Warwick

Professor Granena from my Spanish class. We use both the chat and the discussion board which I find to be an interesting supplement to class. There are many practice papers and links to help me with my Spanish when I'm not in class. My grades are always posted so I have an easy time knowing where I stand in that class at all times.

Mr. Sandoz - he is the best at using it effectively and quickly

Dr. Sokolove: He encourages all 300 or so of his students to participate in blackboard discussion and somehow finds time to respond to almost everyone or reinforce other students' assumptions in a timely manner.

Dr. Bush, The Chemistry professor, because he always post his lecture and note on the blackboard and look very organized. also, there is "movie" that we see on the lecture is always up.
Chris Swan from the Environmental systems department. He uses Bb quite often, and is familiar with how to properly post assignments and grades.

Dr. Catania- knows everything about it, uses it extensively to enhance teaching and makes it much more convenient to turn in assignments and provide effective feedback.

Dan Scheckells, because he posts lots of information about the course and the guidelines to assignments.

All of the professors I have had have used it very well.

Dr. Phillip Sokolove uses blackboard very efficiently to encourage students to discuss class topics at any time. He also posts grades on blackboard, as well as announcements.

Dr. Huang

Dan Snyder, because everything is on there.

Professor Sheckells because he uses nearly every single aspect of it, helps students know how to use it, knows how to use it very well, and makes it very applicable to our course.

Professor Richards, who teaches Spanish, uses blackboard very well. My grades are posted fairly quickly and I can see what I have in the class as soon as it's updated. The Spanish chats and discussion boards we do for the class are easy to get to, and in the beginning of the semester she took us to a language lab and showed us how to do it. I use blackboard most for that class than any other class.

Dan Scheckells, because he uses it for so many different projects.

Professor Read because she posts test dates and scores on blackboard as well as past lecture notes which really help if I missed something in class.

Dr. Chris Swan

Professor Campbell, he puts all of our course documents and notes on the page and posts announcements for the class as needed.

Trela - he posts all lecture notes online and posts related reading material

Professor Cui takes advantage of the positive aspects of blackboard, and allows students to communicate with her and with each other more efficiently through the usage of discussion boards and announcements. Class documents/resources and assignments are also readily accessible on blackboard.

Dr. Schumacher in Sociology / Health Administration. His course material is always available, he fully utilizes all the capabilities that the program has to offer.

Clayton Laurie. He uses the site to direct us not only to important class info but also to post extra info just for fun. He uses it for grades, uploads documents, etc. Unlike some
other teachers, he is the first to post grades and sends e-mails frequently to remind us of
upcoming activities.

I would pick my GEO prof. Neff. He always updates grades quickly. utilizes the quiz
option on blackboard by having review quizzes. He also has notes and notices to
changed dates and always lets the student know how he/she can improve.

Dr. James Trela uses Blackboard well by posting grades in a timelv fashion as well as
posting supplemental documents for our Socy 101 course

Dr. Spence because she puts almost everything that we learn in class up there and she
puts all our grades in as well.

Dr. Bouton in the history department. He uses it to post grades which is always a good
thing and as a place to make announcements about class cancelations and other things
we may need to know about. Plus he also just plain seemed to know what he was
doing. He also required us to do assignments that we were to post in the discussion
board which was easy to do instead of having a hard copy to turn in.

One professor who uses Blackboard really well is Sandra Danna. We meet in class once
a week and blackboard is her primary source of communication. Logging into
Blackboard at least a couple times daily is necessary to keep up with new assignments,
documents, and announcements. Part of our grade is also dependent on interaction
between us and other classmates. We can track our grades easily due to her timely
posting of them on Blackboard. She makes Blackboard personable and she doesn't
seem distant at all. She is Blackboard happy...

Professor Benson - Eng 243
She uses blackboard regularly as a communication tool providing the students with up to
date information and announcements. Also, she uses the discussion board for group
presentations, and writing assignments which allows the student to complete
assignments when the time is right for them.

well, so far, I would have to say dr. cui because everyone from her class is off of
blackboard, whether is it notes for the next class's notes or homework. and I think that
she does a good job of keeping things up to date

Dr. Walsh from the social work department because she has documents and grades
available on blackboard but she does not make it so that we are fully relying on that site.
If something were to go wrong with the site, she would have everything under control.

Lili Cui, because she makes everything a student could possibly need available online.

Dr. O'Brian, She uses it very well!

Dr. Laura Stapleton - keeps students abreast of new developments in class, always
posts relevant announcements, encouraging students to ask questions of herself and
other students using Blackboard, posts quizzes and study guides, etc.

Dr. Hanson- Animal Physiology, update regularly and everything (docs/assignments/etc)
is easily found.
I don't have any students who use Blackboard well.

Dr. Anderson.

Dr. Jaime MacLennen, SOCY 300: uses Blackboard effectively for announcements, course documents, and grades.

Amy Everhart

Spanish Classes utilize Blackboard the most. The utilize the discussion board and chat room features more than other classes I have taken.

Otherwise Terry Bouton is a good example. He uses Blackboard appropriately buy posting the syllabus and grades. Weekly papers are submitted through Blackboard and a virtual study hall has been set up for exam questions and exchanging class notes.

Dr. Zupan because he takes full advantage of it with grade postings, power point presentations, and electronic homework

I would say that Professor Sullivan does use it the best. She has many tabs and tools and also uploads our grades on a daily basis which I like.

Phillip Sokolove uses Blackboard every chance he gets and it really helps the students know what is going on in the class. He posts as soon as he adds something new to the course (such as announcements, documents, etc.) He also uses the discussion board very well and answers student's questions all the time.

Professor Stapleton. I don't use blackboard that much but when i do, i can always log on and find out what's going on in class. And she posts her lectures before hand as well as the quizzes and a multifarious of practice materials. I think out of every instructor that i have had, she uses blackboard the best. And no i'm not saying this just to suck up!

Prof. Laura Staplelton. She always manages to keep us updated on announcements, quizzes, grades, and other information. She updates it regularly so our information is always current.

Katherine Morris, because Blackboard does not give an individual limited resources, It is a serves as a great source of any class material a student is in need of. This professor understands that thorough this media students will be able to visit and revisit the black board for maximum support and understanding of the course material. It is really helpful and it would be right if all professors could do the same.

Dr. Geirasch

She has the course syllabus, homework, grades, and many other important announcements posted timely.

no one becaus they don't put themselves in the students position.
Dr. Sokolove seems to use most of Blackboards tools very well. This use of a variety of tools lends itself to ensuring that different teaching styles are used to cater to different learning styles.

Lili Cui, Physics 112. She uses BB as an instrumental part of the course. Everything is posted on it including HW, Notes, and Discussion Board.

Professor Eileen O'Brien: Psychology 100 is set up to use the psychology labs online.

My Span101 professor Violeta Laura Columbo. Grades are posted here promptly. All homework announcements are on blackboard as well as documents for the class. One thing that Prof. Columbo does better than my other professors who use blackboard is that she accompanies each document posting with an announcement telling which folder to find it in. I find this very helpful.

dont know

Kathleen Walsh. She posts grades effectively and quickly, as well as her class lectures and any other handouts she gives in class.

Provine uses Blackboard well. Grades are posted in a timely manner. He also uses it to post weekly assignments and announcements about upcoming exams.

Dr. Fox she really utilizes the site and it makes it very easy to identify what assignments are due and when they are due. I think she uses ti really well

It would be Miss Brese because she makes everything easier for us.

Professor Wiechelt-- She keeps the grades up to date and puts up all assignments in a timely manner.
professor zhu puts all her notes and announcements well in advance

No one

Christopher Swan. It makes his classes very organized and gives opportunities for extra points and all of the course work is there.

tara carpenter because she is hard working

Prof. Don Killgallon because he gives quizzes and there are class assignments on blackboard. During class, he lets us post our responses to questions and that way everyone can see what the other students have written and we are able to discuss our responses.

Dr. Zhu, post everything very well, all notes and grades are posted

Dr. Carpenter because she uses it effectively, in an easy to use fashion and with all of the information necessary for the class.

Dr. John Nelson - I took an online class with him and he made full use of the tools available on BB.
I think that my current Spanish teacher, Violeta Columbo, uses blackboard extremely well. She always posts the homework, exercises and other notes on blackboard.

Sokolove. Makes use of discussion board and rewards online participation.

Susan Dwyer; steady updates and organized site.

Dr. Alonso uses Blackboard very well. She is my only professor who uses Blackboard. I like how she posts our lecture notes on Blackboard so we can print them out, and bring them to class.

Professor Sullivan because she keeps everything up to date every week!

Dr. Mary Fox, Psychology, uses Blackboard really well. She posts everything, updates daily, etc.

Professor Ramirez who teaches Spanish 201 uses it pretty well...we have a lot of assignments through blackboard as well as posted grades
Mrs. Everhart uses blackboard really well. She posts assignments in a timely manner and keeps our grades updated on a regular basis.

Violeta Colombo because she will post documents right after class giving the student the opportunity to study whenever they have time. Also she posts learning activities to better help understand the content discussed in class.

Dr. Carpenter, because she continuously posts frequent announcements and documents to help students in the class. She seems to use Blackboard very effectively.

Professor Tara Carpenter, because she continually uploads material and consistently uploads course documents upon request.

Professor Sokolove because he responds to everything almost immediately and posts documents online all the time.

It would be Professor Howard Smead because he has a grasp on how to use it he posts everything relevant to our class on Blackboard.

Music professor of Jazz 214: Goldstein

Spanish professors

I just like Professors who use it to quickly post grades.

Dr. Ibrahim Assakaaf uploads all of his course assignments and lecture notes which makes the homework much easier.

Professor Stapleton uses all the features of Blackboard. She is one of the only professors who posts every grade in a reasonable amount of time.
She also used it to provide quizzes and course documents, along with taking advantage of the email and announcement section.

Dr. Franklin Cox, Our course was supplied with over a gig of information not needed in print but rather in PDF. Also constant quizzes and grades were posted on the Blackboard.

Lili Cui, physics professor, uses blackboard really well because she posts grades promptly, posts lecture notes giving ample time before class, allows students to work together via the discussion board, and posts announcements made in class. There is no excuse for anyone in her class to not be "in the know".

Dr. Carpenter is good at using Blackboard. She posts the documents and grades promptly and correctly. She also puts useful links and such on her site as well.

Dr. Tara Carpenter, uses blackboard well from using it as a means of announcing any changes and keeping the students informed to encouraging participation in chats to help peers solve problems.

Dr. Tara Carpenter.

She uploads quickly and everything we need, document wise (ex. notes, test answers, etc.), is available and accessible.

Dr. Perks, because he posted everything clearly on the blackboard and he knows how to deal with technology very well.

Dr O'Brian , psych 100

Plenty of online practice quizzes. All grades posted. Professor Rubin--because everything we need for her history class is on blackboard aside from lecture notes (although she does post outlines).

Sokolove is the only professor I've ever had that uses BB.

My History of Rock and Roll teacher uses the documents area to post a lot of extra course related courses and uses blackboard to keep me updated on grades.

Dr. Sokolove. He uses it often and efficiently.

Professor Vicki Williams. Dr. Williams uses the blackboard to supplement what we do in class. I've loved all of the assignments online b/c it really applies what we learned in class to real-world situations. For example, we designed a classroom using the theories and techniques we learned in class. That allowed us to apply what we learned in a creative and fun way. As a commuter, I really appreciate that a portion of the course is online.

James Trela because he puts the powerpoint slides online before class so that you can print them out and focus more on the lecture during class rather than focusing on copying down the powerpoint really fast. He also posts our grades up as soon as he receives them, gives us updatds, and posts readings to read that may help us on the next exam.
Dr. Sokolove
Biology 100

He seems to utilize all of the available tools and resources that are available on Blackboard.

Professor Claassen,
she posts up her lectures, as well as some supplemental information,
she also uses file exchange.

Prof. King, professor use turn-in. And accepts essays on the web.
tate redding - always up to date with course material and grades

Matthias Gobbert, uses Blackboard for lecture content

Jari Villaneuava. He posts important sound and pdf files for our Music Ensembles. He also uses it for e-mails and announcements.

Professor Clayton Laurie

he knows how to use it and doesn't mess stuff up.

Dr. Irvine or Dr. Bush. Dr. Irvine posts things more rapidly, but they both frequently post announcements and grades when they occur.

This semester I would say Dr. Gregurick has done a good job using blackboard because she posts important information on announcements and course documents that if one misses a class would still know for the next class. as well she seems to answer student's questions on the discussion board in a very timely fashion.

Dr. Perks used it very well with his chem class. We were able to see old exams, recommended problems, answers to the problems, and helpful resources. We also did quizzes online through blackboard.
None. To me I see issues in all the ways my professors use blackboard. If I had to pick one from this semester I would pick Professor Sokolove, or

Professor Tracy. They both fairly and effectively use blackboard.

Dr. Sheckles because he is always uploading announcements and reminding his students when things are due.

I would have to chose Dr. Monica Randall, the professor for POLI 250. She uses Blackboard most effectively because she enters all necessary info for students from the beginning of the semester. She enters slides the night of class so that you can follow along as she discusses them. She enters grades quickly. Everything is well thought out. She enters pertinent information in several sites on the board. I wish all my other
professors and instructors sis the same. Of the six classes I have this semester two instructors do not use Blackboard and it has proven to be a handicap when we have had to do group assignments, when we want to know our grades, getting notes, etc. I really think it should be mandatory that all professors and instructors register their classes on Blackboard and use it so students can at the very least get in touch with one another and have ready access to the syllabus in the event they lose their own.

