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- Learn about the new Collaborate interface

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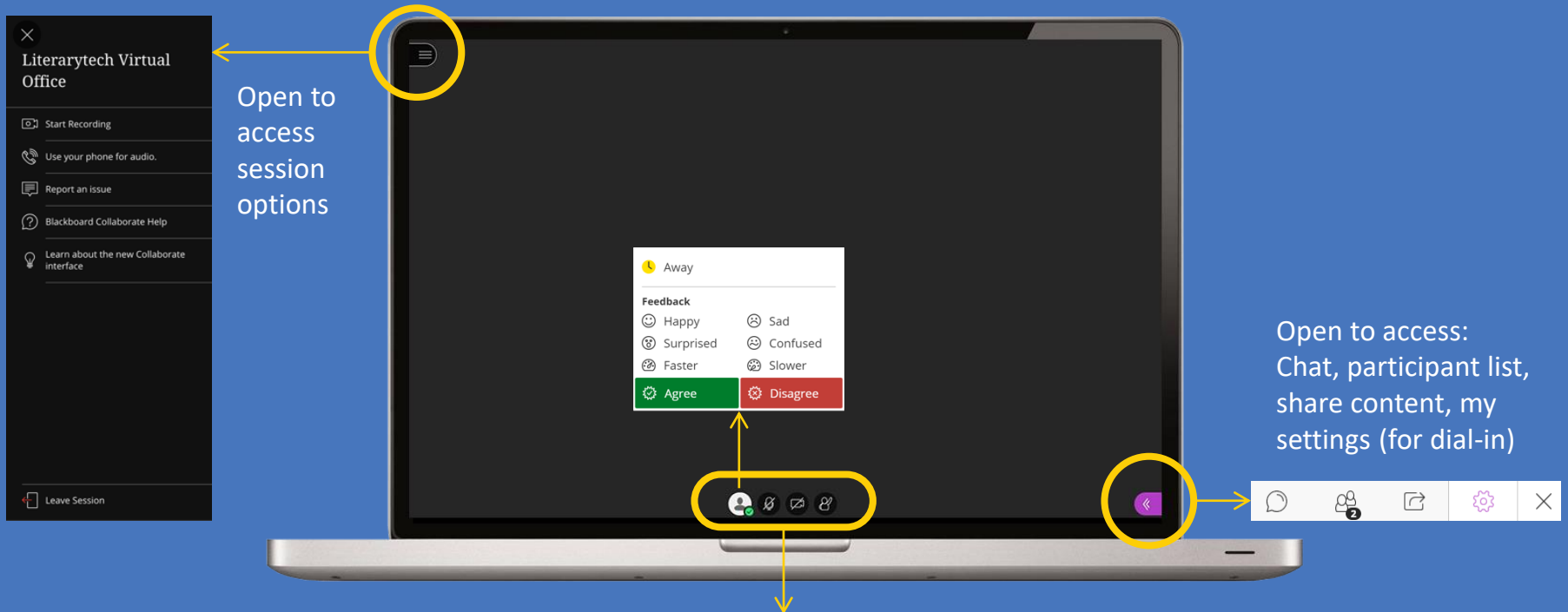
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Cohort: Blackboard Learn with the Ultra Experience

Session 3: Ultra Base Navigation

Your Cohort Team

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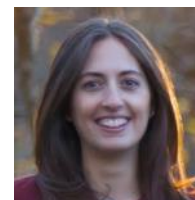Client Success

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Session		Key Topics
Week 1	**Orientation/Introduction to the Cohort & Path to the Ultra Experience**	• Cohort overview, introductions, format, and curriculum • Suggested path to the Ultra experience
Week 2	**Introduction to the SaaS Deployment for Learn and the Ultra Experience for Learn**	• Ultra overview and key terms • SaaS overview and benefits • How to make the move to SaaS
Today	**Ultra Base Navigation Deep Dive**	• Experience outside of courses: Ultra Base Navigation including the Activity Stream, Calendar, Profile, Targeted Notifications, etc.
Week 4	**Ultra Course View Deep Dive: Designing an Ultra Course & Course Conversion**	• Our design approach, overview of the Ultra Course View, creating content, and course conversion
Week 5	**Ultra Course View Deep Dive: Assessment & Grading**	• Assignments, Tests, Goal Alignment, Rubrics, Gradebook, and more
Week 6	**Ultra Course View Deep Dive: Course Communication**	• Discussions, Conversations, Messages, and more
Week 7	**Learning Analytics & Integrations**	• Supporting existing and developing new integrations • Learning analytics found in the Ultra experience
Week 8	**The Ultra Roadmap, Your Path Forward, & Cohort Closing**	• The Learn roadmap for the Ultra experience • Conducting an Ultra pilot and other next steps

For Today

- Why the Ultra experience

- Why we're "All About that Base"

- See It Live (Demo)

- Recap

Forward-Looking Statement

Statements regarding our product development initiatives, including new products and future product upgrades, updates or enhancements represent our current intentions, but may be modified, delayed or abandoned without prior notice and there is no assurance that such offering, upgrades, updates or functionality will become available unless and until they have been made generally available to our customers.

