

## OVERVIEW: WHAT'S NEW IN VERSION 9.0

### NEW INTERFACE

Blackboard 9 sports a greatly enhanced interface that allows you and your students to drag and drop items in a list, select options from drop-down menus, and access help within specific areas in the program..

Success: HIS104 Syllabus created.

Turn off Edit Mode to see student view

Pull-down menu for modifying item

Click to close confirmation

Find reusable items in Content Collection

Reorder items

Click for drop-down menu

Annotations describe the 'Edit Mode' toggle, success message, 'Syllabus' pull-down menu, 'Discover Content' button, 'Evaluate' menu options (Create Test, Create Survey, Create Assignment, Create SafeAssignment, Create Self and Peer Assessment), and a list of items with a reorder handle.

### CONTROL PANEL

COURSE MANAGEMENT

- Control Panel
- Course Tools
- Course Links
- Evaluation
  - Early Warning System
  - Grade Center
  - Performance Dashboard
  - Tracking Reports
- Users and Groups
- Customization
- Packages and Utilities
- Help

Expand/Collapse Categories

Annotation: A hand icon points to the expand/collapse arrow next to the 'Evaluation' category.

### DEFAULT TOOL LINKS

The "Communication" and "Course Tools" links that appeared by default in Blackboard 8 (below the course menu) are gone. But, as before, you can add a link to the course menu. Click the plus button above the course menu, then select your tool.

You can also add links inside a content area.

Annotations show the plus button above the course menu and a list of default tool links: Create Content Area, Create Tool Link, Create Course Link, Create External Link, Create Module Page, Create Subheader, Create Divider.

Annotation: A hand icon points to the 'Create Tool Link' option.

Annotation: A hand icon points to the 'Evaluate' menu, which contains: Create Test, Create Survey, Create Assignment.

## MOVING ITEMS IN A LIST

**Syllabus** ▾  
The syllabus is a contract between you and your instructor in regard to the course. Be sure to read through the syllabus to know what is expected of you and what you can expect from your instructor.

**Schedule** ▾  
Your course is scheduled to be completed in a set amount of time. Courses are often 16 weeks, however course durations can vary. A weekly planner has been created to help you stay on schedule

## ASSIGNMENTS

**Digital Dropbox is gone in Blackboard 9.** The Assignments tool has been the recommended tool for this task for some time. And it has been improved: you can now deploy an assignment to groups of students, allow multiple attempts for the same assignment, and give specific students an additional attempt. Choose **Create Assignment** from the **Evaluate** pull-down menu in a content area.

**4. Availability**

**Make the Assignment Available**  
This assignment cannot be made available until it is assigned to an individual or group of students.

Number of Attempts  Allow single attempt  
 Allow unlimited attempts  
 Number of attempts:

**5. Due Dates**

Submissions are accepted after this date, but are marked Late.

Due Date

Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

## GROUPS

You can “batch create” groups at one time. You can select students yourself or have Blackboard randomly assign them to groups - even let students self-enroll. From the Control Panel, click **Users and Groups**.

**Create Single Group** ▾ **Create Group Set** ▾

No items found.

- > Self-Enroll
- > Manual Enroll
- > Random Enroll

## COURSE HOME PAGE

A course can show by default a panel of modules containing useful information for students on what has changed they last opened the course. On one screen, they can see alerts on what is important to address now or in the near future.

**Home Page** ▾

Add Course Module Customize Page

**My Announcements**     
• Exam 2 on Tuesday!  
[more.....](#)

**My Calendar**     
No calendar events have been posted for the next 7 days.  
[more...](#)

**My Tasks**     
No tasks due.  
[more.....](#)

**To Do**     
[Edit Notification Settings](#)

**What's Past Due** [Actions](#) ▾  
All Items (0)