

Blackboard Workshops

In Blackboard 9 there are a number of changes in the way that basic activities are performed, changes to the interface, and a number of new features. It is highly recommended that anyone using Blackboard attend a Switching from Blackboard 7 to Blackboard 9 session to help you make the transition an easy one.

To sign up, email ewitt@hollins.edu or call Ellen Witt at x6020 at least 24 hours in advance.

Blackboard – Switching from Blackboard 7 to Blackboard 9

This session is directed toward users who are familiar with a previous version of Blackboard.

Thursday	August 6	1:00-2:30	Dana 111
Wednesday	August 12	10:00-11:30	Dana 111
Tuesday	August 18	10:00-11:30	Dana 111
Monday	August 24	10:00-11:30	Dana 111
Tuesday	August 25	1:00-2:30	Dana 111
Thursday	August 27	10:00-11:30	Dana 111
Monday	August 31	10:00-11:30	Dana 111

Blackboard – for First Time Users

These sessions are directed toward users who have never used Blackboard before.

Thursday	August 27	1:30-3:30	Dana 111
Tuesday	September 1	10:00-noon	Dana 111

Blackboard – Communication – Blogs, Journals, and the Discussion Board

Two of the new features of Blackboard 9 are blogs and journals. These sessions will look at how to set these up and discuss when they would be appropriate to use. We will also look at using the discussion board for threaded class discussions. This tool has been in Blackboard in previous versions.

Wednesday	Sept 2	2:30-4:30	Dana 111
Tuesday	Sept 8	2:30-4:30	Pleasants 204

Blackboard – The New Grade Center

Significant improvements were made to the grade book in Blackboard 8. This and additional features which are new to Blackboard 9 make this a powerful tool for calculating grades, and providing information to students about their progress in the course. Instructors can allow for multiple attempts on work, weight grades, and many notify students up upcoming deadlines.

Wednesday	Sept 9	2:30-4:30	Dana 111
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Blackboard – Using the Built-In Assignments Feature

When you create a Blackboard assignment, that item automatically becomes an item in your grade center. Students access the assignment in Blackboard and electronically upload their work on the assignment back into Blackboard. You access their results from the grade center, can download their submitted work to make comments and upload your revised files into Blackboard for the students to see. Your grade is entered into the Grade Center. The Digital Drop Box is no longer available in Blackboard.

Friday	Sept 4	1:30-3:00	Dana 111
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