

Blended Learning
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Blended learning at UIC

- Web-enhanced teaching and learning
- Advanced Web-enhanced instruction
- Hybrid face-to-face/online classes
- **The University of Illinois Online** experience

Technology for Blended Learning

- (1) ACCC and the Instructional Technology Lab commitment to UIC teaching and learning with computer and Internet technology, including Blended Learning
- (2) Blended Learning is a lot easier than online-only program delivery, like Uofl Online. UIC is in good shape for both.

Technology for Blended Learning

- **Synchronous (face-to-face) teaching**
 - Physically, in a classroom
 - Virtually, over the network
 - Both, physically, in a classroom and virtually, over the Internet
- Teaching and learning requirements
- **Synchronous student collaboration**
- Integration with asynchronous components

Technology for Blended Learning

Synchronous technology

- Blackboard Learning System collaborative tools
- Blackboard Virtual Office Hours
- ACCC e-Rooms (aka Centra Symposium)
- Videoconferencing over the Internet
- **Instant Messaging ubiquity**
- Other real-time tools

Technology for Blended Learning

Asynchronous learning

- Traditional Web-enhanced course sites
- Web activities to complement face-to-face instruction and/or complement class
- **Teacher-student and student-student collaboration and communication**
- Teaching and learning requirements
- Synchronous and asynchronous continuum

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Asynchronous technology

- Course sites on Blackboard Learning System or conventional Web server
- Blackboard threaded discussion forums
- Blackboard group collaboration tools
- **Blackboard Content System**
 - Learning system content management
 - Electronic portfolios
 - Network file storage (a virtual hard drive on the Web)
- Integration with synchronous components
- Other asynchronous environments

Benefits of having a class home page

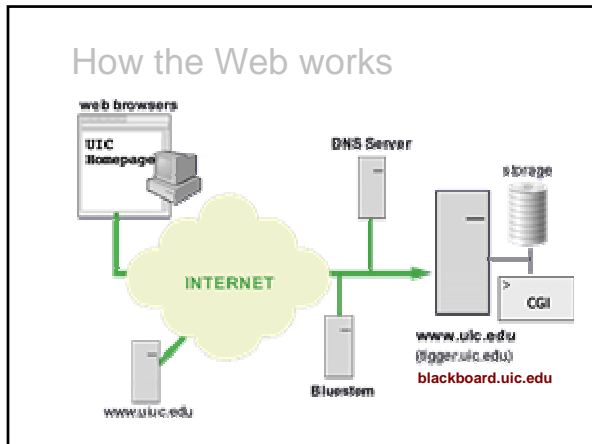
Information access and availability

- One central repository for class materials, announcements, supplemental reading, etc.
- **24-hour access from anywhere**
- Authenticated access with Blackboard or Bluestem
- Asynchronous just-in-time learning
- Platform-independent documents
- **Easy to maintain and modify**

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New capabilities

- Links to work and research done at UIC and elsewhere
- **Enhanced class communications**
- Customized and self-learning experience
- **Online assessment and gradebook**
- Multimedia-rich documents engage students
- **Interactive learning units**



Why use Blackboard CourseInfo?

- Blackboard CourseInfo is a **integrated** Web-based learning management system
- Perhaps, the easiest way to facilitate instruction using the Web
- Appealing to both, novice and seasoned Web faculty developers
- Course site development and regular use done through a **consistent and intuitive** Web browser user interface

Why use Blackboard CourseInfo?

- Blackboard CourseInfo allows you to ...
 - make class materials available online
 - post announcements and email your class
 - use threaded discussion boards
 - collect homework electronically
 - support study groups
 - provide online assessment (with instant grading and custom feedback if you wish)

Why use Blackboard CourseInfo?

- **Blackboard CourseInfo allows you to ...**
 - gather anonymous course evaluations
 - maintain an **online gradebook**
 - search and reorder course site content
 - track students and see course site statistics
- **For more information**
 - Visit the ITL Blackboard CourseInfo support page
www.accc.uic.edu/itl/blackboard
 - contact the ITL or email blackboard@uic.edu

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- Email: itl@uic.edu
- Phone: (312) 996-9824

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ITL-East

- **ITL-East — Room 401 CCC**
(all the way in the back of computer lab)
- **Open Hours**
 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 1-5pm
 - Can stop without an appointment
- **By appointment**
 - Visit ITL home page and click on “making reservations”

ITL-West

- **ITL-West — Room 181 BGRC**
 - (behind the CSO consultant's desk)
- **Open Hours**
 - Mondays and Thursdays, from 1-5pm
 - Can stop without an appointment
- **By appointment**
 - Visit ITL home page and click on "making reservations"

Other campus resources

▪ **What are REACH members?**

Members of various departments, computer experts, resident experts and ACCC liaisons, who help and give advise to colleagues in their departments.

- For more information, see:
 - www.accc.uic.edu/reach

Related links

- **ITL Blackboard Support Page**
 - www.accc.uic.edu/itl/blackboard
- **Gentle Introduction to Blackboard LMS**
 - www.accc.uic.edu/itl/workshops/bbgentle/bbgentle.pdf
- **The Blackboard Content System**
 - www.blackboard.com
- **UIC Blended Learning Initiative**
 - <http://www.blended.uic.edu>
- **Sloan Consortium**
 - www.sloan-c.org