Dr. Fox, professor in psychology. She always had our assignments up before hand, everything we needed in the course was on black board. She was perfect with black board, always had our grades up, could always submit assignments online, excellent use of blackboard.

Dr. Andrew Miller uses Blackboard fairly well. Assignments are all turned in here, and he keeps all slide shows and handouts from class online, as well as the class syllabus. He also is efficient in getting grades posted to Blackboard gradebook.

Professor Holton in the English Department, as she is always very up to date with it and puts extra reading materials on it.

Dr. Steele, because unlike most professors he doesn't just sue it to post grades and the course syllabus, he also post videos and extra articles relevant to the course content.

Monica, Spanish 102 (M/W 4-5:15), uses Blackboard well and alot. We do chats that are required and also discussion boards. She posts grades on blackboard also, which is really beneficial and I appreciate it. Homework is posted when class is cancelled. Very helpful.

mr. sandoz...
Elisabeth Arevalo-Guerrero utilizes most of the functions of the Blackboard site for her classes, she is great with responding promptly to messages and posts through the discussion boards, and she is adept at using most of the resources. Overall, a very trained professor in using Blackboard, and effective as well.

Professor Glynn because the grades are always posted up in a timely fashion and so are the discussion boards also

Dr. Lili Cui, physics 112. She has us do our homework online 3 times a week and has the discussion board for students to discuss the homework. The online homework always works and I have never had a problem with it. She also always has grades posted, lecture slides available, talks to us on discussion board, and has updated announcements.

Dr. Boutan, because you are not rilant upon using blackboard to pass the course, it is for supplamental information only.

Professor Forestiere because I took a hybрид course with her and everything was available on blackboard and the grades were posted on time. She was one of the few professors I've had who actually uses blackboard to post grades.

Lili Cui for Physics. Really helps when submitting homeworks and during discussions relating to homework problems.
Aamir, Noorudin

The professor(s) who are best at Blackboard, would have to be my education professors. They are the most reliable about posting grades.

Professor Chaimaikan

Dr. Greg

Seth Messinger in teaching Anth318 utilizes Blackboard well and often. He often sends the class emails through Blackboard, and he has posted the syllabus and other necessary class related documents on Blackboard.

Professor Devries,

All assignments and grades are posted on a regular basis and she knows how to get around the site rather quickly to post and collect assignments

Dr. Schultz

Lord; he frequently posts exam materials

Karin Readel and the Sci 100 team (Josh Jones and Melissa Amor)

They’re really helpful and have our grades online fast and can be reached if we need them (quite quickly)

Professor Seaman (IS 125). All assignments, grades, and in class examples are posted on it.

anderson always uses it and everything is on there

The professors of CMSC 421 (at least last semester). They used Blackboard minimally. If I remember, they only used it for the discussion board feature, and all lecture notes were placed online, available to the students without all the excessive crap that logging into Blackboard involves.

Yael Moses uses blackboard very effectively. She always posts things in a timely manner and she doesn’t rely on it 100% since she understands its failiability.

Prof Lidenmayer. she is great because she posts all our grades and class materials on blackboard.

Dr. Shekells

Eileen O’Brien. The practice tests and grades she posts are very helpful. She has a quick response time to emails and she puts useful information into announcements.

Clayton Laurie- He posts regular announcements and stays on top of grades. He posts a lot of useful links as well as documents to compliment lectures. He also encourages use
of group pages for discussing group projects. He encourages us to check Blackboard daily for any updates. He posts all power point presentations. It would be dan sheckells, because he uses it no matter what, he is upfront about his use of the blackboard. Other teachers are sometimey with their use of blackboard which makes it a useless tool.

Marcia Croteau
Dr. Sokolove because he posts all of his announcements and puts handout up there regularly to view. He also encourages using the discussion board which none of my other teachers encourage. Grades are posted very quickly which also is a fault of most of my other teachers.

Dr. Marc Zupan is a very proficient user of Blackboard. First, he posts important documents such as the course syllabus, lecture notes, and other supplemental items. He also uploads laboratory data so that the class has easy access to it. Second, he regularly uses the group email feature to send announcements and updates to the class. Third, he makes use of the online-quiz feature. Fourth, he uses Blackboard to post assignment grades.

Stephen Freeland. Uses it as a perfect supplement. No BS. Just what you need on blackboard.

Anne Spence, she posts everything

Dr. Laurie -

He posts lots of supplemental material that isn't required and thus doesn't overwhelm the students, but can definitely come in handy and is always really fascinating!

Dr. Anderson, Physics professor, because he makes all information about himself, the TA's the course work, and grades available through blackboard at any time. He also encourages forming study groups through blackboard.

Dr. Diane Alonso because she knows the system really well and is continually updating the course material as the semester goes along.

Dr. Lynn Sparling, physics dept.

She used all the document options as well as the grading options AND the discussion board for homework help and even physics jokes.

Matthias Gobbert. He absolutely loves it.

Dr. Tara Carpenter because she organizes all of her tabs neatly and posts items in the correct places.

Professor seamon keeps her blackboard updated with grades and assignments and sends announcements on a regular basis. Most professors don't update grades for entire semesters while others rely on blackboard too much. Prof. seamen uses it the best iv seen since comming to umbc
Guess that would have to be Karen Raedel because she's the only one of my professors who uses it for anything other than grade posting.

Joe Clark - Art325
ALWAYS updates and is very detailed on how to find what you need.

Professor Lil Cui

She posts and regularly updates

* lecture notes
* homework assignments
* announcements
* grades

and makes the discussion board available, which is great because her students get to learn from one another outside the class and communicate with classmates that they don't normally talk to.

Professors May and Rusinko (MLL) both use Blackboard really well for announcements and for posting assignments and grades

Professor Sokolove

Professor Chris Swan because he utilizes every tool in blackboard effectively.

Dr. Sokolove, he makes use of the discussion sections and announcements and blackboard each day.

Professor Lottes

Dr. Philip Sokolove

Mary Davis...she posts everything!!

Dr. Claassen because she puts everything on blackboard from lecture slides to grades and extra credit opportunities. She put everything up so all her students can see it.

My psychology professor, O'Brien; she posts everything the student needs to be successful in her course, such as practice quizzes, flash cards, helpful websites, announcements, and so forth.

Dr. Dickson in the Economics department utilizes every aspect of Blackboard. As does Dan Scheckells, who teaches Science 100.

none!!!

Robert Smith (IS 300)

Dr. Bush - uploads lecture notes, protein structures and other outside supplemental information to help students understand better.
Dr. Parker. He posts readings, writings and assignments, as well as class notes and documents.

Dr. Paul Smith used blackboard really well because he kept us updated if anything came up about class and provided practice exams, syllabus, and all other important documents.

Dr. Sandoz because he always posts lecture slides to BB before class which allows me to look over the material before hand and have a better understanding of it while he is lecturing.

Samantha Riley

Chris Swan - discussion board usage, storage of powerpoints, uploading of assignments

It would by my physics 111 teacher. she always updates her announcements and posts lecture notes on time. she also keeps grades posted on a regular basis. there is also a discussion board that she encourages students to make use of.

Dr. Lili Cui, because her blackboard content and assignments are very helpful.

Lindahl- he posts all the lectures, practice exams, and grades online.

Prof. Tracy. She always posts her lecture slides and problem sets on blackboard, as well as our grades and information that we need to know.

Both my Sociology professor and my First Year Seminar Professor because they post every grade we get on blackboard

Dr. Alonso uses blackboard in a effective manner to post our grades, test answers, to turn in papers, class notes, assignments and help info. for the class.

Karin Readel- everything is organized well and it is clearly expressed what is required on Blackboard.
The Chem team
Dr Gluick and Dr. Hanson

My CS/IT professors are great at using blackboard. Other ones don't seem to really care (and this pretty much causes me annoyances to say the least).

Example: professors that don't use blackboard, I don't like having to call their house # to ask questions. You would think in 2007 at least some non IS/IT professors would discover the wonders of blackboard.

Dr. Ana Prados- she puts the website for our homework, solutions to exams and problems from class, and announcements all on Blackboard

Sheckells, makes all of the course info available and utilizes weekly announcements really well.

Prof. Raouf in the Computer Science department very frequently visits Bb and responses to 99.9% of all questions asked by students on the Discussion Boards. This is
very helpful because it is like you can ask the professor (and everyone else in the class) a question at any time in the day.

Lili Cui!!! Physics 112.

She not only posts grades and announcements, but she gives us a chance to help each other through the discussion boards for homework and lab assignments. She uses all the available resources on blackboard to help us!

Dr. Carpenter
Dr. Lili Cui because she is the only professor who really uses blackboard. She uses most aspects of it, and uses it in a manner that supplements our class learning.

Lili Cui is a professor that uses blackboard really well. she is able to utilize all the different aspects of blackboard.

Holton, because she lets you see everything that you need to do even if you don't have to do it for awhile.

Dr. Tara Carpenter

Dana Smith because she posts all slides and assignments on Blackboard and we submit our homework assignments and projects through Blackboard and see the grades posted soon after.

Dr. Carpenter utilizes Blackboard to post numerous documents, announcements, assignments, etc. to aid in the learning of the material she teaches in class.

I think professor Cui, my physics professor uses blackboard really well this semester. She always has announcements up, updating lecture outlines, putting up exam/quiz/hmwk keys right away, and is constantly checking the discussion boards to help with questions. Everything on blackboard is organized and easy to navigate.

I do not have any particular opinions on individuals using blackboard. The professor would be Dr. Hanson because he makes life a lot easier by posting his lecture outlines online.

Prof. Carpenter because she actually makes use of many of the functions offered by Blackboard.

Dr. Sokolove

He frequently keeps updates and students in synchony. There is a real connection to lecture and supplements posted in blackboard that greatly assists in studying for course.

Dr. Cui, because anything important, she posts on blackboard, she encourages us to use the discussion board, which has been very helpful for me.

Dr. Bediako...He keeps it simple. Just uses it for quizzes and outlines.

sarah lander...she keeps everything up to date and has our current grade percent
When I need to login on the weekend the sometime it is down. Our professors ask us to submit papers through blackboard.

I only have one professor; therefore, Mr. Golstein does use it quite well. He post grades in a timely fashion, and he posts the syllabus, announcements, reading and listening assignments, "mock" tests, vocabulary, etc. I extremely pleased with his use of Blackboard.

Dr. Sokolove his class almost revolves around cps.

Amir Noorodin. He posts everything we do in class on the black board so that just in case I missed something in class I can easily catch up.

Professor Neff (GES) because he puts up slides, course documents, grades, and quizzes promptly. Most of my other professors don't put stuff up until weeks later.

Professor Linda Benson because she posts up all assignment with their due date, announces when and where exams will be, informs the class of any times she may be absent or late to class, participates in the discussion boards by giving the students feedback, and responds to emails.

I would have to choose Jeff Martens, he uses it alot but not too extensively that it is a catastrophe when the server is down.

Professor Sokolove. He puts in a lot of course content, he frequently makes announcements, he promotes active discussion boards and the use of groups. His T.A.s also use it for content and group messages. He is very active in using Blackboard and it is a big part of his class.

your mom

Dr. Irivine...

elements/ powerpoints/ worked out problems

Dr. Sokolove really embaraces technology as a teaching tool

Professor K. Morris uses BB very well, because she keeps all information up to date. Meaning, that anytime I want to know my grade or if there is a new reading assignment, I can trust her to post it. She also allows us the flexibility of turning in an assignment online.

Professor Carpenter

nobody

Dr. Lilly Cui (Physics)

Probably Dr. Bush, because all of his slides are up on Blackboard like clockwork, it's very helpful. I really appreciated it.

Lili Cui
She actively participates in discussions on blackboard and constantly monitors the site. Everything I need to access for Physics 112 can be found on Bb.

Phillip Sokolove. He provides all the information we need, and even lets us know when to check blackboard.

n/a

Dr. Sokolove because he actually spends the time with students to go over how to use blackboard and he himself has gone over it and has learned how to effectively use the website. He doesn't rely on blackboard solely but instead uses it in conjunction with class activities. It allows for shy students to still be active and get participation points without having to speak up in front of hundreds of students.

None. I only have one professor who has used Blackboard so far as this is my first semester at UMBC.

Dr Alonso, because she provides all course information on blackboard and keeps it updated regularly.

Out of my professors I would have to say that Adriana Val uses it the best, just for the simple fact that she posts our grades and assignments on there, while some of my teachers only do one or the other.
mary fox-psychology, 324- she uses it well because it is used often, updates grades very well and keeps up with the maintaing documents well

o'brien

Prof. Kriste Lindenmeyer. No questions. Not only is her syllabus on blackboard, but she has a very explicit on what we will be working on next week and links and place where we can research before coming into class. she also uses online quizes, and discussion boards, and posting assinments online.

In addition, she is the best professor UMBC has.

herny emurian

None of my professors use Blackboard to it's true potential on any regular basis: ie, only some grades are posted, mostly it's just for lectures and powerpoints.

Dr. Dahlquist Psychology

She always kept everything up to date. She was very efficient when it comes to Bb.

Professor Wilkinson, who teaches ENGL 100 2001. She uses it for one aspect of the course, which is poetry. Each student posts once a week and other students can read one another's responses. She also posts examples of essays and different items we have discussed in the course.
Dr. Sokolove because he posts things almost everyday. He makes use of all the blackboard tools.

Professor DeVries. She keeps everything updated (mainly grades and assignments)

Professor Shawn Bediako

Mr. Sandoz. I like that we don't have to wait a week for our test grades, he has them uploaded the next day.