Why Ultra?

Twenty years of learning

Simple *and* powerful tools

Designed for more devices

Accessible for all

A powerful core that's integrated

Embedded analytics for insight and action

Academic integrity

Open to integrate, to extend, to access your data

Learning 24/7/365 – always on, always updated

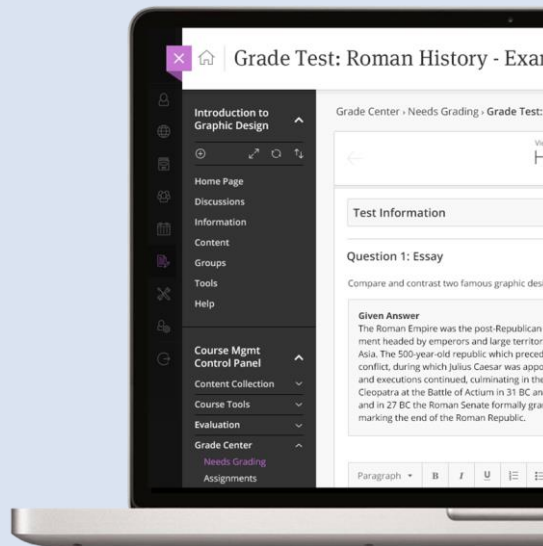Embracing change… at *your* pace

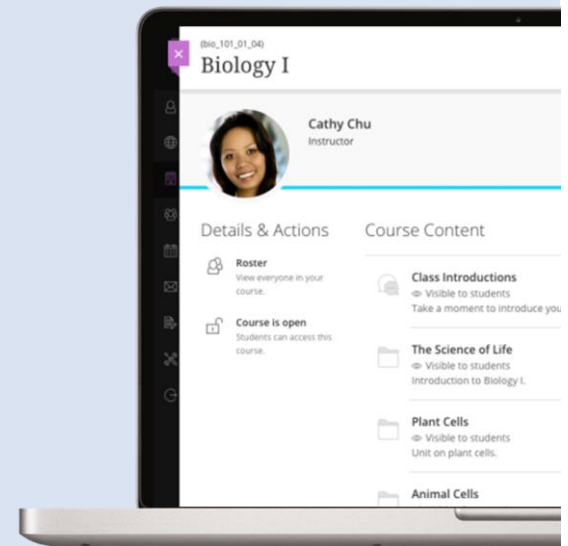# Why we are "All About that Base"

The Ultra Experience: Components
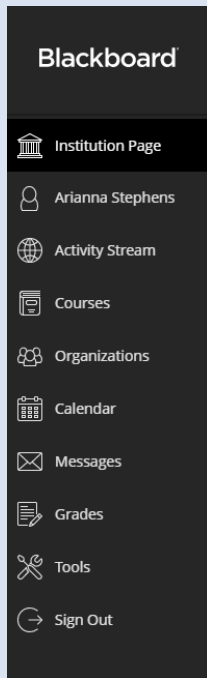
Ultra Base Navigation		Original Course View (default)		Ultra Course View (optional)
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The Ultra Experience: Turning on the New Navigation

Ultra Base Navigation	**+**	Original Course View (default)

When you turn
on the Ultra Base Navigation,
your courses do NOT change
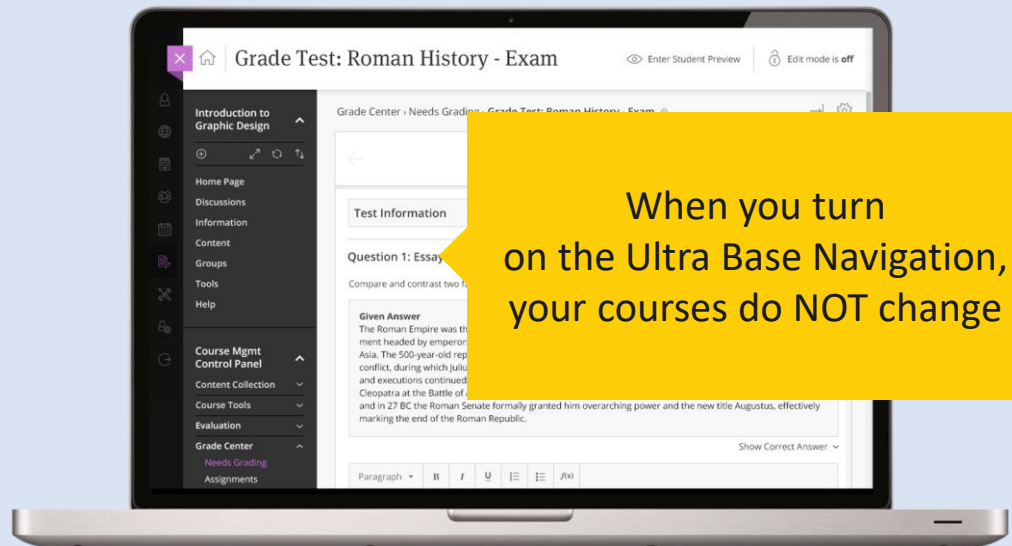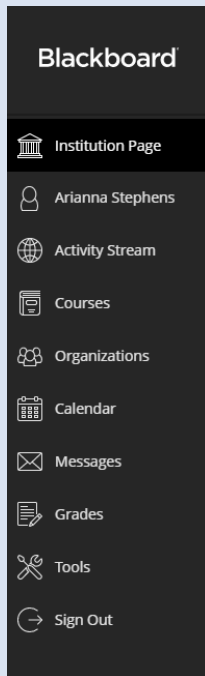
The Ultra Base Navigation: See It Live

