WHAT IS BLACKBOARD 9.1?

Beginning in summer 2011, Blackboard 9.1 will replace WebCT Vista as the course management software Villanova University uses for online teaching and learning. The change enables both faculty and students to take advantage of some of the newest innovations in online teaching and learning including integrated Web 2.0 technology, mobile applications, and collaborative documents. These technologies are presented through a more intuitive and customizable interface than that of the previous course management system. For more information, please visit http://www.villanova.edu/blackboard.

WHAT WILL I NEED TO USE THE BLACKBOARD 9.1 SYSTEM?

- A Mac running OSX 10.5 Leopard or OSX 10.6 Snow Leopard or PC running Windows XP, Windows Vista (32 or 64 bit) or Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit)
- Internet access
- A supported web browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher, Firefox 3 or higher, Safari 4.0 (Google Chrome is NOT a supported browser)
- The latest version of Java (downloaded from http://www.java.com/en/)
- Additional software or hardware may be required by instructor (e.g. headset for Wimba Live Classroom or plug-in to view DiVX media)
- For more information, please visit Blackboard’s Browser and OS Requirement page here

HOW DO I ACCESS THE BLACKBOARD 9.1 SYSTEM?

The Blackboard 9.1 system can be accessed in very similar ways as the previous WebCT system:

- By clicking either of the eLearn icons on the Villanova Homepage and MyNova
- Directly by visiting http://elearning.villanova.edu

This link is located in the bottom right corner of the Villanova Homepage (http://www.villanova.edu)

This link is located in the top right corner after logging in to MyNova (http://mynova.villanova.edu)
Enter your Villanova Username and Password to access the Blackboard 9.1 system.

WHERE ARE MY COURSES?

Upon logging into the system, you can access your courses in the “My Courses” module of the “My Institution” tab or in the “Course List” module of the “Courses” tab.

WHERE DO I FIND MY COURSE MATERIALS?

Courses are navigated by using the dark blue menu in the upper left corner of the course screen. By default, course materials (slides, lectures, assignments, tests, etc.) are placed within the “Content Homepage” link. It is important to note, however, that these links are customizable by Instructor, and may vary from course to course. The “Course Dashboard” link offers an overview of your course with helpful modules for announcements, calendars, what’s due/past due and alerts.

More Help

For further assistance, the following resources are available:

- Blackboard’s On Demand Learning Center: [http://ondemand.blackboard.com/students.htm](http://ondemand.blackboard.com/students.htm)
- Villanova’s Blackboard 9.1 webpage: [http://www.villanova.edu/blackboard](http://www.villanova.edu/blackboard)
- The UNIT Help Desk: 610-519-7777 or support@villanova.edu
- Self Service Help Desk: [http://www.villanova.edu/unit/support/sshd.htm](http://www.villanova.edu/unit/support/sshd.htm)