She taught PSYC 200 section 0201 in fall 2006. She was great but I don't remember her name

Professor Mark Perks CHEM 351 and CHEM 351L

Ms. Wilson in the Math Department. She is very prompt and organized. Dr. Anderson (PSYC), I suppose, since he's about the only professor I can think of who has, thus far, implemented it in such a way that it felt of importance and not simply tacked on as an informational node.

Mr. Jim Sandoz. He posts all our lectures usually the night before so we have a chance to print them out prior to class. He also add many documents that he believe will be helpful in our studies such as figure and animations. For lab we have to turn our assignments into to turnitin.com via blackboard. He is also very proficient in posting out grades.

Dr. Stephen Dean

He has a lot of supplemental information that would be impossible to distribute in class.

every professor have to use Blackboard, even if they dont want to, so no comments on this.

Kelley Engle for her proficient use in BB to get messages out to us and other items of concern. She uses it as a place to turn in homework and you always know where you stand with grades. There are also powerpoint presentations available for to us as well.

Carpenter uses blackboard very will, the grades are always posted and important announcements are always there.

Professor O'brein (psych 100) uses interactive learning, as well as pre/post tests

Professor Clayton Laurie:

He uploads all necessary documentation in a format that is easily visable. You are able to find everything he has ever handed out in class on Bb.

He posts our grades very quickly on Blackboard.
He makes sure everyone is able to post on the discussion board and it was useful for a group project we had.

All of his links are useful and actually work.

Prof. Morris-uses all aspects and encourages students too.

Colin Garvie and C. Allen Bush used Blackboard very well in Fall 06 CHEM 438. All course materials were available online and virtually all communications for the course were available on Blackboard in a timely manner.

More professors should make use of Blackboard to provide at least supplementary material for the course.

SPAN 201 professor Doug Glynn because he puts all the grades up and checks the message boards.

Professor Johnson in the history department is the only teacher I have that uses blackboard effectively. He posts power points and supplements to the lectures, as well as putting grades up as soon as they are available. None of my other teachers know how to use blackboard correctly.

Dr. TRACY.

UPDATES the board all the time

Dr. Eric Anderson of the Physics department.

- At the beginning of the semester, already has posted documents of syllabus, FAQs, notes for success in Physics, contact info and office hours for himself and the TAs
- Has a discussion board available
- Posts the reading assignments necessary for each class a good deal of time before the classes
- Posts old exams and solutions for review
- Posts powerpoint lectures for every class before the class takes place
- Posts grades promptly

Dina Glazer

There is no one in specific.

Professor Bush
he is very good about keeping the students updated on everything

Stapleton for Psychology 331 her and her teaching assistants make sure everything is on blackboard in an organized manner

Professor Clark
Only two of my professors use blackboard. One uses it exclusively to post documents for readings (to save paper). The other uses it for French Language activities, but doesn't seem to understand how it works too well himself and doesn't understand the extent of
the work he assigned on blackboard. In the past I've had blackboard work well for other classes.

Dr. Zhu 432L Professor. Posts everything up there which is very convientent

joe clark ...it is always updated

Professor Stapleton because she gets all of the assignments posted and updates any changes to the syllabus if there is one. And she is very helpful to her students as they may ask for help either through blackboard, e-mail, and/or in class. She is very concerned about her students wellbeing and overall one of the best professors I have had in my experiences in college.

This semester none of my professors used Blackboard well, the one class that used it at all it was used by TA's the professor never used it himself to my knowledge, and the TA's did not handle it well. The whole class has been completely dissorganized at best, so it isn't a big suprise that this aspect was poor as well.

Last semester was a different story. Laura Stapleton is one of the best teachers I have ever had overall, and the use of blackboard as a part of her psyc331 class fall of 06 was fantastic. Course documents including hundreds of pages of a course pack so we didn't have to buy it at the bookstore, used daily in class. She had online quizes with immediate feedback (immediate feedback is linked to higher accademic preformance), prompt grade posting, announcements, mass email notification, links to courses related information and tools on the web. Homework assignements were posted, and answers were online by the time we got out of class.

My Music 100 professor because I can check my grades and I can speak to classmates via e-mail outside of class.

Dr. Sokolove makes full use of blackboard in coordination of the type of class he teaches.

not sure.

Only had one. My french professor.

Emerion uses it extensively.. lots of info available but sometimes difficult to locate certain things

Dr. Anderson in Psychology from last semester because he made us do chapter tests which enforced the material.

none

This class had the best use of blackboard in any class so far, however i got tired of doing every problem on both paper as well as on blackboard.
Dr. O'Brien of the psychology department. She utilizes the abilities and features of blackboard more effectively than my other professors. Professor Tice because she always makes sure she gives us powerpoint presentation which helps me to learn.

All three of my teachers; Dr.Warwick, Dr.Stapleton, and Dr.Provine all use blackboard for each section. It's very beneficial to see grades, homework, and if you've missed anything in class Dr.Stapleton and Dr.Warwick's notes are posted as guide to what we've been over in class and what we should be reading. Many times I don't hear what Dr.Provine is saying nor do I interpret lessons the right way when in class and things in the book are slightly different from what he says they are, so it would be helpful to list things in class on blackboard.

The only professor I've had that seems to use it well and rely on it a lot is Karin Readel. I do not like how heavily she relies on it but with two lecture sections of about 100 people in SCI 100, I can't blame her for doing it. She uses it very well regardless of whether or not students like Bb itself. She responds quickly to posts on the discussion board and posts a lot of useful information for the course. It is beneficial in this class but not in many of the other classes.

Prof. Morris - she post lectures, readings and links in plenty of time to prepare for class. This semester (Sp 07), we also have a really good discussion board going and Prof. Morris will join in at times. Speaking for the other students, we appreciate her input!

Dr. Holton, posts grades and messages there. Uses it to upload assignments. Simple and effective.

I would chose Dr. Sokolove, because he places announcements regularly, uploads grades regularly, posts assignments and class notes regularly.

Tate Redding - IS Professor

He uses Blackboard to post practice exams, assignments, to make announcements, post grades, etc. He makes really good use of the site.

Dr. Carpentar because she keeps the students updated on everything. She uses it more than any professor i know of.

Dr. Freeman. I think it may be because he studies bioinformatics and likes computers, and is on them all the time. There was a quick turn around for discussion and email questions. My spanish professor uses the grading, announcements, and all other aspects of blackboard very well to keep the class up to date with information and material and with our grades.

I think they all know enough about blackboard and post the things I need. I don't go too in depth with it so all my profs knowledge of bb fit my needs. she divides the content easy and the buttons make sense.

prof. rabin. psyc 360, 356. he puts all of his lectures on Blackboard. Like that, students can always be prepared before the start of class.
Professor Sheckells, of SCI100; everything required for his class is there, easy to access, and he makes efficient use of all the available options (Turnitin.com links, group discussion boards, etc).

Laura Morenilla Fernandez. She uses more of the tools that Blackboard offers than any of my other professors.

Professor Gobbert in Math 221 - He used Blackboard a lot with online quizzes and grades, as well as lecture notes and videos, and forum / discussion board posts.

Ms. Amy Everhart uses Blackboard very effectively as she posts class slides and other information needed. Also all the grades are put on Blackboard for easy access.

Lili Cui. She utilizes all aspects of Blackboard and though it's mandatory to use in the class, it's not a hassle

Dr. Lili Cui

Professor Ana Prados, because she posts all grades on time, all her lecture slides and all important announcements on time.

Professor King AMST 222 always uses Blackboard for group activities, puts notes up. Media links and uses Turnitin. Takes advantage of all that Blackboard has to offer.

Mr. David Bourner because he tends to have a very organized Blackboard.

Dr. Miller he was really good at announcing things happening in class or outside class related to the study. Easy to find what I need (simply, well-organized)

Clayton Laurie. Over the semester he added many links and such for our class and extra support, etc.

Dr. Gierasch because she puts necessary and convenient info on it but doesn't overuse it.

Dr. Carpenter is the best but even she wasn't that great. Lecture slides were posted and our grades appeared within days. During exams, she would post the answer keys so by the time you got back to your room, you could calculate your own grade.

Tiffany Gierasch uses the Blackboard really well, because she posts what she discusses in class each time, puts up our grades fast and gives us many links for homework problems and other resources.

Dr. Socolove, my biology teacher from last semester used Blackboard very well. He posted any and all announcements, and enforced the use of the discussion board. He would only post exam questions online, and would post any extra help or note outlines for us on the course documents. After the tests, he would also post the answer key for our benefit, and post our test grades quite quickly online for us, so we always knew our grades. The syllabus was online also. So, if we every misplaced anything we had it right on Blackboard. We also could contact him, or any other student very easily through discussion board.
Jamie Maclenan

Dr. Sokolove who is a biology 100 professor.

Prof. Morris
I would select every professor for all of the classes I have taken because they have all been efficient with Blackboard.

Every professor I've had has neglected to post grades and it becomes very difficult to find out where I stand in the course when a professor neither does this nor does he or she return assignments in a timely fashion.

Dr. Rachel Brewster because she uploads our course documents on time.

Karin Readel. She encourages discussion and keeps things posted on a regular and effective basis. She even teaches her students how to use Blackboard well.

I don't know enough professors that use it to answer this question.

Professor Danika Rockett uses Blackboard well by posting (most) material and class notes. Professor Ramirez uses it very well to post grades. Other than that, I don't think that Blackboard is necessary.

N/A

Synder who teaches American Studies 100.

This class isn't a lecture but more like a discussion class. He would post up readings that you should read in order to complete the quiz the next class. He emails the class whenever there is a problem about the server or any change in assignment dates due to inclement weather, and etc.

Mr. Sandoz is the professor I choose because he is the only professor so far that put a link to turnitin.com directly onto the discussion board so we don't have to go to the website ourselves. He posts all of his lectures, sends emails, and places announcements onto his course site for everyone. He also monitors the discussion board so he can answer questions that couldn't be answered by other students. He's great!

Dr. Lindemeyer

Dr. Michael Johnson has great communication with students
Laura Morenilla, Span. because we have db assignments, chat assignments, grades posted and a syllabus to refer to.

Dr. E. Parker, Geography I am in his GEOG 332 course. He uses Blackboard as a supplement to the inclass course, where he can post additional readings or required readings that are supplementary to the textbooks. It was also helpful for communication in our group project.
Professor Nooruddin, because he puts all the information needed on blackboard and posts everything in a timely fashion. He communicates very well using blackboard by always posting announcements that pertain to the class.

I would have to pick Lili Cui because she knows what she is doing with it and she uses it like she has been working with the site for a number of years when in reality as far I know, she only completing her second year here. On the other i've seen a few professors that seem to not know to much about the site and they have been working with it for a longer period of time.

None of my professors use it well! They take forever to post stuff and when they do, something usually not right about it. Like, most of the time they don't put in the correct points or percentage amount because the total never adds up right. Most of my professors don't even use it all. I have 4 classes right now that I am taking and only 2 of them are on Blackboard. They need some training, they need to post stuff sooner, and they need to understand that we students need it!

Professor O'Brien used blackboard really well. You always knew where you stood grade wise in her classes.

Mr. James Sandoz; effectively uses the gradebook and document management, also makes uses the Discussion Board well for student interaction and learning (it really does help)

My microbiology professor, Mr. Sandoz, uses Blackboard really well. He makes use of the gradebook, discussion board, and announcements completely. He gets messages across to the class through this. He also wants us to post things lots of times on blackboard and sets up a discussion for us to post it in.

I would pick Dr. Lili Cui who teaches PHYS 111 & 112. She posts up every lecture slide, exam grade, announcements, and web assignments. I think she is a professor using blackboard very well.

Professor Litovich because she posts many course documents (power points, hand outs, directions for papers, etc), the syllabus, grades (which is one of my favorite feature of BB). Her use of BB is very helpful to students, but does not require us to do extra work (such as professors who require online discussions, which I have never found to be beneficial to my learning of course content).

Amy Everhart, because she is an Information Systems teacher, so she knows how to use the technology properly.

Professor Lindenmeyer because I like to keep track of my grades and I like seeing results of quizzes immediately. She makes good use of group discussions and being able to submit work via the blackboard. Professor Lindenmeyer also makes good use of identifications that are linked directly to historical data needed for reviewing for exams/
Dr. Sheckells uses Blackboard very well through use of online quizzes, grade posting, and a wealth of online material necessary for class as well as extra. The discussion board is also very useful and frequently visited by students and teachers.

Professor Katie Morris is quite successful and efficient using blackboard. We are given the option to hand in assignments on blackboard. She uses blackboard to send us announcements. We have a running discussion each week on the discussion board where we comment on each class, our upcoming interviews, assignments, or anything we have concerns about. She posts grades timely and makes follow-up comments on our assignments using blackboard. She posts all her lectures and notes on blackboard.

Spanish professors. Grades are posted often. well none of my professors post grades on a regular basis which would be preferable however my math150 professor Raji Bardwaj always posts review tests and homework problems and practice material which is really appreciated by most when it comes to exam time.

Dr. Perks

Professor Rubin. She made use of the Wiki for a class assignment and she has us use the discussion boards for class discussions. She also posts links up to all of her class materials.

Jacque Smith, he posts all the grades as soon as the scores are out so we could have an idea of how well we are doing. Overall, he communicates through BB very frequently. Lili Cui she uses all elements of blackboard to it's full capacity. they are all pretty okay users.

Dr. Stapleton, use to communicate with students very well

Dr. Carpenter

Professor Sokolove uses Blackboard for online discussions. I am able to login any time and find out what other students are thinking about the topics we are learning.

Dina Glazer. Because we do our homework through Blackboard and grading is immediate.

Dr. Stapleton, b/c she clearly states what is going to be up on black board and b/c she uses it so frequently for class all of the documents for class are here and accessible.