Ultra Base Navigation

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- Institution Page
- Arianna Stephens
- Activity Stream
- Courses
- Organizations
- Calendar
- Messages
- Grades
- Tools
- Sign Out
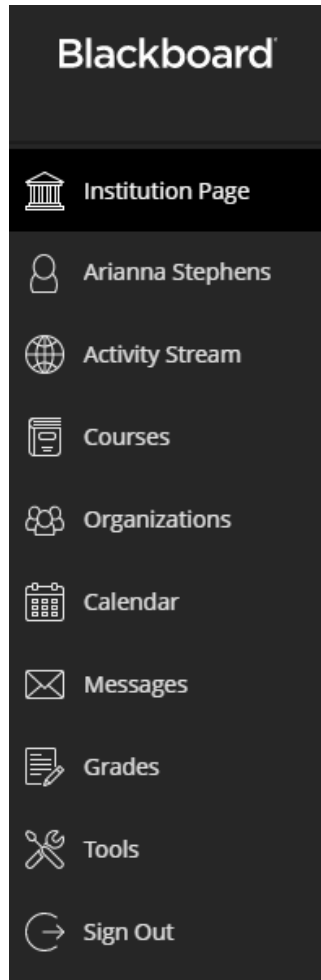
Modern, intuitive system navigation that provides quick access to the most critical information from across all courses.

- **Institution Page:** Check out important campus information and helpful links / resources

- **Profile:** Set up and make changes to your online persona and settings

- **Activity Stream:** See up-to-the-minute action for all of your courses and organizations

- **Courses:** Navigate to past, present, and future courses

- **Organizations:** Access the organizations that you are a member of or lead

- **Calendar:** View all course, organization, institution, and personal events and due dates

- **Messages:** View and send messages for all of your courses

- **Grades:** Check your grades or see what needs grading across all your courses

