

blackboard quick start

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Blackboard@GW is optimized for Netscape 6.2 or better, and Internet Explorer 5.0 or better on both a Mac and PC.

LOGGING INTO BLACKBOARD

<http://blackboard.gwu.edu>

Your Blackboard account is created following the activation of your Colonial Mail account (normally within two days) and after you are officially registered for a GW course. Your username is your NetID, and your password is the same as your Colonial Mail password.

If you're unable to log in, make sure:

1. You have a Colonial Mail account
 - * To activate your account, go to https://amc.gwu.edu/cgi/acctmgmt/create_ldap?verify=pin
2. You are officially registered for classes for the current semester
3. You are using your NetID and password to log into Blackboard@GW
4. You do not have a hold on your account due to unpaid tuition, lapsed address, fines, etc.

ACCESSING YOUR COURSES IN BLACKBOARD

When you log into Blackboard, you'll see a link to your course when your instructor makes the course available to registered students. The course will be available until one month after the last day of class for a given semester. However, your instructor may at any time make the course unavailable and thus restrict student access.

If you can't see the courses for which you are registered, there are two possible reasons:

1. None of your instructors have made their courses available.
2. You aren't officially registered for any courses. Verify your enrollment status through GWeb.

NAVIGATING YOUR BLACKBOARD COURSE

Similar to other Web sites, navigating Blackboard is done by clicking on links and buttons within the site. Use the links listed in the left-hand frame (Course Menu) to navigate to any section of the course. The Course Menu may be different from one course to another because instructors are able to customize the content.

When navigating through your Blackboard course, you'll notice a trail of navigational links at the top of the course frame detailing your location in the course.

For a step-by-step guide to Blackboard, including a sample course, visit the new student orientation at http://www.gwumc.edu/healthsci/student_resources/virtual_orientation/index.cfm

STUDENT RESOURCES

Health Sciences Help Desk

P 202.994.5105

E disthelp@gwu.edu

ISS Help Desk

P 202.994.5530, option 2

E ithelp@gwu.edu

Frequently Asked Questions: <http://helpdesk.gwu.edu/helpdesk/faqs/bb.html>

Animated Quick Guides: <http://cidd.gwu.edu/viewlets/students.html>