Did that make sense?

Dr. devin and professor engle, they are both very organize and everything for the class is there for their student.

Dr. Alsonso

Out all of the instructors, her use of the blackboard allow students to maximize the different options of the Blackboard system.
Dr. Spence of ENME 204. Uses every aspect of blackboard while at the same time not totally relying on technology.

Dr. Carpenter my Chemistry teacher uses it regularly and I truly appreciate knowing where I stand on a regular basis so I know what I need to do.

I have no suggestions for question 7.

I cant think of any disadvantages of question 8.

Dr. Laurie - we are required to use blackboard to access turnitin.com and we are also required to use blackboard to access supplementary course readings.

Professor Freiberg (Pscyh 100) has everything organized very well; there are tests for each chapter and practice tests and everything you need for remembering what you've read in the textbook. I hardly have to study when we have exams because I learn very efficiently the first time, through the way she has organized material on Blackboard. Blackboard is unreliable. Posting on the blogs takes roughly a half hour just to get a new post started. Often the whole site is down.

Dr Lili Cui because she checks on discussion board, she answers students questions, and she posts all of the students grades up to date.

Mr. Sandoz because he is practically my only teacher who uses it.

WHY PERKS OF COURSE!

Dr. Perks because he is the best teacher ever. Also Dr. Rama.

Dr. Menyuk

Philip Sokolove

Tiffany Gierasch, she's an excellent professor, and she uses blackboard very well.

Professor Neff because he clearly shows everything you need to know.

Dr. Randall, posts grades and syllabus and makes announcements.

Dr. Sokolove,

The discussion board is filled with students who interact and actively participate, and he really encourages all of us to use it. Also, he posts grades up there and announcements (he doesn't tell us all of the announcements in class so that we'll check blackboard more often. Also, he himself is a frequent user of blackboard. I know this because he comments student postings on the discussion board and he replies via e-mail in minutes.

Bradley and Lindahl use blackboard well. They post lecture notes and supplemental materials on blackboard regularly. They also use the announcement and grade tools on a regular basis. They keep the blackboard site easy to navigate and up to date.
Both of my current professor use Blackboard very effectively, with the posting of up-to-date grades, assignments that are due, practice questions for exams... Overall, I really enjoy using Blackboard, and it helps to be able to go back to information we went over in class, and reinforce it.

Dr. Lindhal and Dr. Bradley (both for Biol 302) use Blackboard really well because they always put up the lecture notes as well as practice exams on time for the different tests we have. Also, The TA for that class is good with responding on discussion boards. They also don't hesitate in sending mass emails to inform students of information.

Professor Harries.

He updated it within days..two days at the max and kept it accurate. Now, none of my teachers use it and I wish they would.

Not all teachers use blackboard to its full potential, but it can be a hassle. Dead lines become off times instead of class times.

Catania. Very integrated.

n/a

None they all seem so bad at blackboard it seems like I should be running the class cause I really understand how to use it and would make it a really good resource and tool, but most of em use it for putting up when things are due... and thats it or they decided to use there own webpage that does the same or less than blackboard.

Mr. James Sandoz

Having powepoint slides night before class have been extremely helpfull for note taking during class. He is very quick to answer emails, and seems to be very much in touch with and skilled with the tecnology. I am a returning student.. learning all this new computer stuff, and his consistent use of the site, and its availability from home , on line, has been great.

No one. I think this online system is very underused

Dr Alonso, keeps blackboard up to date and thouroughly utilizes the technology. She's been my only professor at UMBC to do so consistently, which is extremely helpful. I really wish that blackboard was mandatory for all professors. It would make life as a student much easier.

THANK YOU DR ALONSO!

Dr. Laurie uses blackboard best because he actually post stuff on it regularly. Most other teachers hardly use it other than to post stuff at spatial points over the semester. Dr. Laurie constantly updates it and even post extra material that relates to class and it was a helpful place to go to learn during our group projects to communicate about where to find good info for research.

N/A
It would be Dr. Stapleton because she uses a lot of aspects of the site. She also always makes sure that there are posts for any assignments that are due. She also will send out emails on top of her posts to let us know to go to blackboard and look into our assignments.

Dr. Bush because he regularly updates the contents.

Dr. Baker, she created group discussions on backboard where students can exchange ideas related to lecture topics.

Ms. Colleen, elc 041

Clayton Laurie because he knows a lot about blackboard and uses it well.

Dr. Groninger always has power point slides, rubrics, and many other things available for students to access at their leisure.

none

Phillip Sokolove—he checks it all the time, uses the discussion board regularly, posts grades religiously, and answers his students questions...

Dr. Lottes, because our grades are updated quickly and accurately.

Prof Olmand. Identical pdf representation of the powerpoint lecture presentations are uploaded so that the student can have 24/7 access to the material

Professor Eileen O’Brien because she constantly puts up announcements.

Field—he puts every handout on Blackboard, so if we miss a class or something we have it and can choose to print it out or not (saves paper); has helpful links; complete syllabus

Jessica Robin

Professor Mary Fox used blackboard effectively by sending the class timely updates, uploading supplementary material, providing access to quizzes that give instant feedback, keeping relatively up to date with assignment grades, and making frequent announcements to keep people informed of changes.

She basically stays involved with the online aspect of the course as much as she does with the in class aspect of the course. Most importantly, she knows how to use the technology.

don't know

Professor Holton, by far is the best professor at utilizing Blackboard. She is prompt and clear with her instructions and her feedback leaves nothing else to be desired. She posts grades daily which aids me greatly in determining my standings in the class. I have had teachers that post a few grades but then fail to upgrade them for the rest of the semester so the student is in the dark with an old grade with no idea as to what their current standing is. Professor Holton makes herself constantly available through blackboard and
email regarding grades, assignments, and discussions on upcoming paper topics. If all professors were as straightforward and consistent as Professor Holton, students would fair much better.

Dr. Provine because all of the announcements that he makes in class, he makes sure that he also posts it on Blackboard for those students who were unable to attend class.

Dr. Roy Meyers - posts syllabus as an html so you don't have to download it, makes use of the Wiki pages as well as discussion boards.

Dr Carpenter (Chem department) always posts announcements and information well in advance, and has also used Blackboard for electronic quizzing.

Dr. Carpenter and Allen Bell are two of my professors who use Blackboard well. Carpenter because she posts everything on blackboard- tests, quizes, grades, the syllabus. Bell makes excellent use of the discussion board in order to supplement a class that meets just once a week.

Professor Martens, very knowledgable in use

Well, I have only had 2 professors so far, and personally I feel that both are very efficient when it comes to using blackboard. What I'm saying is, because I myself am new to it all, I would not be able to rate these professors fairly since I have not had much exposure to blackboard and it is very new to me.

all of my professors.

Amy Everhart.

Prof. Miller

Mr. Sandoz, he uses it for presentations and for grades, and uses the discussion board to interact with the whole lecture hall of 187 students.

Dwyer because she has everything for her class on here.

Phill Sokolove.

Bradley and Lindahl for Genetics (Biology 302). They constantly update on any information necessary for class.

rob who teaches is300 is pretty good with blackboard. the most use i have gotten from bb has definately been from raouf's cs202 class. NOT because the man is useful, or a good teacher, but because the projects were so vague, ambiguous and poorly explained that the only way to figure out what was going on was to participate in the extensive conversations where all of the students were begging for clarity on what it is exactly that we were supposed to be doing.. and then asking why we were graded the way that we were. check the logs. the guy is useless.

Dr. Stapleton and her TA's. They are always updating information, and reply emails immediately.
Adalaine Holton uses Blackboard very effectively. We are able to look up our grades to see how we’re doing in the course, and she keeps us up to date with regular announcements.

Dr. Laurie takes the most advantage of all of Blackboard’s features. He posts lectures, useful links to offsite articles, grades, and turnitin assignments here.

Dr. Tara Carpenter because she posts grades, announcements, assignments, and study materials frequently and promptly promoting good learning and studying tool.

Zoe Warwick because she uploads her powerpoint before class for us to print out and use. Also she puts up our grades quickly.

Dr. Sokolove,

Because all the buttons under "course" on Blackboard are for his class and are really helpful. You have 90 percent of chance to fail if you do not check Blackboard often in this course.

My Physics professor, she keeps everything on Blackboard up-to-date.

Dr. Todd Eberly has effectively used Blackboard as a tool to facilitate communication and additional educational opportunities

Dr. McGuire

She utilized it well in a hybrid course. Our grades were updated almost immediately. Course materials were readily available.

My Spanish Teacher, Violeta Colombo. She uses all the aspects of Blackboard and it helps in class.

Dr. Bediako. He is posting assignments way in advance and always makes a comment on each thing being posted. He is prompt with posting grades and since Blackboard grades quizzes automatically, it is easy to see your current class standing.

O’Brien, E

Dr. Bayles

Everything that is needed for course material or to supplement the course is always posted on the Blackboard site in a timely manner.

Professor MORRIS

Marianna Litovich because she always has the overhead notes from class, additional readings, and grades posted.
I have never had a professor use blackboard all that well, though i guess A. Catiana used it well. He had practice quizzes, updated syllabi, always used the announcements to communicate with his class.

other than that, i can't think of anyone

Steele, Christopher - geography department

Dr. Dwyer for philosophy. She makes all the material available to you and is always accessible through email. Makes it possible to interact more with her and get extra help.

Dr. Lili Cui who taught me in Physic 112. She used blackboard for the homework, grading and a lot of materials such as lectures and graded exams/quizzes.

Profesor Val. -Spanish

She utilized most of blackboard by having us create our own personal pages. Most of the course content was on blackboard and any new things she posted in the announcements.

I like this because even though I went to class, If I missed a day or so I would be fine. Firstly because I would have the names of the other students. And secondly, because she would post an announcement if anything big happened that day.

Linda Baker. She always puts all announcements made in class on BB as soon as possible and makes sure to explain to us in class how to use and find everything we need.

Dr. Cui because she doesn't have many glitches and everything is up and in order in a timely manner.

Dr. Moffitt, keeps it interesting and involved, uses discussions, posts grades and everything from class that could be needed later

Dr. Williams.

She sets all of our assignments very clearly on black board and makes it easy to access them, and do the work online so we dont have to go to class for all of the writing assignments.

Lili Cui, Physics 112 Prof. She has a student discussion board that's very helpful and she can easily communicate with students also this way.

Eberly of Poli100, effecient use of Blackboard's abilities and the weaving of Blackboard into the classes curriculum.
Professor Eberly, because he posts material regularly, grades regularly, and announcements as soon as they become necessary.

Mrs. Seaman because she puts all our assignments on there and keeps the grades on there.

Dr. Tracy for chem 124.

She uses a lot and well. Also, she post the grade right after we take exams or quizzes

Dr. Freeland. He makes his students participate in Discussion on blackboard, and answers questions himself in addition to posting course documents and grades on it, which most other pros do.

Phil Sokolove. Uses it extensively. Can tell he actually "looks" (in a timely manner) at what the students write

Dr. Carpenter for Chemistry 101 because she posts the answers to answer questions usually about an hour after we have finished taking the exam. She also would post many announcements and useful information for her students.

Sokolove

Prof. Sokolove, because he is sure to post up all the information that we may need to know about the course.

Dr. Carpenter uses blackboard really well and really often. For 101, we had to take the quizzes every week, and our grades were constantly posted, as was the answer key for all the exams once we'd taken them. She also used the announcements frequently.

professor friedburg because we tale all our online quizes on her and her site has so many study tools

I suppose it would be Professor Warrick, because she uses blackboard to post slides, study guides and any announcement. She usually posts things in a timely manner and it really helps that she posts any information she might have announced in class, as some students cannot make her class occasionally.

Any professor who has the syllabus, class assignments, powerpoints and updated grades does really well. For example, Jamie Mcleanen in Sociology dept.

Professor Tate Redding uses blackboard really well because he posts everything I/we need for the class and more.

I think that the professors who use the Bb to communicate everything to their student would be my choice, since classes are so big, students time lines are very demanding and very important, and professors are not always available after classes to answer questions.
Professor Kat Walsh uses blackboard very efficiently. She always updates her grades on time and has class notes and powerpoints posted in a timely fashion before class. She also has a ton of external links that are very important to the class.

Dr. Frank Hanson,

the slides he posted online are very helpful.

Professor O’Brien - Psych 100

Rob Smith because he puts grades up on it so we can view our grades for assignments right away.

Dr. Hanson

He uses it to post grades, practice exams, course documents and organizes all of his information very well. He also edits announcements appropriately.

Tiffany Gierasch uses Blackboard really well. She is an amazing teacher, and everything on Blackboard is easy to understand.

Prof Fox is great about posting things on time and completely, if there is a potential error, she checks it quickly and fairly and she is very up-to-date on grades, which I wholly appreciate

Dr. Laurie because he posts a lot of neat historical documents on the blackboard site.

Dr. Tara Carpenter because grades are consistently updated and course documents are posted often.

Dr Lili Cui because the assignment grades and assignments are displayed on time and is never late. Although the assignment webassign can be time consuming and annoying.

Professor Belasco of the American Studies Department uses Blackboard as a crucial part of his teaching; all of the assignments are posted online, along with numerous resources and web links that allow the student to find help and inspiration for completing the assignments. In addition, weekly posts are a required part of the course, so student discussion is further enabled through use of the Blackboard.

Chris Swan because he knows how to use it well and makes sure to integrate it in many of his classes.

All of my professors use blackboard selectively, so I would rate them equal. They all have good and bad qualities of using blackboard.

Linda Benson. She makes everything from class available on Blackboard in case students miss something. She keeps her Blackboard up to date with announcements and due dates for when things change from the original syllabus.

