

## A Virtual Tour of Blackboard

Welcome to a virtual tour of a typical Blackboard course. Some courses may look slightly different from what is shown here and not all areas will be populated. We will start with the navigation bar on the left.

### Announcements

**Announcements:** Important messages from your instructor about your course. Blackboard courses usually open to this page.

### Course Information

**Course Information:** The syllabus, student orientation, and other information relating to your course are located here. Additionally, there is a link to online Blackboard tutorials for students.

### Staff Information

**Staff Information or Faculty Information:** Your professor's name, email address, phone number, office hours, and office address.

### Course Documents

**Course Documents:** Additional course materials added by your professor.

### Assignments

**Assignments:** A listing of assignments required for your course.

### Communication

**Communication:** Live chat room for students, Discussion Board, and email. You might also find group pages, personal web pages, rosters, or podcasts here.

### Discussion Board

**Discussion Board:** Online forum required in all classes to encourage idea exchange and interaction among students. Posting “Me, too” does not count.

### External Links

**External Links:** Internal or external Web pages that may be helpful to a student taking the course.

### Tools

**Tools:** A personal address book, calendar, tools for creating a personal Web page for your course, access to your grades posted in the gradebook, and a Blackboard User manual. You might also find a glossary of terms used in your course or a list of tasks to be completed.