Welcome to the new Blackboard

In this guide we will demonstrate the new Blackboard, how to use it and where navigate to for specific information.

We are moving to a newer version of Blackboard at the start of the academic year 2018/19. As such, there are a few changes that you might need to be aware of as an existing or a new student.

When you login directly to Blackboard, or go through the student portal you will see these changes.

Please note: Chrome is the recommended browser for using Blackboard

IE (Internet explorer) is not supported

The Activity Steam

When you first login to Blackboard you will be taken to the activity stream.

This is where you will see:

- New course materials and module content
- New messages from fellow students and tutors
- Upcoming submission deadlines for online assessment
- Calendar items
- Grades and feedback
- Discussion board replies
- When a module becomes available for you to access

You can access items in your activity stream by clicking on them. Hover over the item to highlight it and click the name of the item to open it.
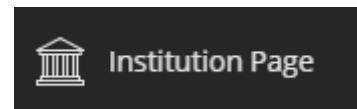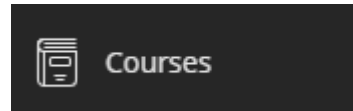
The Institution page

The Institution page is where you will see University wide information.
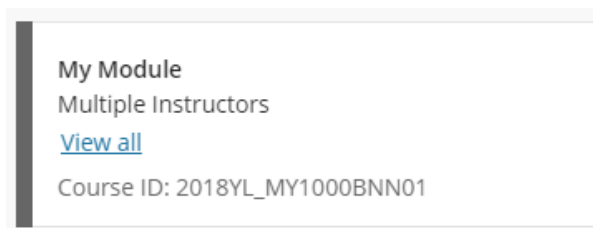

The Courses area

To access your courses, click in to the Courses area.

Here you will see any modules and programmes that you are enrolled on.

To access one of your modules, click on one of them from your courses list and a new layer will appear with your course on it. You can access all your course materials from here.

My Module
Multiple Instructors
View all
Course ID: 2018YL_MY1000BNN01

To close your course, click on the purple square in the top left of the layer, this will take you back to your course list.
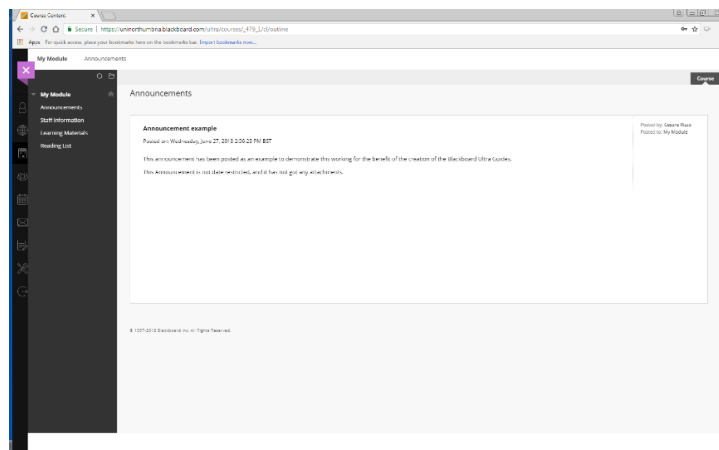
You are also able to search for your courses using the new search tool. Type the name of the course that you want to access and you this will condense your course list down to what you have searched for.
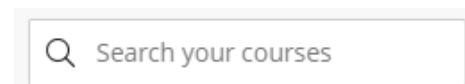
The Calendar Area

The Calendar area is where you will see the following:

- Deadlines for online submissions for Blackboard assignments
- Reminders for upcoming events where your tutors have posted them to your course.
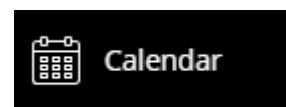
If your assignment submissions do not appear in your Calendar, please consult your tutor for any submission deadlines.

Your calendar does not link up with your student timetable, you will still be able to see these through the timetable service.

Add Event

New Event ✎

Add to Calendar

| My Personal Calendar | ▾ |

Details & Information

* Start

| 7/1/18 | 📅 | 2:00 PM | 🕐 |

* End

| 7/1/18 | 📅 | 3:00 PM | 🕐 |

You can use the calendar to set reminders for yourself, which will appear in your Blackboard activity stream.

Click the **✚** in the top right corner to create a calendar reminder

Changing your calendar to the Due Dates mode will show all of your upcoming online Blackboard submissions.

Changing it to schedule will show either your Day or Month schedule dependant on the view you have chosen.

Calendar   ⊕ ⚙

| Schedule | Due Dates | Jul 2018 | Day | Month |
| | | | Today |

Tuesday - July 31, 2018

My Module
BB Assessment example
Due: 7/31/18, 3:47 PM

TEL Ultra Training 2018
Assessment 2 - 'TEL in 2023' - Presentation - 60%
Due: 7/31/18, 11:59 PM

Friday - August 31, 2018

TEL Ultra Training 2018
Assignment 2 - TEL in 2040
Due: 8/31/18, 8:26 AM

The Messages area

The messages area is a new tool that you can use to communicate with fellow students on your module and your tutors.

Please speak to your tutors in regards to the messaging service as they may have other preferred methods of contact for communicating with you.

You have a space in each of your courses to send and receive messages.

2018YL_MY1000BNN01
My Module   ⊕

1 Message

Benjamin Coomber, Josephine Bloggs, & 2 others
20 seconds ago, at 1:41 PM

Please don't forget your lunch

Messages also appear on your activity stream

Jul 26, 2018

TEL Ultra Training 2018
New message: Sent by Benjamin Coomber
class is cancelled Watch Video About Northumbria University Duration: 2:10 ...

The Grades area

The Grades area is where you will see:

- Online submission deadlines
- Results and feedback for your online submissions
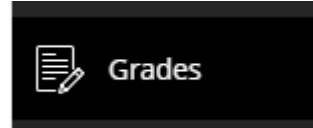
You will see all the modules that you are enrolled on in this area and a list of all the online submissions and grades when they are made available to you.

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