

THE NEW BLACKBOARD INTERFACE FOR STUDENTS

Login: At <https://courses.meredith.edu/> select “user login” to go to the login page for Blackboard.

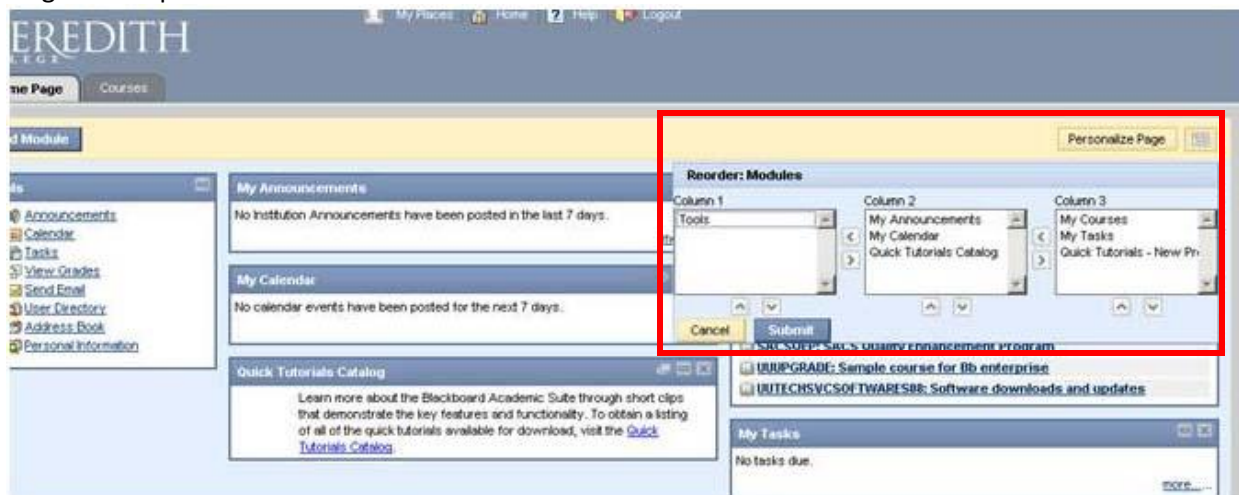
Home page when you log in:



On the left side of the Home page is the “Personal Information” option which allows a user to change her password. Another option to change your password is on the login page under the “Forgot password” link. Once the “forgot password” form is filled out, Blackboard sends an email to the user’s email account; the email has a link to lead to resetting the Blackboard password.

Personalize Page

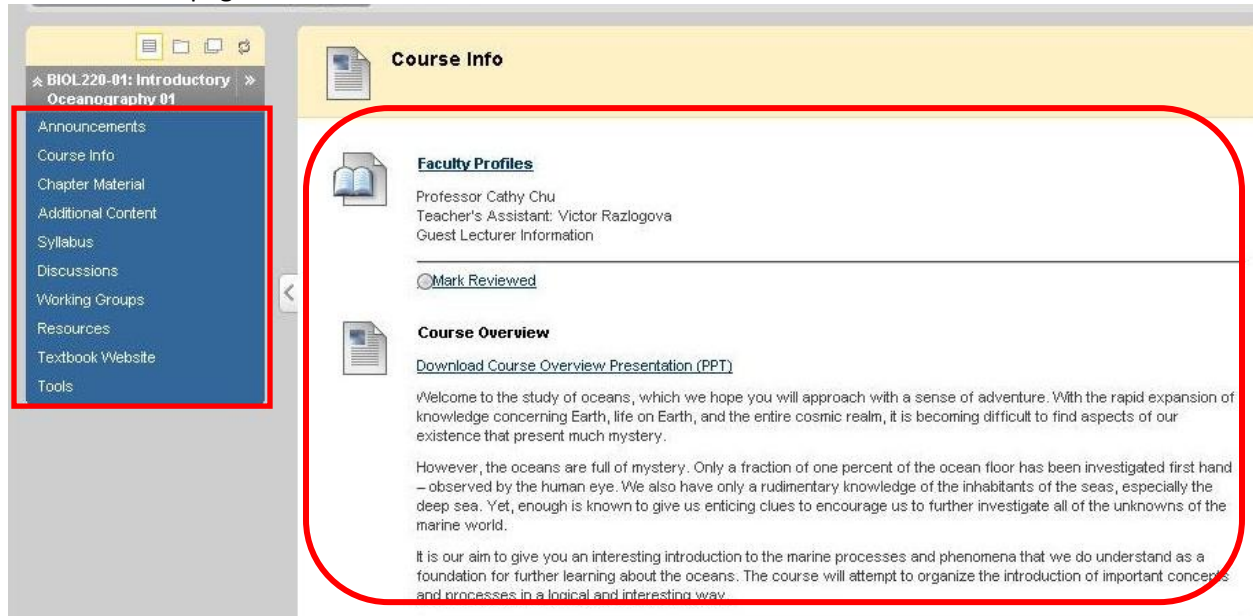
On the upper right side of the Home Page is the “Personalization” page option that allows the user to modify the layout of the page. For more detail on the “Personalize page”, another screen shot allows you to see more detail for the page’s layout. A second way to modify the layout of the Home page is to drag-and-drop modules on the screen.