Charles McBride, he is my only teacher to use it this year
Professor Phillip Sokolove. He uses it for a lot of things such as posting grades, discussion boards, announcements, distributing files, and more.

They all use it well

Dr. Carusou, Genetics Laboratory Professor
Uploads lectures and course material quickly, gives practice exams as well during midterms

Lili Cui, Physics professor. She uses Blackboard in the way it was intended... grades, announcements, homework

Professor Seaman, she grades material we turned in and posts it on Blackboard in a timely fashion. She also posts all documents needed for a lecture, which makes it convenient for the students.

Mr. Sandoz because he puts everything up.

Dr. Baffour, simply because she asks us to post mock quiz questions on the discussion board which helps us to study. She follows up with reminders, emails, and rubrics for papers. The grades are also posted within a very reasonable amount of time.

I don't know many don't use it effectively or push blackboard on to graduate assistants

Dr. Eric Anderson. He uses it for the things he needs to use it for, and doesn't put a whole bunch of pointless stuff up there.

Spanish Dept.

They use it for grades, Discussion Board, and Chat.

Dr. Cui uses blackboard very well to communicate with students outside of class and to give extra help through the discussion groups

Dr. Phillip Sokolove uses blackboard mainly as a class tool in which to enrich our learning through discussions and asking us questions on tangents related to our questions, but about things we would not have time to talk about in class.

Dr. Alonso utilizes many of the features that it has to offer.
Dr. Eileen O'Brien puts everything relevant to her course on Blackboard and effectively supplements her lecture with work and quizzes through Blackboard.

My English teacher, Prof. Rockett, uses it to distribute most of the course material, which is nice b/c I can access it at any time.

Micheal Bradley

Prof. Sergei Nirenburg - CMSC 331

Uploads all lecture notes, posts announcements, posts grades, offers discussion board.
professor Cheryl Miller for "Intro to Public Policy"

Professor Tiffany Gierasch, because she is consistent with the updating of class information and the maintaining of the blackboard site.

Mrs. Danna

Professor Mike Bradley, because he updates his pretty frequently, and it is easy to talk to his students and everything is just readily available for you whenever you log on and want to use it...even though it really isn't necessary for any other reason, basically for extra support!

Dr. T Carpenter uses Blackboard quite efficiently because she is able to communicate with her 300 or so students and get back to many questions in a timely fashion on blackboard.

Mr. Sandoz. He knows the site inside out.. he posts everything there, very updated with grades.. also posts discussion topics and gives participation points through that this way students have an incentive to use it. Posts class lectures here including interactive mechanisms.. its awesome!

Mitchell for CMSC 345 -- the entire class is dependent on BB for communication, and it allows groups to communicate and post documents; she also posts grades.

Any of my Information Systems professors because they upload grades as soon as they receive the assignments from students which helps us keep track of our grade so far in the class.

Dan Sheckells of Science 100. He uses all of the features of it efficiently and knows what he is doing.

Lili Cui (physics department)--not only does Lili use Blackboard to upload class notes the night before class, practice exams, and 3-times-a-week homework assignments, but she is also an active member of the Blackboard chats that she has opened up for students to ask homework or lab questions. Though many of my professors use Blackboard to convey course material, none are so active in the discussion board as Lili--it really adds to the learning experience in the class and makes her a wonderful teacher as well as Blackboard user. She encourages everyone in the class to use Blackboard as a cooperative learning tool by promising extra credit at the end of the semester as an incentive, which is great--it's really gotten a lot of people involved in the online community.

Dr. Lili Cui! She is the only teacher I have had or have that checks blackboard frequently and makes full use out of it. She knows what she is doing and if we have problems we can always ask her.

Dr. Lili Cui. She posts all our hw on bb, and our grades are mostly there. And also all her lecture and announcements are clearly up there so we know what we missed if we happened to miss a class.

Dr Anderson and Dr Karpel..they make my academic life easy.
Dr. Laurie because he uses it in a way that it helpful to the students as well as to himself and his TA.

Dr. Sokolove because we use discussion board, his class videos, documents, and other stuff placed on blackboard at least 3-4 times a week.

The professor who uses it very well should be Richbury, Tasha. She posts course documents for each chapter of the class text book and also homeworks, new events and exam documents and exam date and time.

I have not really have much experience with other professors using the blackboard. So far since I have had a very good experience with Dr. Cui; I will nominate her for the best blackboard user.

B. Tighe, (MATH 151) and E. O'Brien, (PSYC 100.) Both accomplished all their goals throughout the year, and if material was ambiguous on here, it was discussed in class. Ant Ozok; he has a total understanding of how to use the tools and site as a whole, it seems.

S. Sigurdsson because he has many quizzes online with instantly available grades~ he posts all his lectures too.

Freiburg, because she puts everything on blackboard. Grades and all.

Dr. Phil Sokolove because he keeps the class up to date with materials and when exams are. Also post useful information or documents that will supplement exam preparation.

Professor Ozok is the professor who uses BlackBoard the most effectively of my professors. He uses it to help the students study and prepare for tests with it, post grades up, post the syllabus, allow us to do practice tests with it, and to have students turn in assignments through it. It allows more resources for students to use for the class and makes it very helpful.

Mark Thomas, Glen Douglas

Raymond Hoff I have the most information about the course material and extra documents and links to the related field. Dr. Hoff communicates well with emails and blackboard announcements.

Dr. Gluick uses Blackboard well. All of our assignments and lecture notes are there, and we are using Wikis for our group projects. Grades are also posted on BB.

Dr. Sokolove- he used everything that BB offered for student interaction when I was in his bio 100 class.

Dr. Andrew Miller uses it very effectively, putting outlines of chapter notes and lots of visual aids.
I would choose Violeta Colombo because she posts regularly and all the posts are clear. Some of my other professors are not so proficient in the use of Blackboard because many posts are unclear and very confusing.

Sheckalls (SCI 100) is very organized.

Dr, Laurie cause he uses it more than any other professor i have.

Sokolove or Cui because they update it frequently

Lindhal because he always posts the lectures by date.

Dr. Stapelton because she is always on point with posting grades and quizzes on blackboard. She also uses it for assignments and valuable announcements for upcoming research opportunities.

Dr. Clayton Laurie because he posts all grades, but more importantly posts tons of links and documents that are beneficial to the class and are interesting to read. He really encourages the use of the site and it shows by his dedication to putting useful material and tools on the site.

Dan Shekells, because he uses it to supplement the class really well.

They all do a fairly good job of using it

Dr. Snyder (AMST) and Dr. Walsh (SOWK).

They post all the neccessary information about the course on blackboard, and we are saving paper in this way. Very efficient!

Dr. Jody Shipka uses BB exceptionally well. Last year, in ENGL324, we used blackboard's discussion space to support classroom discussions and reading assignments. In this way, we could see all of our classmates' responses to homework/classwork. BB was used to generate ideas for projects, encourage interaction between peers (especially between those who were less vocal in the classroom), and exchange and elaborate on ideas/concepts put forth in the many challenging reading and project tasks. BB was space where all voices were heard and contributed to the unity of the classroom and the mastery of the material given therein.

Professor Lili Cui,

She is very good at the using the blackboard to deliver information to the students such as posting past exams, course documents, and communicating with students. She also takes her time to post well organized powerpoint presentation of the course material.

Dina Glazer

Dr. Bediako: He always posts grades and assignments as they are due and I have not had one problem with his course on line at all this year.

Psych 340
My psychology professor, uses blackboard very well because she not only gave updates and posted lecture notes on blackboard, but she also utilized the communication tool, giving us the chance to communicate with our fellow peers.

Dr. Henry Emurian
Because he utilizes blackboard extremely well constantly updating course grades, course documents, and facilitating student upload of classwork onto the site.

none so far

Karin Readel because all of the important information is always posted.

Clayton Laurie because he frequently updates Blackboard with relevant course information and integrates it well into his teaching.

Lili Cui because she constantly checks to see whether we are helping each other or not.

Dr. Tara Carpenter

Dan Sheckells- SCI 100

Dan uses every part of Blackboard. I learned how to navigate the site last semester because he made use of the discussion board and group websites. We used Blackboard to communicate with him, share ideas, review for exams, post documents for our lab groups, communicate/work with group members and check our grades.

Dr. Schultz.

He gives straightforward announcements when necessary and posts lecture slides, sample exams, and study guides for each exam... Also posts articles to help with context of the class (ex: the Child Well Being Index...in a developmental psyc class)

Dr. Sandoz uses Blackboard very effectively by posting announcements, grades, discussion board comments, and documents very regularly.

Drs. Omland, Mendellson, Leips in the Biology department. All course material, updates, exams, practice exams, announcements, grades, etc are always posted promptly. This is the one course where I have complete access to information and tools to ensure my success.

Professor King in the AMST dept. She posts announcements, notes, links, and even keeps a nice picture up on the announcement page.

Professor Cui for Physics 111 because she relies on Blackboard for students when they miss class.

Just and professor that keeps updating course material constantly also especially one that keeps you up to date with grades. Dr. Eberly does a good job always being updated.

Chemistry 102 Dr. Bush because his grades assignment and everything is organized on backboard
my professors who use blackboard for their online class use blackboard to its fullest extent, however, all of my current professors use it successfully. Professor Killgallon because he uses a lot of the tools of blackboard in one course.

Ms. Hagoskvy.. she updates the site immediatly.

Linda Benson: She used it to communicate with the class, all assignments were posted, etc. basically everything you needed for class was always posted

I prefer a wiki set up versus the blackboard set up. Dr Farabaugh- English Department does this well.

Philip G. Sokolove- uses discussion boards-this helps a lot for the tests, posts announcements, posts grades, TAs can do assignments with the 'groups' functions.

Dr. Catania

He's efficient and his use of blackboard for quizzes was excellent. lili cu! All of our hws and samples quizzes and exams are posted. The same with her lecture notes that come in handy when studying

Aamir Nooruddin, because he has the greatest understanding of how the progrm works and is the only teacher I have who uses it.

Dr. Cheryl North Coleman

She is well organize in the blackboard. It's easy to find documents or information.

K,Readel.. She is so good and make use of the blackboard to the fullest.

Dr. Steve Caruso. He makes class materials and the entire lab manual accessable online.

Warren Balasco of the American Studies department. He uses extensively in his class room and uses many of the functions it has.

Sandoz, he always gets grades up extremely fast.
I don't really have a professor , who uses black board that good , more than the others. To me all of them are the same.

Patti Turner uses it very effectively. She posts all lecture presentations as well as assisted class notes which really help especially if a student misses class. She quickly responds to all emails and posts announcements to keep us updated. She also posts other helpful links and extra credit.

Mrs. Havgosky because we always know what is going on with the class and I always know class is cancelled in a good amount of time.

Ms Fernandez.. (My Spanish 102 professor)
Lili Cui, she has several documents on blackboard and she encourages students to engage in discussion boards.

Jamie Maclennan (Sociology prof)

Chris Swan

He uses it very effectively as support material to his lectures during class. Given the speed at which the course is taught, leaving his lectures up as powerpoints on blackboard to downloaded allows for retrieval of information that may have been overlooked by the student during class.

Mr. Ki Young Park, professor of Econ 374. He is very effective using blackboard to get to his students therefore making the course information heard at least twice (as in class).

Dr. Walsh because everything we need anything it's there

Lili Cui, she always has all her lectures up online and sets up very useful homework and discussion boards

Dr. Catania because he uses it a lot, for grades, for online quizzes, and for course documents.

Mrs. Mary Davis, who teaches Advanced Cost Accounting and Advanced Cost, because she knows what she is doing and makes the Blackboard site an active place to participate and learn in.

Dr. Christopher Steele

Dr. Steele communicates with his students utilizing announcements and course documents on a regular basis. In addition, he sends documents and links for his students to use to enhance the learning experience for his class.

Dr. Perks

Liang Zhu. She always post announcements on blackboard instead of emailing to everyone.

I only have one professor at the moment that uses blackboard. That is Prof. Laur for SOWK 240. I really like that he posts the announcements on there and we are able to turn in assignments that way.

Michael Mucedere my math professor. He is in constant contact with students through email and the use of announcements. He posts grades as soon as they become available, and all of his teaching materials are available online.

Mrs. Carpenter, there is a lot of information on it
I love blackboard!
I believe that blackboard is a great tool for students. The only problem I can see is the extra work, time, and effort the professor has to put in to use it effectively. If a professor has a TA, I believe there should be no excuse not to use the Blackboard. Even though the Blackboard service has not been around for a long time and was not needed to be a successful student, Blackboard is a great supplement to becoming a successful student only if used properly by the students and their professors. Thank you for having Blackboard available at UMBC, and I hope to see more of my future professors utilizing it.

Q8- none

When myUMBC is down it is hard to access blackboard which is REALLY frustrating when all of my homework is on blackboard. Sometimes logging in through blackboard.umbc.edu works but not always. overall I really like blackboard as a supplement tool for teachers to use in addition to classrooms. I wish that more of my teachers used blackboard because it is an easy way to have all the info you need for all of your classes in one place.

Question 11 - I have no opinion of the most important thing needing improvement on blackboard

The looping is horribly annoying and happens much too frequently. For whatever reason, in Firefox 2.0.0.3 and previous versions, after having closed out a tab of blackboard, if you try to go back into blackboard at a later time, it gets stuck in a redirect loop. Not sure if it's only on my end, but it's irritating and happens when i use both my and friends computers with firefox. IE works fine, but who wants to use IE anyway?

shrug not really

no comments.

It's rather cumbersome in some instances, but I do believe it to be a very useful concept fundamentally. It's sort of hard to judge when the majority of my professors don't really use it. However, the fact that I can access any files, folders, documents and assignments at any time is really convienent and I would not like to see that disappear.

