

Blackboard @ UCM - Getting Started

Blackboard is a course management system that provides 24/7 access to course content, communication and assessment tools.

To Begin using Blackboard:

1. Verify that your browser and version are supported by reviewing the [Compatibility Matrix](http://www.ucmo.edu/centralnet/browser_info/browser_compatibility.htm) (http://www.ucmo.edu/centralnet/browser_info/browser_compatibility.htm).

To check your current browser version, click on **Help/About** in the menu at the top of the browser screen.

2. Using your browser go to <http://courses.ucmo.edu>
3. Click on the **Blackboard** icon.
4. Enter your UCM assigned username and password.

New student usernames are: three initials + last four digits of your 700 number + zero - ex. sem12270

Usernames for students enrolled previous to Fall 2006 could be: three initials + last four digits of your SSN + zero - ex. sem21850

Your default Blackboard password is: Date of Birth (MoDyYr) in a six digit format - ex. If you were born April 30, 2007 it would be 043007

If you have changed your password (PIN) in the enrollment and/or payment system then your Blackboard password will be whatever you have changed your PIN to.

5. Click **Login**.
6. The first step is to personalize your Blackboard by providing your preferred first name and making your email address visible to fellow students and your instructor.
7. From the **Tools** panel on the **My Blackboard** page, click on [Personal Settings](#) > [Edit Personal Information](#). Fill out the **Other Information** area if you wish and click **Submit** and then **OK**.
8. Click on [Set Privacy Options](#). Make your email address available by clicking in the check box next to Email Address. You can choose to make any of the other information public or not. Click **Submit**, **OK** and then **OK**.
9. Along the top of the window, you should see two tabs "**My Blackboard**" and "**Courses.**" The "**My Blackboard**" tab will be your starting point when using Blackboard. On the "**My Blackboard**" page you will have several modules displayed, **My Courses**, **My Announcements**, **My Calendar**, etc.
10. The **My Courses** module lists all the courses in which you are enrolled. Please note your Blackboard sections will not show up in your course list until your instructor makes it available to you. Please check with your instructor as to whether Blackboard will be used and when the section will become available.
11. Click on the name of a course from the **My Courses** module to access the course's Blackboard page.

Upon entering the course you will notice the course menu on the left side of the screen. Explore the links in the course menu. Any questions you have about where specific materials or content is stored should be directed to your instructor.

12. Help information for Blackboard can be found in several places. The Blackboard Student User Manual can be accessed in any course from **Course Tools > User Manual**. There are also several help resources available from the Blackboard login page, which you can access from <http://courses.ucmo.edu>.