- **Tools:** Access functions that are outside of courses (e.g., portfolios, the Content Collection)
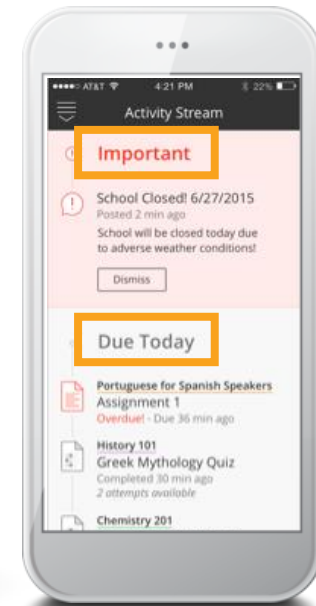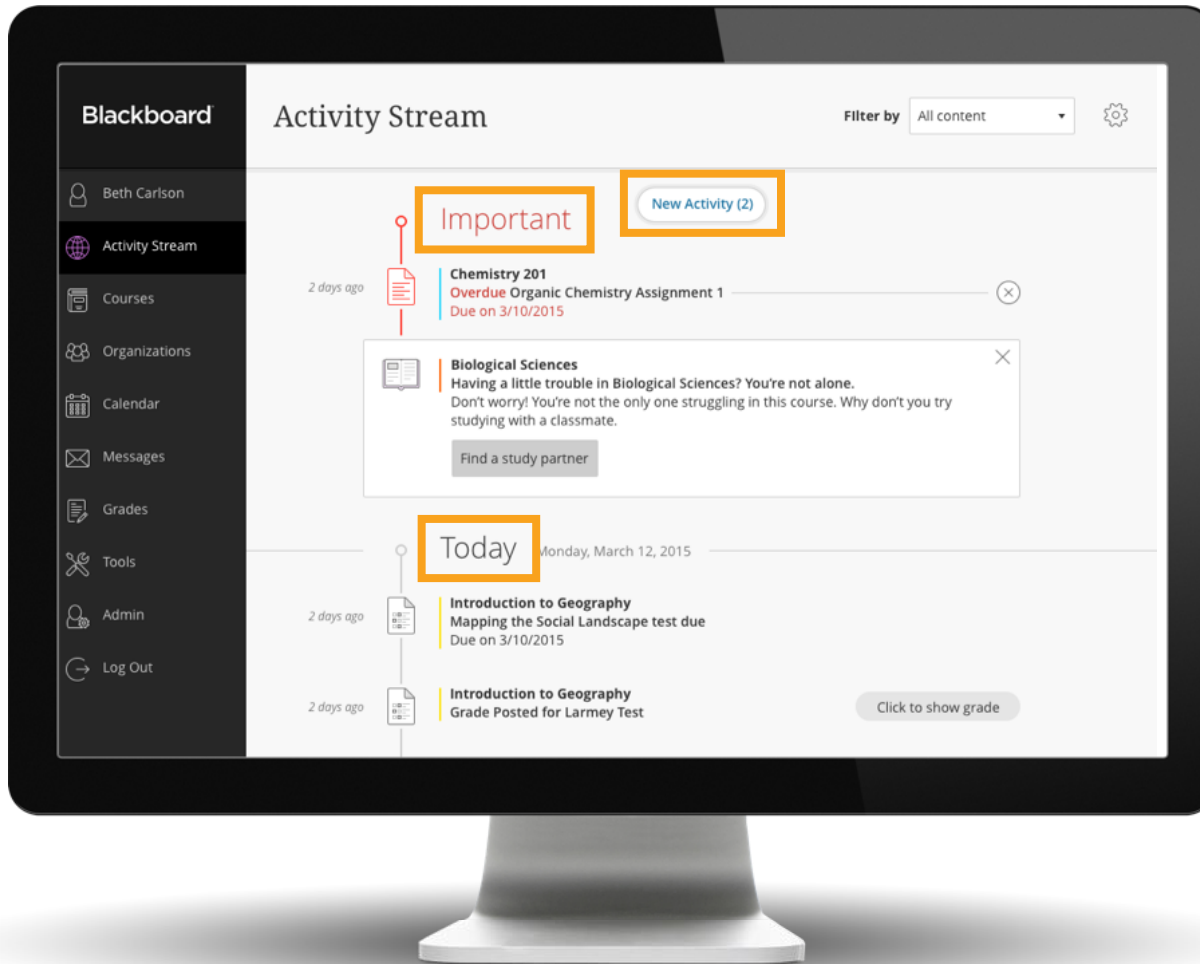
