Blackboard Instructor App

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Blackboard Instructor is a mobile app that is available on iOS and Android mobile devices. The app allows instructors to view course content, connect with students in discussions, and interact with the students in Blackboard Collaborate.

After logging into Blackboard Instructor, there will be a list of all the current courses where the user is enrolled as an instructor, TA or course builder. At the bottom of this list an instructor can see which course are hidden from students, as well as hide or show courses to customize the list in the app.

To hide or show a course site in the Blackboard Instructor Current course list, use the following steps:

1. Tap the No hidden courses button, at the bottom of the list.
2. **NOTE:** If there are already hidden course sites, the button may show “You have 2 hidden courses.”
3. Tap the course sites you want hidden or shown (hidden course sites are greyed out).
4. Tap Save.
5. **NOTE:** The Save button is only active if there are changes.

Course Overview

Tap the name of a course site to see a concise Course Overview. This view grants access to the following items:

- Due dates
- Announcements
- Course content
- Discussions

A list of instructors for the course site can be viewed and email can be sent to them.

Due Dates

Tap Due Dates in the Course Overview to list tests, assignments and mobile compatible tests with due dates. The list is divided into two sections:

- Due Soon, which shows items due in the next two days.
- Coming Up, which shows items due in the next two weeks.
Tap an item within Due Dates to show item details and a preview of the item.

Students have access to the same Due Dates view in their Blackboard app.

**Announcements**

Tap Announcements under Course Materials in the Course Overview to create announcements for the students within individual course sites. Instructors can view previously sent announcements which only includes the sender, date and message.

Students can see announcements in the Activity Stream in their Blackboard app.

**Course Content**

Tap Course Content under Course Materials in the Course Overview to view the folders, documents, assessments, and other items that were added in the web browser view of the course. Items in the app can be previewed to verify they appeared as intended, but items must be created in Blackboard Learn on a web browser.

Students can view all course content and are able to complete assessments in their Blackboard app.

**Discussions**

Tap Discussions under Course Materials in the Course Overview to read course discussions, start threads, and reply to posts. Tap on posts created to edit or delete them.

Students can view discussions and are able to start threads, and reply to posts in their Blackboard app.
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Blackboard Instructor Workflows (ROUGH NOTES)

Note: Blackboard Instructor does not have grading functionality. Grading functionality is scheduled to be added to Blackboard Instructor in the coming months.

Blackboard Instructor works with both Original and Ultra courses.

It is tailored to an instructor’s most important workflows. Let’s take a quick tour of the app. After you login, you see a list of all current courses where you’re enrolled as an instructor, TA or course builder. An instructor can see which courses are hidden from students and hide and show courses to customize the list in the app.

Let’s view a course. The overview provides a concise view of your course and easy access to content and tools. View and send announcements to course members. [Demo announcement tool; speech to text]. It’s easy to return to a previous screen throughout the app. Just tap the arrow. View course faculty and send them email.

See what’s coming up for the students in this course. Due Soon shows items due in the next two days. Coming Up shows items due in the next two weeks.

Let’s look at an assignment. You can see its details and preview it from the student perspective.

Next, let’s check out a test in the app. You see the settings up front. Preview it to read the questions and even select answers. Now you have a good idea what your students will experience when they complete assessments in their app. Do you wonder how your course content will look on a mobile device? [Course Content] Folders reflect the structure you see in the web browser view of your course. Tap content items to view them. The embedded video opens seamlessly. Files are easy to view and you can also print or export. Items that aren’t natively supported in the app such as web links, blogs, and journals open in a web browser. If you provided a course menu link to discussions in the web view of your course, the link shows on Course Content in the app as well.

Discussions are also easily accessed from the concise course overview. An instructor can read and post to keep up with course activity from your mobile device. Graded discussions show the maximum possible score.

If your institution uses Blackboard Collaborate with the Ultra experience, you can use Blackboard Instructor to join a session on your mobile device.
Finally, tap the menu and select Settings. You can access help, leave feedback on the app, or log out. Tap the menu and then Courses to get back to work.