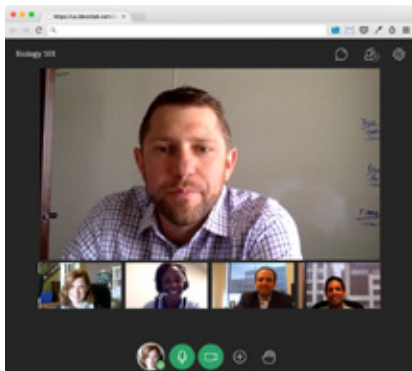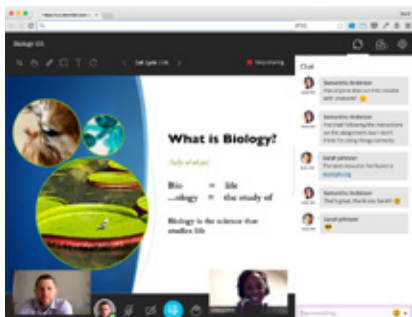# Blackboard®

Collaborate with the Ultra Experience
Use Case Guide

At Blackboard, we are creating a new way to learn. Over the past year, we have focused our web conferencing development efforts on creating a high quality, simple user experience as the foundation for a reimagined product, the new Blackboard Collaborate with the Ultra experience. Additional functionality is planned for delivery via a continuous release process throughout the year.[1]

With the new Collaborate, Blackboard provides a fully redesigned, high quality, browser based web conferencing solution that makes distance teaching and learning simple, crystal clear and worry-free. Benefits of the new design include increased simplicity and convenience, enabling faster launching, simpler deployments with reduced end user support and expanded device support including Chromebooks.

Follow the Speaker HD Video Conferencing

Classroom Chatter with Twemojis
for Engagement

The New Collaborate Key Benefits:

Simple, Convenient and Java Free
› Moving Collaborate away from Java dependency results in simple deployment and convenient access all from the browser with nothing to install

High Quality
› Rich audio and high quality video for a more personal, engaging experience
› Faster, sharper application sharing leveraging standards based WebRTC technology
› A new foundation for rapid, sustained growth

Modern, Redesigned User Experience
› Focused on education and deeply integrated with Blackboard Learn[1] redesigned for simplicity, accessibility, and supporting academic workflows.

You can meet your use cases with Blackboard Collaborate. You have access to both Blackboard Collaborate (formerly known as Collaborate 2015) with the Ultra experience and the Classic View (Blackboard Collaborate 12.6). You can easily use all of the rich functionality you know and love today with the Classic View alongside the new Ultra experience to best meet each use case.

Collaborate with the new Ultra experience:

Office Hours

› High definition video & audio conference
› One-on-Ones (advising, interviews, etc.)
› Student Support
› Drop ins
› Faster, sharper application sharing
› Chromebook access

Teaching & Learning

› High definition video & audio conference
› Faster, sharper application sharing
› Smaller lecture style instruction (up to 50 participants)
› Upload content (server based conversions)
› Need for content sharing / annotation
› Lightweight interactions (group chat, Q&A)
› Chromebook access learning

Small Group Collaboration/ Meetings

› High definition video & audio conference
› Faster, sharper application sharing
› Smaller classroom / group collaboration (up to 50 participants)
› Need for content sharing / annotation
› Lightweight interactions (group chat, Q&A)
› Project based learning
› On-the-fly moderation
› Chromebook access

Collaborate Classic View:

Large Group Collaboration

› Integrated telephony option
› Group & private chat
› Full-interactive whiteboard with ability to pre-load content
› Break out rooms
› Polling
› Session recording
› Native multimedia and MP4 playback
› Native mobile application access

Teaching & Learning

› Lesson plan
› Break out groups
› Full-interactive whiteboard with ability to pre-load content
› Polling
› Lesson recording
› Native multimedia and MP4 playback
› Larger lecture style instruction (1,000 participants)
› LMS integration

Large Scale Webinars/Meetings

› Integrated telephony option
› Group & private chat
› Polling
› Session recording
› Native multimedia and MP4 playback
› Native mobile application access

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