

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 Android™ and BlackBerry® phones and iOS™-powered devices. Blackboard Mobile Learn extends your existing Blackboard Learn™ implementation by making much of the core Learn content available in an engaging and intuitive way on mobile devices. Students and instructors can access documents in multiple formats, post announcements (instructors), create threaded discussion posts, upload media as attachments to discussion boards and blogs, create content items within the course map, and comment on blogs and journals, all on the mobile devices they love.

Features



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 and uploading media as attachments on blogs (Android and iOS) as well as uploading non-media files (Android).



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. Additionally, students can upload media files (Android and iOS) as well as other file types (Android) to discussions.



Journals

Read and reflect on your Journal posts and those of your classmates. Both students and instructors can comment on Journals.



Media

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.

Is Every School Supported?

Blackboard Mobile Learn is available at no cost to North American Higher Education Blackboard Learn clients running Releases 8, 9 and higher on Sprint Network Android and BlackBerry phones and on iPhone OS-powered devices over a WiFi 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 clients, 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 is continually bringing enhancements to Blackboard Mobile Learn include support for new platforms and new features that leverage device capabilities and increase usability.



Blackboard Learn Platform

Blackboard Mobile Learn is available to clients running Blackboard Learn Basic and Enterprise License Release 8.0 and above. Clients running Basic License Release 8.0 also require Service Pack 6. Currently clients who license the Basic Edition of the CE platform do not have access to Blackboard Mobile Learn. We plan to ship Blackboard Mobile Learn for CE/Vista 8 and ANGEL 7.4 by the end of 2010.



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 will be bundled in upcoming 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.

Native

- Standard Authentication
- LDAP

Forced to Web

- Shibboleth
- Kerberos

HTTP

- HTTP - Active Directory