

# Blackboard Instructor App Help

## Background

The Blackboard Instructor app is available for Android and iOS. It allow tutors to view and interact with blackboard content through a mobile app, the app also includes the player for Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.

The App is best used as a quick reference to your Blackboard modules. It remembers you login details so you don't have to log in each time you use it. The app is not for adding or editing content or even managing your module, but you can create announcement, make posts to discussion boards, email other tutors and get an overview of the module.

Either the Blackboard Instructor app or the Blackboard app (which is the equivalent app for students) is required to access Blackboard Collaborate Ultra on iOS devices.

On Android devices the apps can also be used to access Blackboard Collaborate Ultra but there is also the option to use Google Chrome on Android. For help on how to use Collaborate Ultra go to the [Collaborate Ultra Mobile Help Page](#)

The Blackboard Instructor app is still in development and there will be regular updates over the coming months. There are plans to add the ability to mark blackboard assignment from the app and a number of other features.

## Compatibility with the web version of Blackboard

The Blackboard Instructor app is not fully compatible with all the features in Blackboard. When you try to access some features you will get redirected to the web page and be asked to Login again.

If you know you are going to be requiring any of the features where you are redirected to the web page it will be better to login using a browser to begin with. The new interactive theme added to blackboard this year make using blackboard through a browser on a mobile device a much more user friendly experience. Also

if you are redirected there is no guarantee that after you have entered your password it will work and you will need to re-enter your password for every item that redirects you.

<b>Content</b>	<b>Blackboard instructor app</b>		<b>Blackboard (student) app</b>	
	<b>iOS</b>	<b>Android</b>	<b>iOS</b>	<b>Android</b>
Blackboard items with just text	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blackboard items with images	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Blackboard items with Mashups	Mashups won't work	Mashups won't work	Redirected	Mashups redirect
Files PDFs with a PDF viewer installed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Files Word Document with word installed installed	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
File PowerPoint with PowerPoint installed installed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
image	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Audio MP3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Video WMV	No	No	No	Yes
Video AVI	No	No	No	No
Web links	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Learning elements	Yes as a folder	Yes as a folder	Yes as a folder	Yes as a folder
Folders	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panopto when added to a content area	Redirected	Yes	No	Yes
Kaltura	Redirected	Redirected	Redirected	Redirected
<b>Tools</b>				
Left tabs: Home, Announcements, Staff info (Contacts), Lecture recordings, Media Gallery, provisional grades and feedback, Tools, Pebble pad, groups	Redirected	Redirected	Redirected	Redirected

Marks (provisional grades and feedback for all modules) not within module	No	No	Yes	Yes
Collaborate Ultra rooms with a link (anonymous entry)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collaborate Ultra recordings with a link (insecure)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collaborate Ultra Scheduling area (secure)	Redirected	Redirected	Redirected	No
Announcements form activity stream	No	No	Yes	Yes
Announcements, read & create within module	Yes	Yes	Read only	Read only
Discussion Boards, read and create	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blogs, Journals and Wikis	Redirected	Redirected	Redirected	Redirected
Everything under module management	No	No	N/A	N/A
Taking Blackboard Assessments and test	Not recommended	Not recommended	Not recommended	Not recommended
Blackboard assignment and test due date reminders	Yes in module	Yes in module	In activity stream	In activity stream
Blackboard assignment and test marking	Not yet	Not yet	N/A	N/A
Turnitin due date reminders	No	No	No	No
<b>Areas it can access</b>				
Program areas	No	No	No	No
Modules and Sand boxes you are a tutor on	Yes	Yes	No	No
Modules and Sand boxes you are a student on	No	No	Yes	Yes

## How you Use the app

Go to Apple app store or the Google play store and download the Blackboard instructor app



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app logo

When you first open the app, you will be asked to enter your school. Type "University of Derby" or just "Derby" and chose University of Derby from the pop up list.

Enter your user name and password and if you are the only person using the device tick the "Keep me logged in" box.

When you log in you will be shown the list of modules you are teaching on. This will be all of the modules you are attached to over the last 5 years. You can hide modules you are not currently teaching by going to the bottom of the list and tapping "tap to change" then tapping all the modules you want to hide. Save your changes

This list does in include sandboxes you are a tutor on but not include modules or sandboxes you are a student on and it doesn't include program areas.

If you tap on the module you will go to the module page where you can see Dud dates, Announcements, Course content, Discussions and a list of instructors.

The due dates will not include any Turnitin Due dates but will include blackboard assignments and tests.

Announcements is the only place you can access announcements, you can't access announcements from the announcements tab in the content area. Here you can see announcements and create new ones.

Course content is where all the content is accessed. If you click on this you will see a tabs for all the content areas you have in the left menu in blackboard, even if the content is of a type that won't work in the mobile app. You can then

navigate through the content.

Discussions will give you access to all the discussion boards but not blogs, journals or wikis. You can view and contribute to discussions.

The list of tutors allows you to email them. It will use the local email client and email address from your device to send the email, this may not be your university email address.

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