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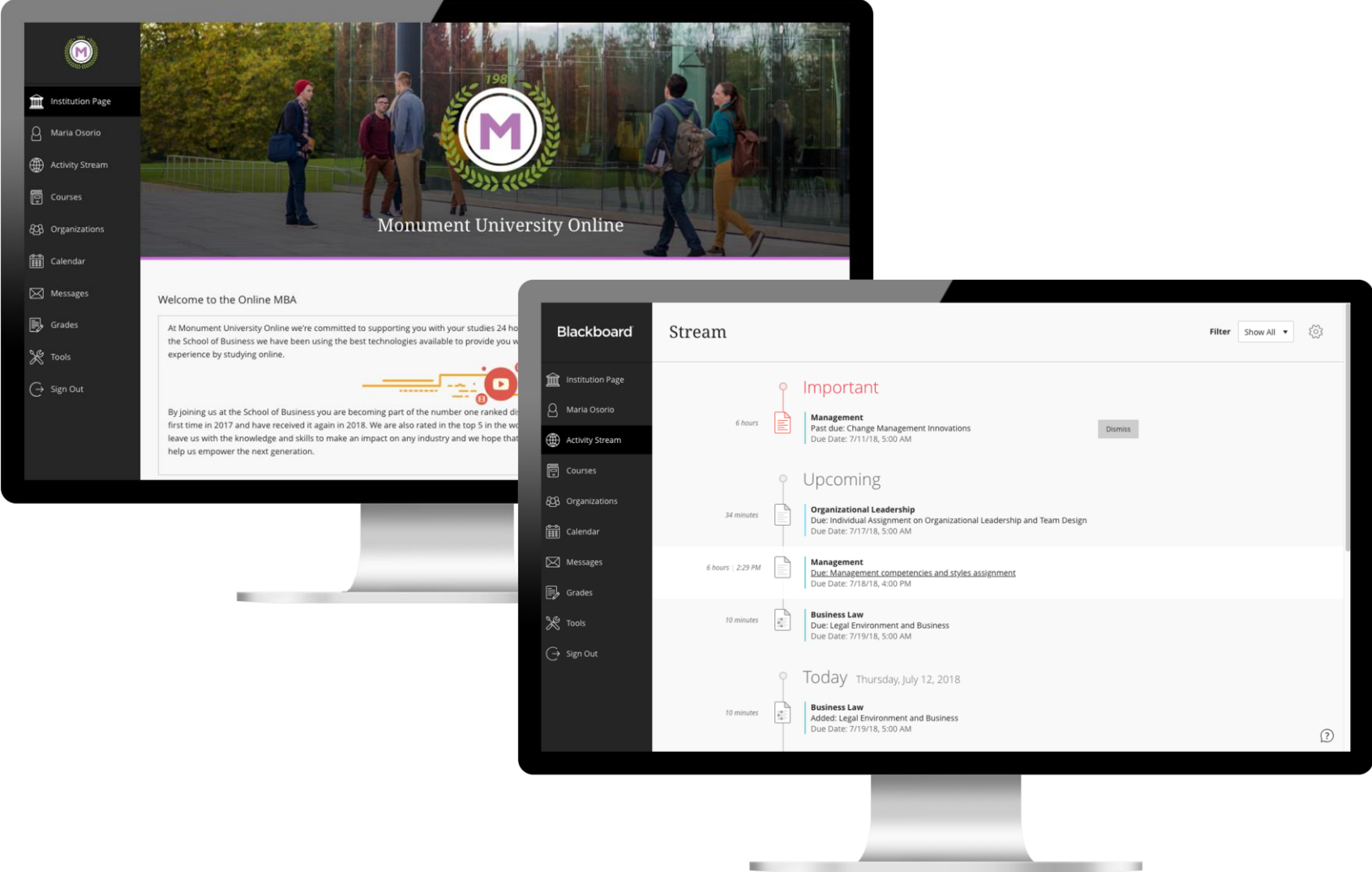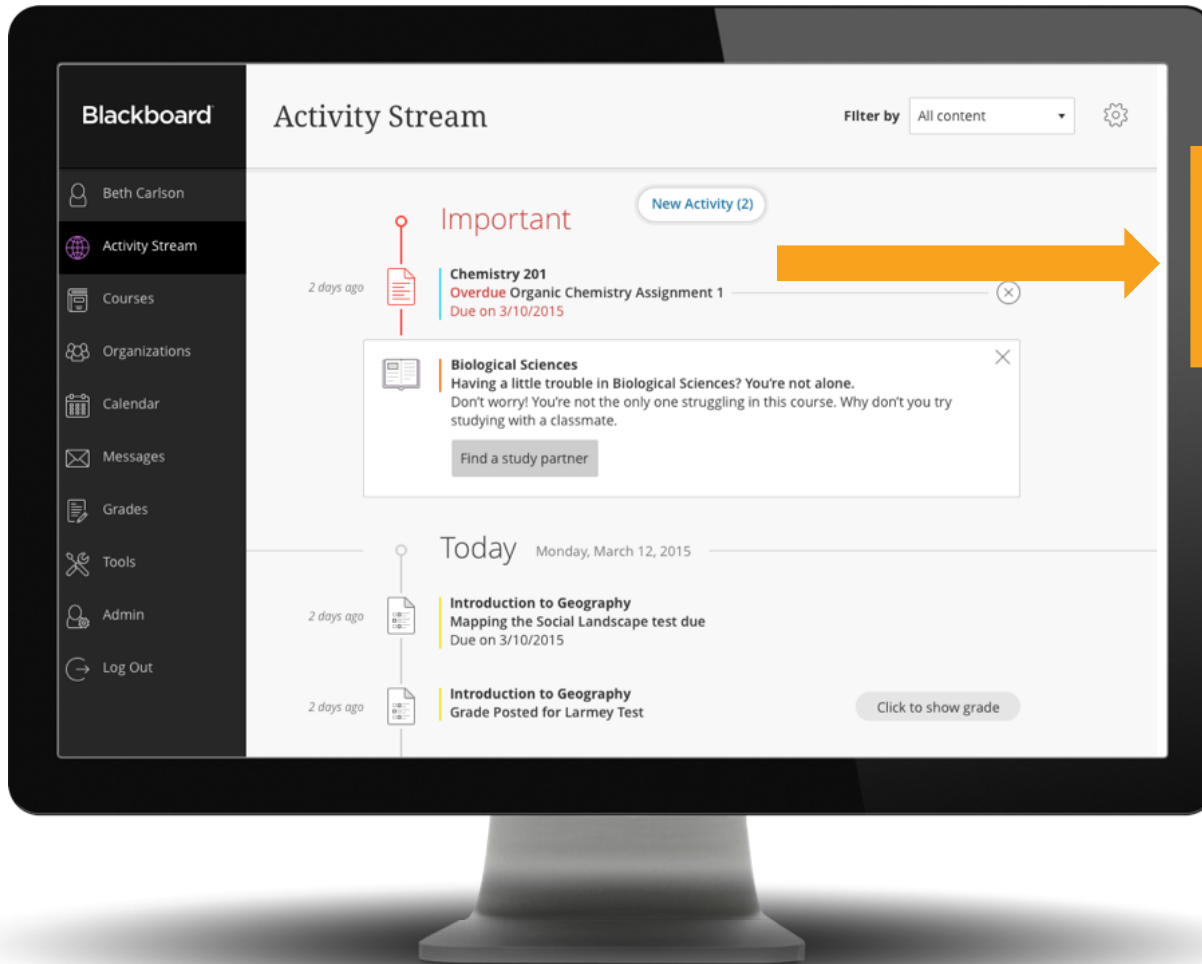
Responsive on Mobile Devices

