Blackboard Mobile™ Learn

Blackboard Mobile Learn takes interactive teaching and learning mobile, giving students and teachers access to their courses, content and organizations on a variety of mobile devices, including Sprint Network Android and BlackBerry® phones and iPhone OS-powered devices via Wi-Fi. Blackboard Mobile Learn extends your existing Blackboard Learn™ implementation by giving students and instructors access to all of the content available in the web interface, with the added ability to access documents in multiple formats, post announcements (instructors), create discussion threads and posts, and comment on blogs and journals (instructors), all on the mobile devices they love.

Announcements
Assignment due? Class cancelled? This is the place where instructors go to post the news students need to know. Students have instant, on-the-go access to the latest announcements, and instructors can post announcements anywhere, anytime.

Grades
Want to know how you did on the midterm or your last homework assignment? Students can view their grades right here.

Blogs
Read blog posts and interact with classmates by posting comments on their blogs or responding to comments on your own.

Roster
Wondering who’s in your class? With the class roster, you can quickly see your full class list, making organizing study groups a whole lot easier.

Discussions
The Discussion Board is a key course communication tool for engaging students and promoting learning. It’s the place students ask and answer questions, and where instructors can respond to one student for the benefit of all. With Blackboard Mobile Learn, instructors and students can review and post to threaded discussions, as well as create new threads, all while on the go.

Journals
Students can access music, videos and images uploaded by their instructors and experience directly from their mobile devices using the appropriate media-specific software.

Tasks
Help students track and manage the progress of various tasks, from turning in homework assignments to reminders to pick up a midterm or purchase a textbook. Tasks allow students to mark when they’ve started a project, when it’s in progress, and when complete.

Media
Students can access music, videos and images uploaded by their instructors and experience directly from their mobile devices using the appropriate software specific to the media type.

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Is Every School Supported?

Blackboard Mobile Learn is available at no cost to Blackboard Learn™ institutions running Releases 8, 9 and higher on Sprint Network Android and BlackBerry phones and on iPhone OS-powered devices over a Wi-Fi connection. There’s also an annual license option which builds on the no-cost offering by providing the same native mobile apps regardless of carrier or type of access. Some institutions may also be interested in taking their full campus living and learning experience mobile with a branded application all their own. For these institutions, there is a more tailored annual license solution, the Blackboard Mobile™ Central/Blackboard Mobile Learn bundle which brings together multiple elements of the campus experience, including teaching and learning, in a standalone mobile app under your institution’s brand.

Blackboard Mobile Learn is launching in a phased rollout starting with North American higher education and professional education, and continuing with markets outside the United States and Canada, and K-12 in August.

Blackboard Learn™ Instance

Blackboard Mobile Learn is available to institutions running Blackboard Learn – Basic and Enterprise Licenses, Release 8.0 and above. Schools running Basic License Release 8.0 also require Service Pack 6. Currently institutions that license the Basic Edition of the CE platform do not have access to Blackboard Mobile Learn. We are investigating the feasibility and timing for supporting earlier versions of Blackboard software including CE/Vista and ANGEL.

Blackboard Building Block™

To power Blackboard Mobile Learn, simply install the free Blackboard Mobile Web Services Building Block™ available at BlackboardExtensions.com. The Blackboard Building Block is bundled with Service Packs, starting with Service Pack 1 for Release 9.1.

We recommend installing and configuring the Blackboard Building Block in a test environment first, and then installing and activating it on your production platform. With this simple step, you’re set up for Blackboard Mobile Learn. Students and faculty can then download the Blackboard Mobile Learn app from the appropriate app store, choose your school from the list of enabled institutions, and they’re ready to go.

Authentication

We support any authentication scheme that does not require a browser plug-in. Just select the appropriate setting on the Blackboard Mobile Web Services Building Block properties page. Institutions with custom authentication on their Blackboard Learn platform may need to contact Support to get Blackboard Mobile Learn configured properly, but all schools will be supported.

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