

What is Blackboard?

Blackboard is Columbia College's Web-based Course Management System and tool that allows our instructors to develop and support online education.



Students use the Blackboard system when they take fully-online classes (no face-to-face instruction), hybrid classes (a blend of face-to-face and online instruction) and in face-to-face classes when instructors use Blackboard as an enhancement tool.

Note: The Blackboard features and tools used in an online class may vary from instructor to instructor.

Most students will find Blackboard easy to use, especially if they are familiar with the Internet and have some basic computer skills: searching the Internet, word-processing, and uploading and downloading files. If you want to learn more about being an online student and the technology skills needed, check out the Blackboard Demo located on the log-in page.

Go to the Columbia College Home page and click on the Blackboard icon. This will take you to the Blackboard log-in page.

The image shows a login form with two input fields. The first field is labeled 'User ID:' and the second is labeled 'Password:'. Below the fields is a button labeled 'Log In'.

Log-in for First Time Blackboard Users

We highly recommend before logging in, that you click on the "[Check Browser Support](#)" link above the Username and Password text boxes. This browser check will ensure the browser is correctly configured in order to have complete functionality inside the Blackboard classroom. Make sure to look around the log-in page for additional information and resources that may be helpful, such as the Student Services link or the Help and Technology Requirements tabs.

User ID: Your "w" number

Blackboard Password: Your 6 digit Date of Birth as mmddyy

Note: If you have used the Blackboard system in the past, log in using your existing username and password. If that is not successful, try using your six-digit birth date as the password. If you still cannot log in, contact the Help Desk. Most online classes are available starting 5 calendar days prior to the start of the semester.

Finding Online and Hybrid Classes

Throughout the class schedule, you will see icons that represent fully online or hybrid classes.



This is an online course via Blackboard. Students must have access to a computer and an internet connection. There is additional online information at: <http://columbia.yosemite.edu/OnlineClasses.htm>. Check your instructor's web page for possible class-specific instructions.



This is a hybrid course, requiring both face-to-face meetings and online activities via Blackboard. Students must have access to a computer and an internet connection. There is additional online information at: <http://columbia.yosemite.edu/OnlineClasses.htm>. Check your instructor's web page for possible class-specific instructions.

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Online Training Opportunities

Columbia College offers a hybrid class CMPSC 101, "How to Succeed As An Online Student," in the fall and spring semesters for students who would like to experience online activities and practice technology skills before enrolling in an online class.

One hour face-to-face Blackboard orientation sessions for those enrolled in online or hybrid classes will be conducted during the first couple of weeks of the fall semester in the ITC (Instructional Technology Center) Room 134, located in Tamarack Hall.

Wednesday, August 26th, 5p-6p

Friday, August 28th, 4p-5p

Tuesday, September 1st, 5p-6p

Thursday, September 3rd, 5p-6p

Tuesday, September 8th, 5p-6p