A user selects a course through the “My courses” module to go to the class of choice. Blackboard is updated each week night to reflect the enrollments made through the Registrar’s system during the previous work day.

Course Home Page

Once a student selects a course, she will go to the course’s default page as designated by the instructor. Frequently, the start page will be the announcements area, but each instructor is able to choose where the students should go when first accessing the course. For example, this oceanography course starts on the course info page:



On the left side of the course page is the navigation menu for students. Each item leads to a tool or content area for the course. On the right side of the screen is the content area where files and course materials are located.

Discussion Board

Access to the “Discussion Board” in a course may be made through the navigation menu item stating “Discussion Board” or through the “Tools” area where you will choose Discussion Board. The instructor of the course probably has a “Forum” set up to ask a question, and provide you with an area to respond.

BIOL220-01: Introductory Oceanography 01 Discussion Board

Discussion Board

Forums are made up of individual discussion threads that can be organized around a particular subject. Create Forums to organize discussions. [More Help](#)

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	Forum	Description	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants
<input type="checkbox"/>	[Optional] Extra Credit Discussions	This Extra Credit Discussion is an opportunity to add an additional 10 points to your cumulative score for the course. Participation is optional and will not be counted against your grade.	55	55	38
<input type="checkbox"/>	[Ungraded] Student Lounge	This is a discussion forum for YOU! You can use this area to post a movie review, discuss sports rivalries, recommend a great new restaurant, etc. Any topics are welcome. The only guideline is that you are required to be respectful of your fellow students' opinions. You may certainly disagree on a point, but appropriate language is mandatory. Any attacks on a class member's character will be dealt with quickly and the offending person will be blocked from forum participation.	14	14	9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chapter 1 - Group 1 DE Space	Discussion Forum for Group 1 to discuss the Chapter 1 group project. This forum is not graded.	0	0	0

Clicking on the forum name will allow you to enter a forum where your discussion will take place. In the forum, the screen changes to display the “threads” of responses from other students. A student may respond to another student, or may start a new thread to offer a different viewpoint.

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Forum: [Optional] Extra Credit Discussions

Organize forum threads on this page and apply settings to several or all threads. Threads are listed in a tabular format. The Threads can be sorted by clicking the carat at the top of each column. [More Help](#)

Create Thread Search Discover Content Display

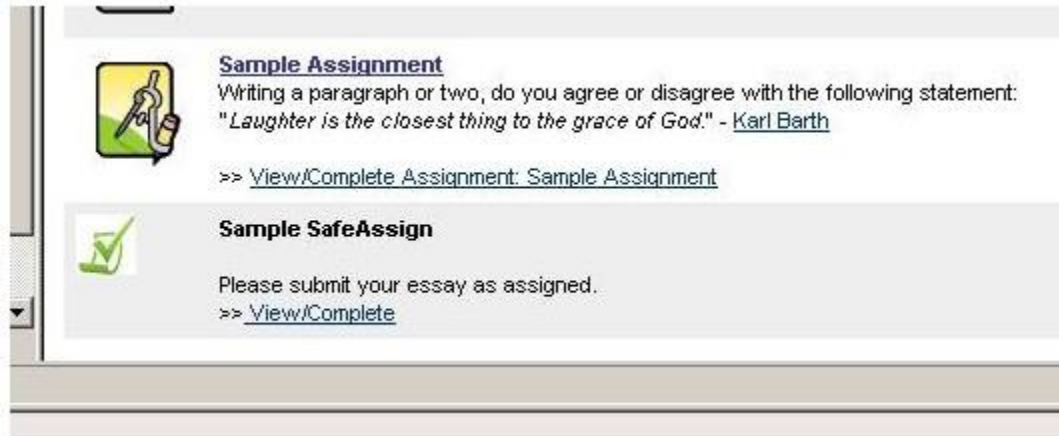
Thread Actions Collect

<input type="checkbox"/>	Date	Thread	Author	Status	Unread Posts	Total Posts
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/1/05 9:39 PM	Hammerhead Shark Conservation	Karen Kim	Published	18	18
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/31/09 11:17 AM	Una nueva emocion	Adriano Sostenis	Published	16	16
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/9/09 11:46 AM	Test	VÁtor Rodrigues	Published	3	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	4/2/09 6:23 PM	I like to blog	John Lane	Published	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	4/6/09 10:46 AM	web 2.0 features	Abdul Rehman	Published	2	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	4/20/09 12:15	Hola a todos	Rolando	Published	1	1

Students wishing to add a file attachment to their posting in the discussion forum should use the “browse for file on my computer” button, which is below the text box. Instructors adding files to the discussion board should use the “Attached file” button on the Visual Text Box Editor menu (last row of icons, first button).

Assignment

The tool "Assignment" permits the instructor to make an assignment, and provides a link for the student to submit a document back to the teacher. The student clicks on the link to "view/Complete" to go to a screen to permit a file attachment.



The screenshot displays a user interface for assignments. It features a vertical sidebar on the left with a downward-pointing arrow. The main content area contains two assignment entries, each with an icon, a title, a description, and a link.

Sample Assignment
Writing a paragraph or two, do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God." - [Karl Barth](#)
>> [View/Complete Assignment: Sample Assignment](#)

Sample SafeAssign
Please submit your essay as assigned.
>> [View/Complete](#)