Question one needs modification-- graduate students use Blackboard too!

You're welcome!!!

it's good. it is find to find a suggestion beside a training link on how to use blackboard and the upgrade of the servor, in my opinion.
More incentive should be given to teachers to use blackboard. One of my professors (Dr. Dale Whalen) does not use it and it makes it a lot more difficult to communicate with other students. It is also more difficult to understand course material as well as the grading system when none of your grades are posted anywhere.

It should not be down, like it is sometimes.

As stated in question 11, one of my only comments I have about the use of blackboard is that the performance needs to be improved.

Blackboard is very graphic-heavy so it sometimes is very difficult to use. One thing that is very annoying about blackboard is that sometimes when you try to log in or go to blackboard through myUMBC it does the post redirect thing but the website in the address bar starts going crazy and never takes you to blackboard. you have to close the website out and go back in and relogin.

Some teachers don't use it enough

Blackboard should be used by ALL professors no matter what. Many of my professors are not into Blackboard because they find it too complicated or confusing. Therefore, there should be training available for them and inforce it on them, so they can start using it since we need info 24/7 and sometimes they take more than that on answering simple questions that they could have provided on Blackboard.

It is very important that the UMBC Blackboard system continue to use platform independent format for videos, etc.

Do something to get rid of the looping problem - it was worse in 2005/2006 but I have still encountered the problem several times this semester. I don't know what needs to be done but if anything can be, it's important since it keeps people from doing important things on Blackboard.

Better server reliability

Blackboard rarely works. It is always freezing . Too much reliance is detrimental to coursework. Half the time you cannot upload assignments, and computers are unreliable, especially in the gradebook.

Blackboard is very troubling for students without an internet connect at home. Most of my out of class work I complete at home and without an internet connect it would not be possible because of the increased RELIANCE on blackboard. A necessary website, which is in accessible on average of 4 times a semester, is unacceptable for a student needing to get work done. Plus if a student without an internet connection at home schedules time to go to the library to do an online assignment only to find blackboard has crashed again, they would be very peturbed. I know because that very situation happened to me last semester. Blackboard should be a course supplement at most. tooo many professors are using it as a part of he course more necessary than the txt book

None

no

Too many errors.
Information about students (current courses enrolled in, grade books) need to be updated more effectively.

Blackboard needs to be either universal or abandoned. Trying to keep track of courses and announcements is made much easier by Blackboard, but not all professors use it. This creates confusion on the part of both the student and the professor.

I don't like Blackboard and I hope this school eventually does away with it!

For this entire semester I haven't been able to log into the stupid website using the normal means. I've had to trick it into letting me log in by going to bb6.umbc.edu or whatever and then clicking on the different links until it brings me to a webauth website and allows me to login. Clicking "log on" at the top or through any of the links brings me to the site that says "if this doesn't automatically load click this button" I click the button and NOTHING HAPPENS!!! IT IS THE MOST FRUSTRATING EXPERIENCE EVER.

Also, I really dislike the new group discussion board. I don't know if it's because my current teacher doesn't know how to set it up or what but I have to use this search function to find any of the posts and then it doesn't post them to the relative threads, just the dates of the post. I liked the old way the discussion board was set up much better. I could barely figure out how to set up a new thread. Very confusing and unhelpful.

From Question 8 - Blackboard is frequently down

Only other suggestion is to allow students to create threads for discussion. THANKS for making this awesome tool available to the student body! :o)

My biggest problem with Blackboard is that it sends me an error message when I try to go into it through myUMBC sometimes. Sometimes I have to shut down my internet program completely (I use Safari and Firefox) for Blackboard to work. It's not that big of a problem but it's really annoying. I think language classes SHOULD NOT use Blackboard. I think the Chour should be an ACTUAL conversation hour that is scheduled once a week in addition to the other class times. A lot of people spend more than an hour on Bb doing their Chour work and not learning a thing. I think it is extremely ineffective for language classes. I am a MLL major and a lot of my language courses so far rely heavily on it. I like being able to see my grades, but Bb does not help me to acquire my target language. When learning a language the important thing is face-to-face communication with actual native or near-native speakers of the language. Talking to each other and recording it on Wimba without the supervision of a professor does not help anyone to learn a language.

There should be another way to login to Blackboard through the umbc.edu website, than going through myumbc. maybe a link to log you on automatically to Blackboard.

I wasn't familiar with BlackBoard until I was forced to figure it out. I think it takes a while for new students to get used too and understand how it works. So maybe a heads up to incoming students would be very helpful. A majority of the courses use Blackboard so students should be well familiar with it.

For Question 8, there really aren't any disadvantages to Blackboard. It's a great resource. The only disadvantage (though I'm unsure if this problem has been fixed) is
Blackboard’s reliability when it comes to Mac’s. I’ve only had few problems, but they caused me to have to e-mail my teacher’s my work instead of posting them on Blackboard.

Sometimes blackboard crashes right when you really need it and it is annoying as we need to be access the material posted online. The server connection for me has been horrible this semester. Sometimes when I go to log in the screen will just keep refreshing itself rapidly and doesn't log in. This gets frustrating when trying to check for things and do work.

N/A

I do not like blackboard at all. It is very unreliable and a hassle when there are assignments that are needed to be posted on the blackboard. It's good for announcements but nothing else.

None

Blackboard isn't bad, just some teachers do not use it make it really difficult to really follow how we are doing in some classes thefore hindering our ability to do better than expected

The only issue I had with blackboard was that I clicked on an announcement link for a quiz and was not directed to the announceemen. The most recent announcement were on top and yet nothing was posted about the quiz (and the quiz was not available under its normal assignment link) so I assumed there was no quiz. I found out later that the quiz had been moved from its normal location under "Assignments" and the announcement notifying students of this was improperly placed at the bottom of the announcement list, mixed in with the oldest announcements from last year!! I don't know if this was a mistake on the professor's part or the system but either way I was denied an oppurtunity to take the quiz again. In retrospect I wish I had checked the entire list of announcements but there was no reason for me to think I needed to. If the technology is going to be used then the use of it should be consistent. Professors should not switch the location for things at the last minute and if they do so and improperly post the announcement of such changes they should not hold a student responsible. My professor told me I was responsible for not reading the entire announcement page...where was her responsibility for checking the links she set up and placing information in the the correct place??

Thanks

N/A

Time and again the UMBC web portal as a whole is something that you can count on to not work when you need it. blackboard and, really, myUMBC as a whole is extremely unreliable. I always get errors and have even missed turning in assignments because blackboard was, as usual, not working.

Make the lists compatible with whatever technology the teachers use; it takes forever for our chem 102 grades to be posted.

I think Question 7 is misleading because it implies that Blackboard actually implements those features well. For example, (as far as I can tell) Blackboard uses unencrypted http
to send information such as grades, allowing anybody to see those packets if they are determined. Additionally, communication with other students is much more effective via instant messaging or email, class content could be posted on a normal website, and the only quiz that I've taken via Blackboard was a complete disaster (only marking exact answers as correct instead of evaluating whether synonyms for the correct answer were used).

I think Blackboard should be used far less on UMBC. It's a good site for discussion forums, but that's about it in my estimation. It's attempting to automate many things that humans should be doing.

I really dislike all the extra time that goes into posting and responding on Blackboard for classes. I do however like that Blackboard makes it easy to acces grades and notes, etc.

More convenient than checking out books from the library
I would really like to see the server situation improved - dramatically. It is a real problem when you work and have classes, then at night and on weekends when you need to get on-line, you can't because the server is down. Or, worse yet, you are in the middle of completing an assignment on Blackboard or sending a professor an assignment via email, and the server goes out. Not good at all.

I think the professors should be required to use blackboard to post grades. Blackboard has been down way too much this semester. It is a pretty essential part of some classes and it is really annoying when you have to do something on Bb but can't log on or can't complete assignments because it is running so slowly.

Is there a reason we can't access classes we're not in? It would be really helpful to see syllabi or class averages or exams from classes we're going to take next semester. Make sure a professor who has their class set up on Blackboard, to actually use the site.

It sucks when you have an assignment posted on blackboard and in the middle of reading it or doing the assignment blackboard goes down and you need to wait for it to come up again. Also blackboard has issues letting multiple users access it at roughly the same time. If these problems were fixed it would spare the students some stress.

Blackboard is good except for the few time the server went down. The situation really put me in a jam one day.

none

Sometimes it can be really confusing to find everything I need.

I have had difficulty with the reliability of blackboard because there are times that I need to do homework but cannot access it because the server might be down, or for some reason it becomes increasingly slow. And I think sometimes it depends on which building you're in and so it hinders from me turning in my hw.

When trying to reconnect to blackboard after using it without closing all of my web browsers, I can't get back on- it just keeps popping up that connecting box thing. Also,
that box thing is annoying to have to click on at least twice every time I need to use blackboard.

There have been numerous times when I was unable to log in to Blackboard and therefore unable to submit assignments on time. It seems to be unreliable at times.

It would be really nice if the site was a little more reliable. Sometimes it is just myUMBC, but the UMBC network needs some work. Blackboard is virtually useless, because it is often inaccessible and not completely necessary for getting materials to students. The only helpful thing is getting emails from professors.

The worst thing about blackboard now is when it shuts down at completely random and unpredictable time. It can be very frustrating. The looping while trying to login if you have not logged out a previous session is just a pain.

Make the site look better and go better with the myUMBC site. Make the navigation easier. Make it run faster and be more reliable. Commons Operations has a Blackboard, and I use it to keep up with work. Except for classes where the professor uses it extremely effectively, Blackboard is at best a burden to students.

I do not agree with Blackboard being used extensively as a learning tool. It is time consuming; the internet is time consuming. I do not like using it. Sometimes I want to find out things like information from the syllabus: "homework assignments" or chapters we are studying but all the information is scattered everywhere and you have to go everywhere to collect it. It is very confusing having all the information on the blackboard website and unless you have lots of ink and a printer it will be hard to sort piece by piece in word documents on your computer. it is sooooooooooooooooooooooooo ugly. make it prettier. seriously.

hi

Server reliability is a major problem that must be addressed if BB is going to continue to be used.

please make the discussion board viewable from a mac.

Paul Smith chem 102 L UMBC did not employ blackboard very well at all. I like blackboard, I think that more teachers should use it. the grading system is misleading at times, as many teachers put in all the grades as 0 until they get around to grading them, it also gets kind of bad when the weighted percentages are used. almost need a math degree to project your own grade sometimes.

my biggest complaint is that its slow sometimes, and (until recently) I did not know I could go directly to blackboard.umbc. this was a problem when your my.umbc portal decided to suck out for days at a time.

u should make more of a point to tell people they can hit bb without the portal.
gj otherwise.

advantage of blackboard as an organizational tool. It's too complicated, it needs to be just a little more user friendly. When I try to log on through Firefox I get some kind of security error and then need to use Internet Explorer instead to make it work. I also have problems copying and pasting on Blackboard through Firefox for security reasons.

none

N/A

Make it easier to type in math problems.

The worst part of Blackboard is how relatively unreliable it is.

Question 8 - Functionality and reliability of blackboard can create many frustrating problems for teachers and students. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT for every single teacher to link their courses to Blackboard. It is really unfair to have to guess one's grades, especially if the documents are not provided to figure them out.

One math 106 teacher of mine, Ms. Baradraj, never uses Blackboard, because "she doesn't trust the idea of posting grades on Blackboard" like someone else can see them or something. It is important 1, that the teachers are encouraging the students to engage in Blackboard use and not contradict UMBC's integrity, and 2 that the teacher be organized! Blackboard is an excellent way to post grades and not worry about losing our grades. This woman has lost a number of our quizzes or they have not all been handed back. If she were using Blackboard, she could just enter the grades in once and never have to worry about them again!

I also have another teacher who didn't use Blackboard and I felt clueless until the end of the semester. Blackboard is a good way to know your assignments and how you are doing in the class. Documents are better than word of mouth!

PLEASE REQUIRE (or at least strongly encourage) ALL PROFESSORS TO POST GRADES ON BLACKBOARD, AS WELL AS IN A TIMELY FASHION!

IT WORKS JUST FINE

Not a whole lot of my professors actively use Blackboard the way they should. It would be nice if they were encouraged to post grades and assignments more frequently. When I first began using BB last semester, it was a complicated mess to me and I felt like I couldn't find anything at all. For all freshman, I'm sure it's the same. I only really got used to BB during the middle of the semester and even now, there are some things which still confuse it. It is very useful, however.

dependant upon uploads to work.

Can't log in more than once without clearing cookies. Only allowing one submission of projects/assignments is annoying. The grading system seems underused, or at least
most teachers don't properly configured with grade weightings by most teachers, to let it make an accurate compilation of grades

Please fix the "infinite loop" login issue. Huge pain.

I wish that Community Leaders could also be graded in the program. The pepband uses the gradebook to keep track of attendance. One of the 3 group leaders puts the attendance in, but, we had to keep track of ours manually to use it.

Discussion board used to post documents, comments on others posts, etc - is very confusing in its layout. Also, not always effective (occasionally will not allow me/others to attach documents or for the original post-er to edit post, etc).

Viewing grades is extremely helpful, but only about 1/2 of my professors use this regularly.

Feels very old by now. Should be updated to some newer web technology, an overhaul to get everything niec and have people start to enjoy using BB.

Reliability of My UMBC is crap. It seems as though everytime i actually need to do something important with it or blackboard it doesn't work. I've gotten used to the UMBC server being down when i need it, so has everyone i know. In short, UMBC server sucks extremely bad when it comes to reliability.

