



Navigating Blackboard

Blackboard Classic Parent Guide

Accessing Blackboard on the Mac
or PC go to
blackboard.westside66.org

What is Blackboard?

Blackboard is a web-based teaching and learning environment which enables teachers to build and manage a Web component for their classes. For students, this means:

- access to course materials such as handouts or copies of classroom presentation.
- access to a course calendar and announcements
- opportunities to communicate and collaborate with classmates through tools such as discussion boards

Student Login

Your child's login is their westside email and password

(Note: students will need to be logged in to view assignments, grades, etc..)

Note: **Parents can't login to Blackboard**



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Once a student has logged into Blackboard, they have access to the course menu. This panel, on the left side of the interface, contains links to all top-level course areas. Instructors can also provide links to the tools page, individual tools, websites, course items, and module pages(Class content/lessons) You may only see some of these.

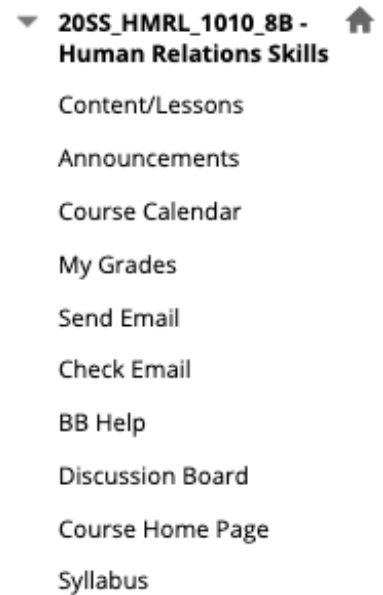
Announcements: See important teacher announcements

Content/Lessons: Navigate to assigned work, presentations, resources

Course Calendar: View course events and due dates for your courses.

Send Email: View and send messages in courses.

My Grades: Check grades for all courses.





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Inside a Course

The screenshot displays the Blackboard interface for a course. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'My Institution', 'Courses', 'Community', and 'Services'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Discussion Board > Forum: Wave Assignment: Energy From Waves and Tides'. The main content area is titled 'Forum: Wave Assignment: Energy From Waves and Tides' and includes a 'List View' / 'Tree View' toggle. Below the title is an action bar with 'Create Thread', 'Grading Information', 'Subscribe', 'Search', 'Display', and 'Tags'. The main content is a table of discussion threads with columns for 'Date', 'Thread', 'Author', 'Status', 'Tags', 'Unread Posts', and 'Total Posts'. A context menu is open over the first thread, showing options like 'Open', 'Mark as Read', 'Mark as Unread', 'Set Flag', 'Clear Flag', and 'Collect'.

Date	Thread	Author	Status	Tags	Unread Posts	Total Posts
10/21/15 11:21 PM	Advantages of Wave Energy	Ellie	Published		1	1
10/21/15 8:17 AM	Project Aims to Harness the Power of Waves				1	1
10/20/15 1:27 PM	Assignment: Extracting Energy From Waves				2	2
10/20/15 1:21 PM	Wave Assignment: Wave Energy Trials Underway in New Zealand				1	1
10/20/15 9:13 AM	Tidal Power: For, Against, and the Cost	Ashby Cooper	Published		2	2

A. Navigation Icon (access other courses from this menu)

B. Breadcrumbs (Access previous pages visited recently)

C. Course Menu (The access point for all course content.

D. Content Frame (The larger area of the screen next to the course menu that displays the selected content area, tool, module page, or material.)

E. Action Bar - (The rows at the top of the content frame that contain page-level actions, such as *Subscribe* or *Search* in discussions.

F. Menu (An *Options Menu* icon appears for components with menus, such as a thread in discussions.

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