How do I access my learning materials and module features in Ultra?

In this guide we will demonstrate how to access your new modules, how to find your learning materials and information about the new features available to you.

Please note: Chrome is the recommended browser for using Blackboard Ultra

IE (Internet explorer) is not supported

The Modules & Programmes page

When you first login to Blackboard Ultra you will be taken to the Modules and Programmes page.

This will list all of the modules you are studying on at the University.

Click on the name of the module to access and load it.

To close your module, click the purple X in the top left corner and you will see your Modules and Programmes page again.

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You are now also able to switch between List view and Grid view in your Modules and Programmes page. Grid view offers a more visual look and feel with banner
images for your modules.

Click the toggle next to the search field to switch between views, Blackboard will remember your choice when you next login. The images you will see are unique to you, unless your tutor has changed the image.

**Blackboard Ultra modules**

Blackboard Ultra modules look and feel different compared to modules you might have been enrolled on in previous years at the University.

You now have several key areas on your modules, the **Content** area, **Details & Actions** menu and the **Navigation bar**.

Blackboard Ultra modules are fully mobile responsive, so you can view them on your phone, PC, laptop or tablet.
Content

This is a folder structure where all of your content for your modules will be available.

You will have a folder for **Module Guidance**, that contains information about the module. There is also a folder for **Learner Support** that includes links to the Library and Student IT guides.

A folder for **Assessment and Submission** where your assessment guidance and submission points will be.
Below the Assessment and Submission folder you have a folder structure where you will be able to access all your learning materials.

**Details & Actions menu**

This menu gives you access to some tools for your modules.

**Register:** Here you can view everyone who is on your modules, both your tutors and fellow students.

**Blackboard Collaborate:** These are your virtual classrooms. They can be used to collaborate and meet up with other students and your tutors online.

**Attendance:** Please do not pay attention to this, we are not monitoring attendance through Blackboard Ultra.

**Register**

[View everyone on your module](#)

**Blackboard Collaborate**

[Join session](#)

**Attendance**

[View your attendance](#)

**Announcements**

[View archive](#)

**Reading List & Tools**

[View reading list & institution tools](#)

**Announcements:** Click here to previous announcements for your module.

**Reading List & Tools:** This is where you will be able to access your online reading lists.
Navigation bar
The Navigation bar gives you a number of features in your Ultra modules.

Content area:
This is the homepage for your modules, you will always enter a module on this page and have access to your module guidance, assessment and submission details and your learning materials.

Blackboard Calendar:
This is where you will be able to see a list of all the online assessment your tutors have made available for you.
Discussions:

This is where you will be able to see all the discussions available on your module.

You might also see discussions in your Content area but all discussions on your module are available here.

Gradebook:

This is your Gradebook area, all marks and feedback in relation to the module you are currently viewing will be available here.

Messages area:

This is where you will be able to see any messages that you have received in relation to the module you are presently in. Messages received here will be from staff and students on the module.
Please note: before using the messages area to get in touch with your tutor(s), first as they may have a preferred method of contact that is not the Blackboard Messages service.

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