We use my space when we should use blackboard to communicate with other students because using blackboard is not an option.
Make more teachers use it!
i like the fact that blackboard is used to help students therfore i use it often and enjoy it.

I have been able to do whatever I needed to do on blackboard. I like it.
the slides are helpful but sometimes the teachers refer only to the slides and it is very difficult to incorporate that with the materials in the textbooks.
not really, just have a lot of junkie material thats really not useful. news etc.. i mean who is gonna check all that stuff on blackboard?

The advantages of announcements are tremendous. A professor can send out one message and the whole class will easily be able to see it. Blackboard isn't hard to work with. The server's do go down a little too often and at times we really need Blackboard because some teachers put everything up on here. I think more teachers should be encouraged to use Blackboard. I'd be very happy and impressed if all of my teachers used Blackboard.

it tends to loop a lot on firefox but not on internet explorer.

No additional comments

You should make it a requirement for all classes to use blackboard. Its nice to know where you stand in a class.

BlackBoard is down about 90% of the time i use it. I dont know if its me or the system I press the blackboard in my myumbc and it goes into an infinite loop.
Question 8, other: The biggest disadvantage is its constant bugs. It is down half the time I try to use it (I'm unable to access blackboard). The pages don't load, the javascript crashes firefox, and everything is slow. If I had a choice I would never use blackboard again because of these problems. The idea is fine, and I've used plenty of webpages and different programs. But blackboard itself is just broken- NOTHING works correctly. A few classes I took the teacher did not use Blackboard, not even for grades, and so making the division between online courses and offline courses a hassle.

Overall, Blackboard is a good tool for people who have no choice or prefer taking a class online. I would make training mandatory... that was a bit of a problem when we first started and I don't think that the professor knows all the ins and outs of the program either.

Can You organize the web pages better there are so many windows which I don't care about

I have no issues using myUMBC with Mozilla Firefox, however, when I try to log into blackboard, I get an error message and have to use Internet Explorer.

All teachers should be required to use it, especially for small, once-a-week classes in which students don't have enough time to communicate with the professor or fellow students...

It is difficult to tell when a class has been updated on blackboard if teachers do not post an announcement. The ability to tell what has been updated without entering each individual class would be beneficial.

Other disadvantages to using Blackboard is when Professors insist on only using it to submit or track assignments when they, themselves have very little organizational skills using Blackboard. It causes more confusion and frustration on the students' part when trying to keep track of due dates and pending assignments.

Firefox often does not allow me to login to Blackboard; it will just continue looping and alerting me that I am leaving/entering a page with unencrypted information.

Question 11 - Safari has problems logging on to Blackboard, it requires one to manually delete the cookies.

Also, bring back the "Whats New" feature

I think blackboard is a very useful tool however there are many professors who do not use it or don't use it to its capacity. More professors should use blackboard as a supplemental tool to help students excel at UMBC.

The majority of students are procrastinators. It's a fact!! Having blackboard be unavailable during night hours is UNCOOL!=)

It would be nice to have more professors use Blackboard to make course content available, post grades, and just make everything more readily available.
Blackboard is a useful tool!

GET OIT TO STOP TAKING IT DOWN SO OFTEN!!!!!!!

If you change the forms of email more pretty, it will be awesome.
7. We can also easily communicate with our professors because they are regular users of blackboard.

Blackboard very frequently has outages or continuous looping of confirmation queries that are not explained in any e-mails sent out, announcements on Blackboard itself after the fact, or warnings that it will happen.

Also, some teachers do not use Blackboard; I feel, although I understand the hesitance of some professors, that the use of Blackboard at least for posting grades should be mandatory.

disadvantage is sometimes it loops and i am not able to check what I need to check and that may be an assignment that is due soon

I would like for all of the classes to be on blackboard for monitoring purposes for students. Not all of my professors use blackboard and I find blackboard to be an invaluable tool in keeping ontop of my classes.

N/A

No comments. Maybe in the future, I will be able to make some suggestions. For now, I will leave stating that blackboard is a very good tool for students like me.

I'd like it if more teachers used it, if only for posting grades
I wish all the professors would continually post our grades. It lets us know how we are doing and what we need to improve on. Unfortunately, out of 3 professors, only 1 does it this semester.

In question 7 you had to pick an answer for "Other"

I like blackboard because it automatically computer grades, but I think there should be a way to eliminate dropped students off of the average for quiz/exam scores. It shows a skewed average because of the dropped student's exam zero's.

none
I think that more Professors should use Blackboard. The course that I am in does not use blackboard other that to post the syllabus the first week of classes. Which doesn't really help me at all. Because, I am unable to check my grades and announcements that I like to use blackboard for. I think that professor should be required to use it since it does help the students.

I think it would be much more efficient if blackboard was much more user-friendly. There's so many different options (most of which aren't ever used) and the layout is incredibly poor making the entire thing disorganized. The teachers need to use and update blackboard MORE often
I really like Blackboard!

One disadvantage to blackboard is that not all the professors use it even to half its potential.

When will we be getting blackboard updated?

The looping that occasionally happens when first authenticating with the server makes the system very difficult to use and unreliable. This is a bug that should have been fixed before rollout.

Other than that fix the survey, there were no options for other web browsers and other means of accessing the site such as http://bb6.umbc.edu which I normally use.

In addition, it is annoying not be able to paste into the boxes such as this one, because system like this are not reliable and frequently it is needed to copy the text out and repaste it in, in the case of lose of authentication with the server or the server going down.

It also appears someone tried to close a bold tag or something like that and never opened it for the reminder on this question.

One last thing, it would be of great use being able to go to a course URL directly instead of having to go to a central login and navigate each time. A better model would be to redirect the user to a login page when they are not authenticated and send the user where they wish to go once authenticated. That way it preserves security of the system and increases the usability of the software.

It's an OK resource. No super likes or dislikes.

Server Reliability is important!

Blackboard/myumbc in general are not reliable. I've pretty much stopped using umbc email bar the seldom e-mail to a professor. It's just quite unreliable which is surprising for a school that prides itself in technology.

Even on-campus groups (like the Greek club) stopped using umbc e-mail and instead used gmail (for example). That's pretty sad, eh?

Upgrade your servers, hire new people . . . Really though, what was my tuition raised for? To fund our awesome athletics?

Please make the layout more visually appealing and PLEASE train the faculty on its use.

n/a

Sometimes, if I log out of Blackboard instead of returning to myUMBC and THEN logging out, I can't get into Blackboard the next time I log on (either though Blackboard or myUMBC) and either have to switch from Firefox to IE or restart my computer, which is a huge pain. (It just says it's loading forever...)

n/a
It's not efficient in helping students communicate... facebook and AIM work better.

The server is unreliable. It shuts down or locks up a lot.

If it's down, and an assignment or chat is due, there is no way to complete the assignment.

Please keep using blackboard it is extremely helpful, but please make it a rule for all teachers to be enforced to use blackboard. Some teachers don't use it and it makes it difficult to keep up in that class.

More teachers should learn how to use blackboard! Of my 3 classes this semester, only one uses it at all. It should be required of teachers, especially for grades.

I thought Blackboard was used fairly well this semester, but the teachers definitely had problems integrating it with CPS questions (performance/maintenance issue), and a few times I myself have had trouble logging on to the site, because it keeps looping when logging me in (performance/maintenance issue).

Is Blackboard able to be updated after faculty makes an initial announcement? Teacher frequently posted due dates and then altered the schedule but failed to change Blackboard- this caused some confusion.

required online timed quizzes through blackboard = not the best idea because not everyone has perfect internet connection

a chatbox for each course/section in "my blackboard" instead of the discussion section would help a lot. That way it is easier/faster to communicate with students in your own class.

blackboard site should have faster traffic response time, sometimes pages not load or load very slow.

Nothing else to say

I don't like blackboard. It would be much better if teachers just gave out assignments in class.

some students don't always have access to the internet that is the only hold back when it comes to the blackboard site

Sometimes when I really need to it, blackboard is down or not working.
It is absolutely the worst when you go to get onto blackboard and when you click the link it just sits there in the middle of the process convulsing like it is having a seizure. Is that a problem that will be fixed by next year?

blackboard goes down every once in a while

I feel blackboard is over used. It is not necessary for anything except quizzes and checking your grades.

It frustrates me unbelievably when I need to get onto blackboard to check my grade and the server is down or for whatever reason I cannot login. This also applies when using UMBC's webmail so I don't know if the problem is connected.

blackboard is ALWAYS down when you need it

Question 11: I think that login, Server reliability, and Performance (e.g., "slowness, error messages, looping") are all issues that need to be fixed. I strongly dislike using blackboard because of its reliability.

It would be nice if professors actually utilized the grade posting function, as well as the ability to send announcements and post documents so we don't have to purchase texts.

There are some occasional times in which black board is unavailable do to difficulties with the server, those seem to be the times when students need it the most.

I agree that the looping of BB is very bad (I use Firefox, but for BB I use IE, b/c the only way to get rid of the looping is to either clear all cookies, or close all browser windows, which is a pain in Firefox, b/c that's what I use for everything else, but IE is only up for BB -- it's basically my BB browser).

However, also frustrating is the way the new discussion boards work, where you can't mark a message as unread, flags on a submessage don't show up on the main page, or open up multiple threads/messages in new windows (or tabs -- which would make using Firefox a major advantage (I don't like IE 7)), but they don't work that way.

I honestly liked the older version of Blackboard better, since its simpler form/programming/whatever made it better to use (not easier, just better -- things worked!)

However, I do wish that all teachers would use BB, if only for posting grades (sometimes you're in a group, so you don't get to keep all the papers, or you lose them, or just don't feel like typing everything into Excel and figuring it out.

Can the posting of grades be a requirement? I have an English professor right now who gives us back our graded papers, but has yet to post a single grade to blackboard. Is this her choice or is there a way to make it so it is required so we know what are grades are at all times. In high school we used edline (i found it easy to use) and there was a rule that teachers had to update every two weeks.

8) one disadvantage to blackboard would be that it relies on the server. days where the server or electricity may be down also causes blackboard to be down, creating extra hassle for the students and teachers.
Error with blackboard and mozilla requires complete shutdown of mozilla to fix sometimes

I find Blackboard to be a wonderful tool!

I have five classes and only two of my teachers use BB. For the two classes that use BB it is very important. I would not have been able to get through the class. I believe that it would have been helpful to use for my other classes, especially for assignment postings.

blackboard is always down. If you have to take a quiz for a class, and you can't get to it, its your loss. Its not like it's down once every month or so -- its down at least 1-2 times a week.

also, teachers put up a blackboard site, and then never use it.

#11 Having to scroll all the way to the bottom to click on the class.

I wish there was a way that my teachers could put out information that is automatically added to like a monthly calender that is on my main page so that I know omg i have a quiz tomorrow in stat and homework in something else it would make knowing what is due and what isnt way easier.

Blackboard is good tool if you're able to log in. Most of the time is slow or I can't get connected.

I love the fact that I can keep track of my grades and course assignments. I don't know what I'd do without Blackboard!!

n/a

nothing

I wish it was more reliable, I can't depend on it because when I have in the past it has caused me to do poorly on assignments due to it not working.

the main problems with blackboard are the reliability of the server and the fact that some teachers use blackboard instead of returning tests quizzes and homework and rely too much on the class viewing blackboard multiple times daily to see updated assignments.

on the other side there are teachers who don't post grades all semester or even assignments. the professors need to be on the same page with using blackboard and what is posted consistently through departments.

Basically, I think BB is a great idea. I prefer when my professors used BB for things such as posting handouts and grades (as opposed to those who do not use BB at all). However, because BB is very unreliable and is not working much of the time that students try to use it, I do not having things required on BB (such as online quizzes, discussions, etc). I would be nice if BB was more reliable.

I feel that for transfer students, a course of an overview of blackboard should be required for the majority of the professors requiring their students to go on.

N/A
Biggest complaint is the lack of uniformity from how one teacher uses it to the next. Some teachers also won't post anything for a couple months then all of a sudden homework is due, and the teacher posted it the day before. Some semesters I rarely use it, due to many of my classes not even being on blackboard. I think that it is potentially a great tool, but for the most part poorly utilized.

I need BB to work whether I am used IE or Mozilla, I cannot always get on the site and BB is often down, resulting in more time being taken up. Include a games link for those of us who have nothing else to do.

The server is unreliable and many professors don't know how to use it and just don't use it often.

One of my professors relies too much on Blackboard, and it makes the course very hard when Blackboard is down. There is too much reliance on technology for many of the classes. In many cases, sticking to the old-fashioned paper syllabus is far more practical and easier on students.

I wish the blackboard is mandatory to all faculties when they teach any classes. There are many functions useful to students rather than just emailing and posting syllabus and assignments. I think teachers need to improve in communicating with students and see where each student is in the course of study. I see teachers prefer to see students coming to the offices and have favoritism toward students with more time at campus. I find it difficult to share my feelings with many teachers because teachers seem not to care about students' development and understanding. I hear from students from other universities that the students are more comfortable with teachers, maybe the blackboard will help to improve teachers' teaching qualities. (I don't doubt the teachers' ability and understanding about subjects, which they teach.)

Needs to not be down so much.

Overall blackboard service is outstanding.

Fix the log on, in firefox, it always asks for you to click ok when you go there and its annoying. Also consider some usability testing.

Blackboard could be an effect tool for any class. However, since I've been at UMBC only two of my professors have really used it—both were for French classes. I've had other teachers get the site & post the syllabus and say they are going to use it but they don't. They don't post grades, assignments or other important class info. I don't know if it's because they don't know how to use it or maybe because they don't like the program or whatever. I wish that is was used more widely throughout the school.

n/a

I don't have any suggestions

Blackboard is hard to navigate and I have trouble putting postings on discussion boards.

good job
In courses with two or more professors, there should be more unanimity between them. That is, it would be helpful if they coordinated with one another to use Blackboard in a similar way. It is very disconcerting to have one prof use BB NOT AT ALL and then another prof use it more intensively.