Consolidated Information From Across Courses

Quick Access to the Most Critical Information

One Click to Take Action

Jump to this overdue Assignment with one click

Why turn on the Ultra Base Navigation?

Provide a more **engaging**, **efficient**, **and enjoyable experience** for students and instructors, **without having to change their courses**

- Modern, personalized, intuitive interface

- Responsive on mobile devices

- Consolidated cross-course information

- Quick access to the most critical information

- One click to take action

Why turn on the Ultra Base Navigation?

Take a **gradual approach** to change that enables your institution to transition at your desired pace

- Continue using Original Courses

- Easily pilot the Ultra Course View

- Roll out the Ultra Course View when and how you desire (e.g., for specific departments, programs, courses, instructors, or for all)

Join the **Ultra User Group** and regularly connect with the Learn product team as well as other institutions using the Ultra experience as you plan your rollout of the Ultra Course View

Ultra Base Navigation: Client Feedback

"*We enabled the Ultra Base Navigation to take advantage of a more modern look and feel, responsive design, the Activity Stream, and also to use Ultra Courses… I would highly recommend turning on the Ultra Base Navigation.*"
Matthew West, Illinois Institute of Technology

"*The upgrade to the SaaS environment and the Ultra Base Navigation has allowed us to be very considerate of our faculty's needs, as some were hesitant about the change. It worked out well because we were able to gradually introduce this to them in different steps.*"
Dawn McCain, Stetson University

"*Acceptance of the Ultra Base Navigation was so much faster than expected. Instructors are enjoying the new workflow, especially the Activity Stream, the modern look, and how easy it is to use.*"
Judy Wright & Tom McKinney, Angelina College

"*The Ultra interface brings Blackboard forward into the 21st century with trumpets blaring. It's not only intuitive, but also pleasant to use. As a digital immigrant, I used to spend a great deal of time trying to sort out what to do—now I just do it. Excellent upgrade!*"

Charles Rose, Stetson University

Try it for yourself at new.coursesites.com
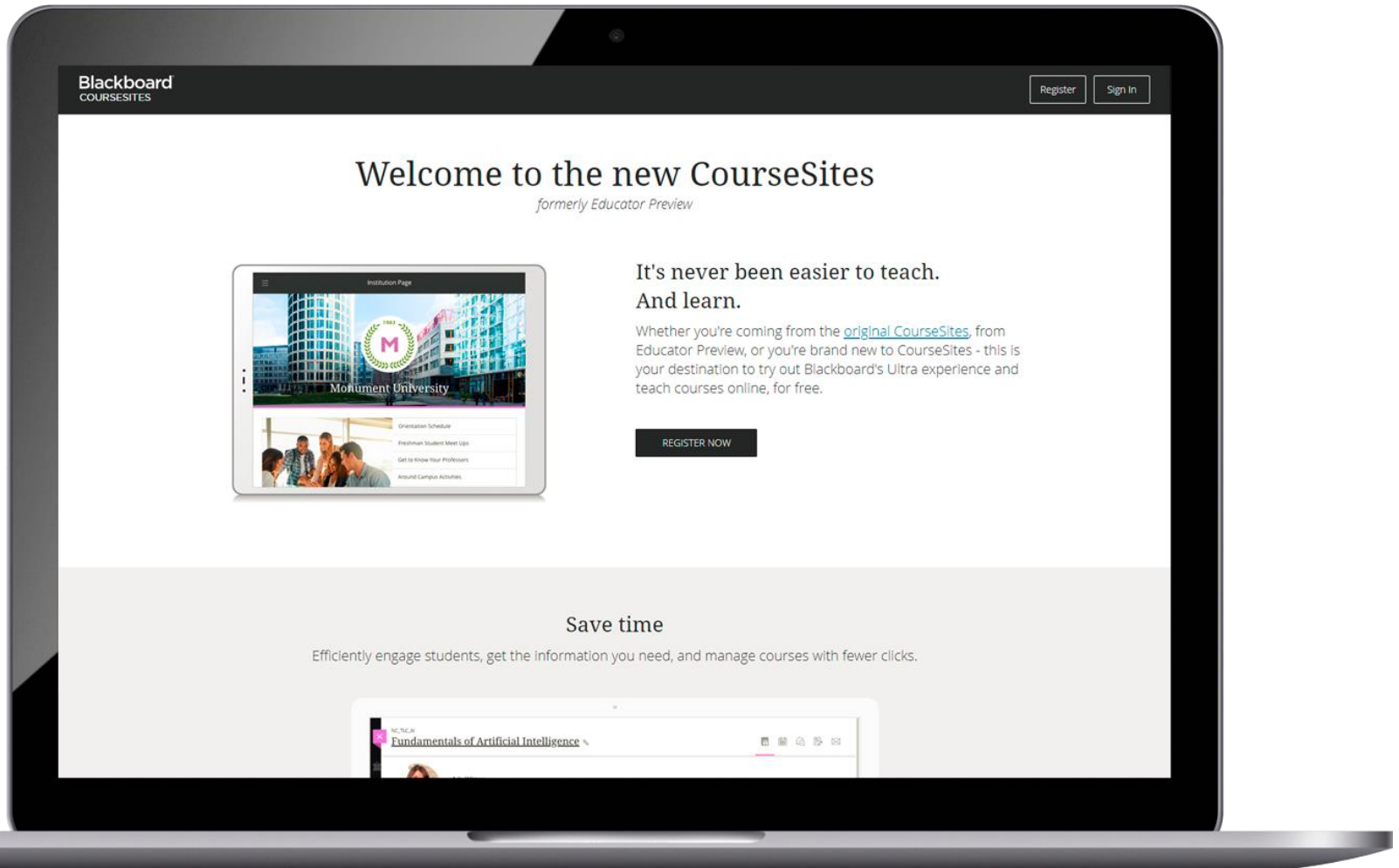
Key Takeaways & Next Steps

