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**Subject:** [ivc-allusers] Official Blackboard Announcement for Faculty/Staff

Good afternoon Campus Community,

We're pleased to announce that Blackboard is now available for all faculty to login and begin using to enhance their courses!

A few features we are hoping all faculty members will be able to use and enjoy with Blackboard:

1. Send Email to Students (we have different areas allowing this currently, but the option in Blackboard may be easiest to use)
2. Post Syllabi
3. Use the Grade Center (moving forward, this will be our only supported institutional grading program)
4. Use the Online Attendance Course Tool
5. Use the Discussions/Blogs/Journal Course Tools for students writing assignments
6. Provide additional content to students by Importing Course Cartridges from Book Publishers that support Blackboard
7. Connect your Course to McGraw-Hill SimNet, Pearson's MyLab/Mastering, WileyPLUS, and Cengage Learning MindLinks (soon) if your textbook supports it
8. Mobile Application for Staff/Students (More Information in the Mobile Application section below)

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#### **Login Instructions for All Staff**

You can login by visiting: <http://imperial.blackboard.com>

For your username, please use the first part of your IVC email address (e.g. firstname.lastname)

For your password, please use your IVC email password

If you are a new faculty member or work with new faculty members that may not know they have an official IVC email address, please contact me and I can help verify an account has been created and forward along their initial password to them via their phone/personal email.

#### **Login Instructions for Students**

Student can login by visiting: <http://imperial.blackboard.com>

For their username, they will use the first part of their student email address (e.g. jdoe2)

For their password, they will use their WebSTAR PIN (which should automatically be synced when updated via WebSTAR)

If you are helping a student and they do not know their student email address, these two locations can help them find out that information:

- <https://www.imperial.edu/students/student-email-lookup/> (Does not require additional login, but will only work if the student is registered for 0.5 or more units for the current semester)
- <https://my.imperial.edu/student-email> (Does require additional login to the Student Portal, but will work regardless of whether or not the student is registered for any classes)

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#### **What is being added into Blackboard automatically from IVC?**

- All Courses (and Cross Listed Relationships as defined in our schedule)
- All Registrations (Enrollments)
- All Staff and Student User Accounts

### How often is data being synced to Blackboard from IVC?

- Courses are being synced Every Hour
- Registrations (Enrollments) are being synced Every Hour (in fact, you should already be seeing Fall enrollments show up in your classes)
- Users are being synced Every 15 Minutes (this syncing is to add the user initially into Blackboard, passwords are synced immediately)

### Will you be able to merge multiple sections of the same course I am teaching?

This topic has been discussed and while it was something we were able to do in the past, we'd like each course to operate independently and not add the additional complexity of merging some courses and not others (with the exception of Cross Listed classes) so this is not something we'll be able to accomplish at this time.

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### Getting Additional Blackboard Help for Faculty

For those new to Blackboard there is a lot of training material (videos and help documents) that has been provided by Blackboard already:

- Understanding and Building Your Course - <http://ondemand.blackboard.com/understand.htm>
- Communicating and Collaborating - <http://ondemand.blackboard.com/communicate.htm>
- Assessing Learners - <http://ondemand.blackboard.com/assess.htm>

Additionally, you can contact the following people on campus for additional training and support:

- Andres Martinez, Instructional Media Designer, at 760-355-6126 / [andres.martinez@imperial.edu](mailto:andres.martinez@imperial.edu)
- Angie Ruiz, ATLAS Team, at 760-355-6339 / [angie.ruiz@imperial.edu](mailto:angie.ruiz@imperial.edu)
- Michael Heumann, ATLAS Team, at 760-355-6553 / [michael.heumann@imperial.edu](mailto:michael.heumann@imperial.edu)
- Sidne Horton, ATLAS Team, at 760-355-6334 / [sidne.horton@imperial.edu](mailto:sidne.horton@imperial.edu)

They will be available for individual assistance and will also be providing regular trainings throughout the year.

### Getting Additional Blackboard Help for Students

There is also training material available for students:

- For Students - <http://ondemand.blackboard.com/students.htm>

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### Mobile Application for Blackboard

For the past few years Blackboard has offered a free mobile application, that you can actually download and use right now with the following caveats:

- It will only work on iOS Devices (iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad) over a WiFi connection (no 3G/4G)  
-or-
- It will only work on Android/iOS/Blackberry Devices from Sprint over WiFi and 3G/4G

However, this is going to change in mid-September with this announcement Blackboard made on July 11<sup>th</sup>:

When we introduced Blackboard Mobile Learn two years ago, we had two options for institutions in US Higher Education to get started. Since then we've seen a tremendous response with more than 1,100 institutions worldwide using Blackboard Mobile Learn. We also received a lot of input that you wanted something different. Our new option has been designed with that input in mind.

An End-User License offering of Blackboard Mobile Learn will be available globally in mid-September. The new offering will be free for institutions to enable and will allow students and instructors to pay for mobile access to their courses and organizations. End users will be able to choose between two different introductory pricing options: \$1.99\* per year or a one-time fee of \$5.99\*.

**The End-User License offering will be available on iOS and Android devices, on all mobile carriers, worldwide.**

This offers a smooth transition for clients utilizing the No-Cost offering of Blackboard Mobile Learn. No action is needed. In mid-September, these clients will automatically transition to the new End-User License model.

As always we will still have an Institutional License available for clients who want a more robust mobile strategy. This option offers support for BlackBerry and webOS, integration with Blackboard Mobile Central, and the ability to support all of your students and faculty at no cost to them.

We are excited about this change because it provides you with more choice in how to meet your students' demands and is aligned with mobile users' expectations.

Please visit [Blackboard Mobile Learn](#) for further information and answers to [frequently asked questions](#).

*\* or currency equivalent in users' local currency as determined by app stores, plus any applicable taxes.*

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