As far as “reliance on technology” in number 9, I simply refer to the fact that I have taken Blackboard quizzes from home and have had them crash on me, producing various errors. Also, there have been many times when the servers are down and I can't access Blackboard to get to a timely file or assignment.

Blackboard is an excellent tool for posting documents and major assignments. When it replaces e-mail or other forms of direct communication, however, it forces students to constantly search through technological mazes. Although this is not necessarily difficult, it uses up time that could be spent in actual study.

I HATE HATE HATE HATE HATE HATE HATE HATE that UMBC stresses the use of blackboard. I am a commuter student who had a dialup connection at home so the use of the internet is actually a hinderance. When I need to use the internet for research, I plan days when I goto the library so I can research with books as well as online. I have found that I do worse in classes that are reliant on blackboard because I do not have the time or the internet capacity at home to supplement the needs of the course. Also, if I wanted to take an online course, I would do so. I choose to take classes in a classroom with professors because that is what I am comfortable with. I hate it when I am taking a class that I signed up for so I could sit and listen to the professor lecture and be engaged in the classroom and then the professor has us do discussion posts or some other blackboard activity to facilitate student involvement. To me student involvement in the course requires a classroom and an active discussion between students and professors. I feel that blackboard does not lend its self to that.

None really. I know no server is 100 percent reliable, so keep up the good work.

The server on BlackBoard goes down a lot and it is inconvenient to students when they rely on it for messages about classes, or as their means to find resources about their classes.

in regards to the question in which i chose other:

I chose other because some teachers do not use blackboard at all, and it makes it hard to follow grade progress.

Q6: I would like to use these other tools, but so far they were not used at all in my classes this semester.

Q7: Other - It is very important to me to be able to access course content from multiple locations. The ability to stay connected to current campus and class announcements from anywhere specifically, multiple computers on campus, home, and when traveling out of state is very important to me.

Q8: I have had experiences where information is posted on Blackboard and it is just assumed that all students are immediately aware of this information. While some do sit infront of computers the majority of their day, others have only very limited internet access and/or time to spend online. Those who are at the disadvantage to start due to
access limitations are further disadvantaged by this assumption. I have had TA's post changes in BB a few hours before class time, and students who were not aware of the change, or were unable to leave work to meet an earlier time to turn in an assignment were penalized. When there were objections the response was "well it was posted on Blackboard, it is your responsibility to check".---It is not the reliance on technology that is the big problem, it is the lack of structure in it's application, no uniform generally accepted social protocol has been established to govern reasonable politeness and expectations.---

Q12: Though it's use was not so hot this semester, I can clearly see how amazing it could be if it was used effectively.

Suggestion: I would love to use the other features of Blackboard, but my classes don't make use of all the things Blackboard has to offer. Several instructors this year have expressed that they do not know how it works, or that they just don't think it matters. I find Blackboard to be an important part of my classes, I find I am more engaged, and preform better when my classes aren't just a small block of time in one place a couple times a week, but instead are available 24/7 from anywhere, with updates as they happen rather than just in class, I know it sounds cliche but I really do feel like it expands the learning enviroment beyond the classroom. I am sure that training is offered to instructors already, maybe more of a push for the tools that aren't being used, and more information for part time, adjunct, and other staff who are not full time on campus faculty would help expand the program.

Suggestion: I think technology is a major part of higher education and many students and faculty don't know what it can do, or how to use it. If they don't know what it can do they are less likely to use it at all. Since the people who need the most help with technology are those who are least inclined to use it at first, I think it would make a huge difference if a course pack like technology hand-book were published and provided to all students, either for "free" due to student fee's or for a price that wouldn't discourage students. It should be presented in languauge accessible to anyone with the ability to use basic computer functions, like word and the internet. I think there should be a blackboard section in it, also covered should be how to use computer labs on campus, where they are, how to use the wireless on campus, the many ways of saving files on campus to be used at home. Who to call when there are specific types of problems, referrals to online resources for things not covered in book. This book shouldn't cover how to use programs that aren't campus specific unless walking through things like ftp in relation to the campus services. I don't think many would read it cover to cover, but a physical handy reference guide would be useful to almost all members of the UMBC community at one time or another, and a bit of a magic feather for a lot of people.

Suggestion: Provide incentives for professors, and departments who use blackboard well.

Suggestion: Require all courses to have at least a page where students are able to connect through email, or message board, also require sylabus to be posted online. These are babysteps that all should be able to handle. If a college professor can't learn to upload a single document, and click through a user friendly web application maybe a teaching position at a science tech research kinda school isn't the right place for them without further training.
Suggestion: I don't know what percentage but I think it is safe to say A LOT of students use social internet sites like myspace, facebook, and instant messaging services. I think it would benefit everyone if there could be either a similar UMBC specific system, or preferably the university of MD system could work more closely with facebook and/or myspace to integrate the large active student networks and class groups established elsewhere on the internet with the school's official online services. ---perhaps a myUMBc feature where students could enter their alternate email addresses, then some sort of bot that autosearches through the social networking sites and automatically links their profile information with appropriate umbc content, or invites to join UMBC officially sanctioned groups---

Request: better notification of finances, this online billing stuff isn't so hot. I didn't notice at all when my bills were posted, if I got an email it was filtered out as spam. I ended up with late fees, and there is no reason for that. These things could be posted in blackboard as a personal announcement, or under the myumbc alerts section.

Oh, and I'm really looking forward to the itunesu, i really hope my classes make use of it.

Most professors use Blackboard at a minimal level or not at all. It was very hard to navigate at first but now I know where to find things and what professors use it often or not at all. I like being able to check my grades and access documents at any time.

Doesn't work with safari all the time, kind of a hassle

BlackBoard is one of the most poorly designed websites I've ever had the displeasure of being forced to use. Its reliance on its own scripts (this text box for example, which doesn't allow copy/paste for some unknown reason. Are HTML text boxes not cool any more?), finicky links (why, when I press "Back" when I'm reading a discussion thread, does it take me all the way back to the course home page?), and completely unintuitive setup would make the website laughable if not for the fact that we are FORCED to use it.

I had teachers in high school (2-3 years ago) who used BB. The website looks exactly the same today as it did then. It hasn't changed at all, and if you ask me (as a computer savvy CMSC major), it desperately needs it.

I'm all for online content, but for the love of all that is good, make your own site; HTML is not hard.

Blackboard is a huge hindrance when it comes to getting material from the internet effectively. You have to log in to get anything at all, and there's nothing forcing professors to put content in easily findable places, so they make up their own places. Thus, all the sites for different classes are completely different - do I click on "syllabus" to see the material we'll be covering, or "schedule"? I forget. Forcing professors to maintain their own websites makes things so much simpler; if they can use a text editor, they can write a web page... and if they can't use a text editor, why are they teaching college courses? All the "communication and collaboration" tools are inferior to email, too - you have to log in to blackboard, then check each course individually to see what someone's said in the different boards you're on. I see absolutely no advantage to Blackboard over standard HTML and SMTP, and if Blackboard is being paid for then the
university is being ripped off. For example, this text widget - what in the world do I need bold text for? Standard <textarea> widgets are more portable, load faster, are lighter, and can be spell-checked by the browser.

Perhaps there does exist some good e-learning center software... but I wouldn't waste my time looking for it. Teaching people how to use the internet is more valuable to them and to their students than giving them the "easy option" and allowing a CMS to shuffle their documents.

Please, please destroy the heinous monstrosity that is Blackboard.

Contact me at willm1@umbc.edu if you have questions or comments.
I enjoy using Blackboard; however it would be more useful if the system weren't down so much.

This at least beats Ace Organics or that Verisign thing where you actually have to pay a fee in order to use those services. I think those other services are overall rip offs and for the amount of money you pay, you don't even get your moneys worth even if its as little as 15 bucks.

That's chump change compared to what you pay in books but its an overall annoyance fee.

Sometimes it does not work and other times its toooooooooo slow

I think more teachers should use it more often because it really helps students with knowing exactly what is due and when, knowing their grades, and understanding important information.

Sometimes when I try to click on the blackboard link from myUMBC, the address like repeats and clicks dozens of times and won't let me see the webpage, so I have to exit out and sign in again to myUMBC in order for blackboard to work. I think this is like a technical problem or something like that ......

For the most part its highly beneficials. Esp the discussion relating to class subjects

The primary features I use on Blackboard are grades, discussion boards, and the main opening page for assignments and announcements for each class. I did not realize that Blackboard had other useful features. However, I do not know how to use the features that allows me to directly interact with other classmates. It would be helpful to know how to just in case we ever want to use it. Other features are available that I don't use as well. It would be nice to know what these features are and how to use them if necessary.

I think it should be required for teachers because I always like to know how I am doing in a class and now I do not because none of my teachers use them. Also, I like the roster being available so if I need questions answers I can find someone's email and ask them what I need to ask them. I barely had that opportunity this semester.

Every professor should be required to use blackboard. It is very helpful in staying organized and keeping up with grades.
Blackboard discussion board format is too complicated this version. It is hard to create forums and you cannot see the overall "hierarchy" of posts that develop over the semester like you could in the previous version. MAKE DISCUSSION POSTING EASIER PLEASE
Blackboard is a closed system, and as such, is difficult to work with. It's use of HTML frames is particularly annoying. It strives to be a web application, but it doesn't reach that level, and is instead a very frustrating hybrid of application and basic web page. One or the other would be good, but the combination isn't.

These text boxes don't work in Firefox on Windows Vista (the browser freezes when trying to load the page). I have to use IE to get the page to load correctly (which I really don't like).

Sometimes Doesn't Work With Mozilla

The biggest disadvantage to Blackboard is reliability. For courses where assignments are primarily available online and not distributed in class, it is very frustrating when Blackboard does not work.

It would be nice if teachers actually posted grades on here, or used it at all.

No real disadvantages.

If a professor uses it, they should follow through the entire semester.

Often when I try to log in I get stuck in an infinite loop in the redirection page. This problem goes away when I switch my browser to Internet Explorer (from my default Firefox).

I hate not being able to get on at night. It seems as if it's always down for some reason and I can't get access to whatever I need.

All teachers should have to post grades on it!

The server is unreliable and when not able to log onto the site, needed information may not be able to be accessed.

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grades from last semester still shows on the first page; sometimes doesn't work on mac based computer

My biggest problem with Blackboard is that when I try to log in using Firefox it keeps giving me a security message and won't allow me to access the site.

A search the site bar would be very helpful

No additional information.

I often have a problem accessing Blackboard when using Firefox. I use Firefox as my main browser both at home and on campus, so it's very frustrating. There's a loop where
the title bar says https://webauth.umbc.edu/umbcLogin, and a box that keeps coming up saying that the information is being sent over an unencrypted connection. When I click "continue" the whole thing starts over again, with a new box. Even right now, I've had to fire up Internet Explorer to use Blackboard, and I hate it.

Question 8

The Blackboard site is often offline or the server is down. Too many times when I log in it won't let me access my classes...it says error...no partial credit for hw that you do a bunch of work for but cannot figure out the right answer. It's okay might want to work on site layout though.

Question 8: Constant Downtime

No others....

The site is not always very user friendly. Email in particular is very annoying because email sent via blackboard cannot be "reply to all" to as it does not contain email addresses for each recipient. This makes it incredibly unwieldy for group projects. Blackboard would be so much easier to use if the site wasn't ALWAYS slow and ALWAYS down.

The discussion boards need to be more user-friendly. I personally despise using them, just because it is very difficult. It is hard to track threads, once you start getting responses to responses. It is not organized/laid out effectively. I have problems with editing the posts, and you are unable to format them. This is something I think definitely needs to be improved.

Professors seem to struggle with understanding how to use Blackboard. Also, as an aside, TEACH professors how to use CPS/Clickers -- it seems to be very difficult for most of them, ultimately cutting into class time. In my experience, few teachers not in the computer science department set up a blackboard at all, even though it would be a convenient way to communicate and view grades.

I said other for question #11 because i generally do not have any problems with blackboard.

8) other - need for internet to access (not always able to get to a computer on time)

Instructors should be required to post grades. The interface they use to post grades should probably be simpler so they don't shy away from it.

Some of the categories need to be a little better organized as well.

There are a lot of things you have to modify in order to get blackboard to load into any other browser except explorer, which is a huge problem.

I have used webCT at another school and found it to be a lot more reliable and a better all-around program.
Session timeouts require closing browser or reloading site to access it. A huge pain.

I think the all teachers and professors should be taught about how to use blackboard, it is a very useful tool in teaching the students. Professors informing students via new announcements is probably the most important feature of blackboard. To further enhance this, email updates from changes to announcements or new course documents should be allowed. All the other intranet platforms have it.

It should be mandatory for teachers to use it completely if they are going to use it. It is very frustrating when teacher only uses it every so often in effort to make you come to class. If the blackboard is going to be used then use it often, don't just post some of the assignments or announcements if assignments are going to be posted then post them all not just a select few.

Professor does not update often enough

It's a great resource, its great to have homework, grades, and necessary documents. Needs to be more reliable

I wish the sever never went down.

I do not like the interface. There seem to be odd bugs like with login and discussion boards. Most of my professors don't use Blackboard or have their own course web site they can customize. I like being able to see my grade online but since some professors do not update regularly, it's not all that great.

Simplify interface, less options on left

It is O.K.

No suggestions.

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