Key Takeaways

- The Ultra experience consists of three components: Ultra Base Navigation, default Original Course View, and optional Ultra Course View

- The Ultra Base Navigation is a modern, intuitive navigation menu with pages that provide quick access to the most critical information from across all courses

- You can turn on the Ultra Base Navigation and keep the same Original courses your instructors and students are already familiar with

- The Ultra Base Navigation provides a more engaging, efficient, and enjoyable experience for students and instructors, without changing their courses

- Therefore, you can take a gradual approach to change, as you choose when and how you want to roll out the Ultra Course View

Next Steps

- Sign up for the new CourseSites, if you haven't already, and invite your faculty to do so as well (new.coursesites.com)

- Check out the Community Site group space

- Join us next week as we dive into Designing an Ultra Course & Course Conversion

Questions?

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Original Course View (default)

- **Same Original Course faculty and students use today**: No changes to the features or workflows they are already familiar with today

- **Updated look & feel (if you do not already use the Learn 2016 theme)**: Modern look & feel and greater responsiveness on mobile devices, while preserving all existing content and features

Updated Look & Feel for Original Courses

Updated look and feel =
Modern colors, fonts, and spacing

No change to the course content or functionality

No change to the course structure

Note: The new look and feel only applies
if you aren't currently using the Learn 2016 theme

Ultra Course View (optional)

- **Optional course view** when you turn on the Ultra experience

- **Streamlined, more intuitive interface and workflows** for maximum efficiency

- **Fully responsive** for use on any device

- Regularly adding new features and functionality
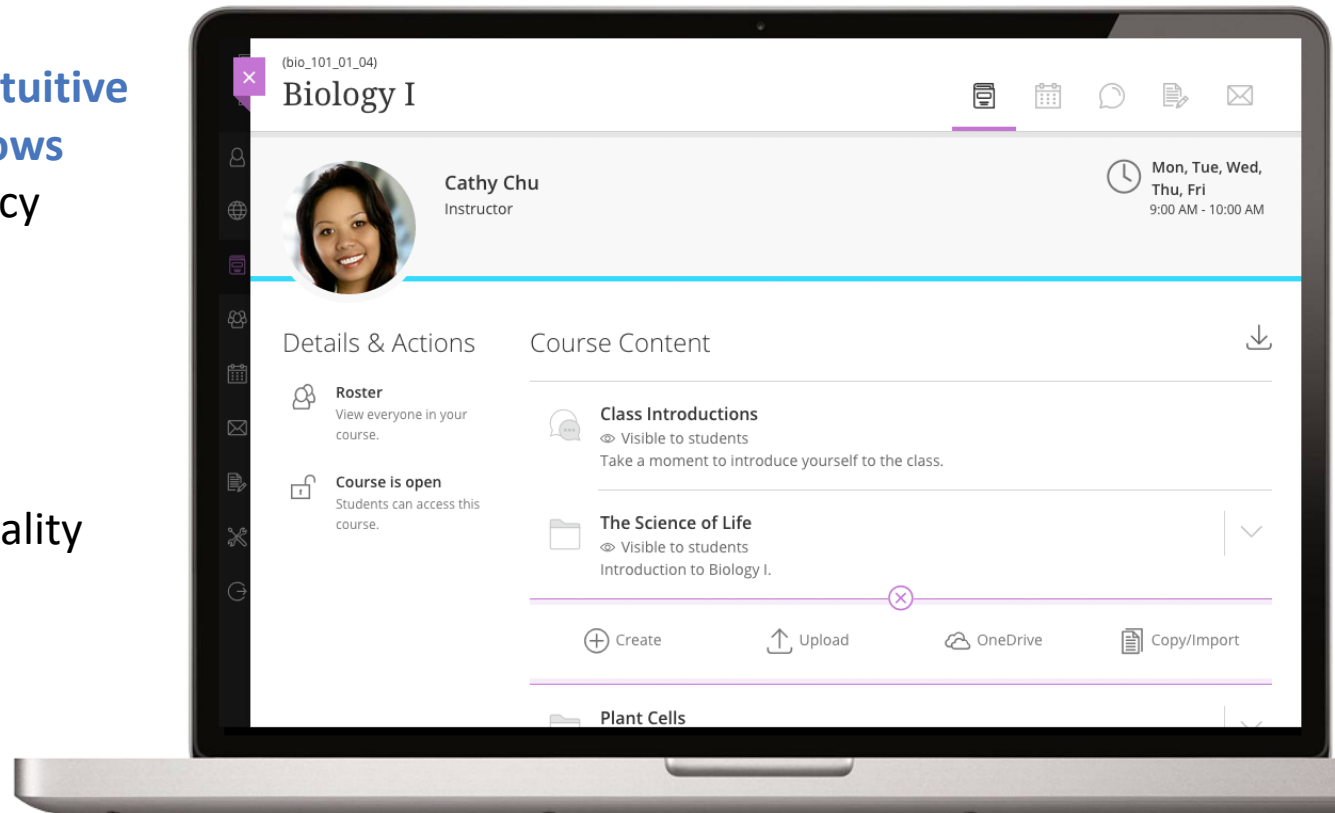
Granular Control for Rolling Out the Ultra Course

