

Course Menu and Design

Blackboard 5	Blackboard 6
<p>Course Settings > Area Availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors may select names for areas in the Course menu from predetermined drop-down lists 	<p>Manage Course Menu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors may add Content Areas, Tool Areas, Course Links, and External Links to the Course Menu . Instructors can change the names of the areas and set their availability.
<p>Course Images > Button Style or Course Banner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Button Style enables Instructors to change the appearance of buttons in the Course menu 	<p>Settings > Course Design or Course Banner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Design enables the Instructor to choose a Button or Text style for the Course Menu and then choose a design Course Banner enables the Instructor to Add or remove a banner that will appear above the announcements.

Course Options

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<p>Course Utilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options for Course Recycler, Archive Course and Import Course Cartridge are available 	<p>Course Options area in Control Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Course Options area contains all the features of Bb5 and additional features such as Course Copy, Import Package, and Export Course

Collaboration Tools

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<p>N/A - Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration is not an available feature in Bb5 	<p>Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple Collaboration Sessions may be scheduled and conducted through the Virtual Classroom or Lightweight Chat Advanced controls for archiving Collaboration Sessions are available; sessions are not archived automatically.
<p>Virtual Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Classrooms allow Instructors and Students to communicate in a synchronous online session 	<p>Collaboration > Join (next to a Virtual Classroom)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Virtual Classroom has been redesigned, with more advanced functionality, including access to the Course Map, an area in which to manage questions, and options for recording sessions.
<p>N/A – Lightweight Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightweight Chat is not an available feature in Bb5 	<p>Collaboration > Join (next to a Lightweight Chat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightweight Chat allows participants to interact with each other and the Instructor via a text-based chat region. This region is part of the Virtual Classroom, but can also be accessed separately.

Highlights

Blackboard 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ You can copy elements in the course site to other areas in the same course or another course. ⇒ You can copy course content to the next semester yourself. ⇒ You have more control over the course design and layout. ⇒ Assignment, Test/Survey, and Gradebook features are more flexible and effective.

Assignments

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<p>N/A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Content Area named Assignments is available in Blackboard 5, but Assignments are not a separate content type 	<p>Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors may create and post assignments as a content type in a content area. Students may send the completed assignment and any related file(s) through the assignment (as opposed to the Digital Drop Box). Assignments are automatically linked to the Gradebook. Instructors can view and assign a grade to submitted assignments from within the Gradebook.

Assessments

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<p>Assessment Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors may create and deploy (make available) Tests and Surveys from the Assessment Manager Tests are deployed (made available) from the Assessment Manager 	<p>Test Manager or Survey Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests are created in the Test Manager and surveys are created in the Survey Manager. In Tests a default point value for each question can be set at test creation and later modified, if needed. Surveys do not assign point values. Tests that are not deployed (unavailable) will remain in the Test Manager, but will not be accessible by students. Students are able to save their answers during the test in case they lose their Internet session and must restart. <p>[content area] > Add Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests are deployed (made available) from the relevant content area using the Add Test option, where availability and properties may also be set. <p>Test Manager > Modify Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests can be modified in the Test Manager without impacting the grades of students who have already submitted their answers.

Gradebook

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<p>Online Gradebook > Spreadsheet View</p>	<p>Gradebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All aspects of the Gradebook are managed from the default View Spreadsheet page Instructors can view item details, download grades, and access Assignments, Tests and Surveys completed by Students. Grades recorded externally can be uploaded to the gradebook if formatted properly. The new Gradebook can also be displayed page by page, rather than one large page, which requires scrolling. Report by Item or Report by User are separate views on the Control Panel.

Blackboard 5.6 Control Panel at Old Dominion University

<p>CONTENT AREAS</p> <p>Announcements Assignments Course Material Documents Staff Information Resources</p>	<p>USER MANAGEMENT</p> <p>Add Users List / Modify Users Manage Groups</p>
<p>COURSE TOOLS</p> <p>Course Calendar Discussion Board Tasks Virtual Classroom Send E-mail Digital Drop Box</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Assessment Manager Online Gradebook Pool Manager Course Statistics</p>
<p>COURSE OPTIONS</p> <p>Course Settings Course Images Course Utilities Resources</p>	<p>ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Online Support Online Manual Contact Sys Admin</p>

Blackboard 6.1 Control Panel at Old Dominion University

<p>Content Areas</p> <p>Course Information Assignments Course Documents External Links</p>	<p>User Management</p> <p>List / Modify Users Manage Groups</p>
<p>Course Tools</p> <p>Announcements Discussion Boards Course Calendar Send E-mail Staff Information Collaboration Tasks Digital Drop Box</p>	<p>Assessment</p> <p>Test Manager Gradebook Survey Manager Gradebook Views Pool Manager Course Statistics</p>
<p>Course Options</p> <p>Manage Course Menu Import Course Cartridge Manage Tools Import Package Settings Export Course Recycle Course Archive Course Course Copy Resources</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>Support Manual Contact System Administrator</p>