Institution/Admins can control who gets what course type:

Specific instructors	Department(s) or program(s)	School(s) or entire institution

or
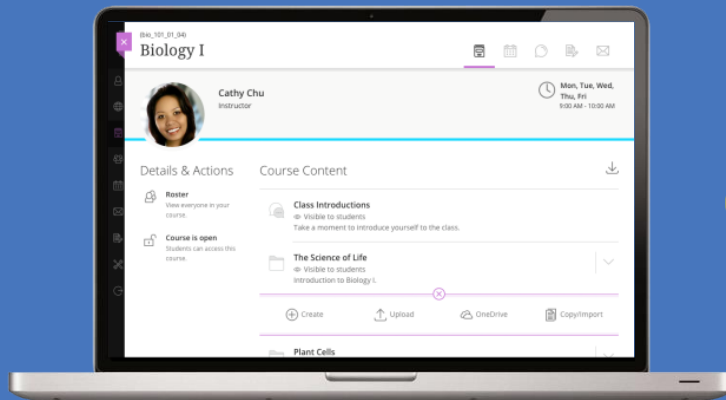
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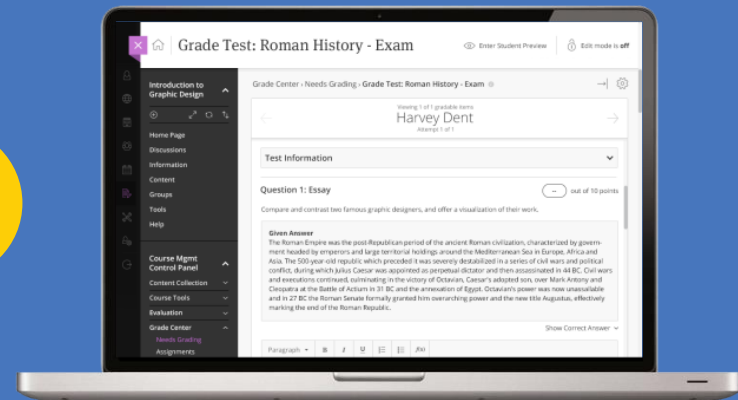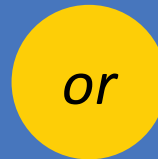
Original

What About Tabs & Modules?

Targeted Notifications – Available Now

- Communicate with groups of users you select (using roles) or all users at once

- Notifications are prominently displayed in the activity stream so users see them immediately when they log in

- Choose a date and time for the notification to display and how long you want it to remain

- Users can dismiss the notification to make it disappear

Create Notification   Select Audience

Preview

Today   Monday, May 2, 2016

Blackboard Learn Announcement
Submit course evaluations   Dismiss

Don't forget to evaluate your courses using the portal survey! These are due 5/31.

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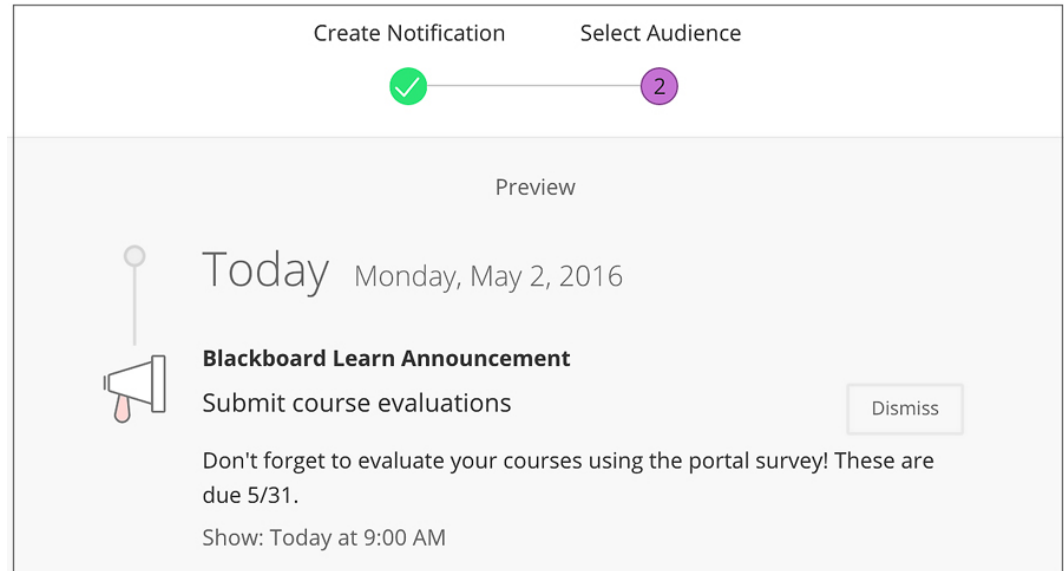
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Conceptual mock-up subject to change without notice