

Blackboard and Brightspace Tools Comparison

	Blackboard	Purpose	Brightspace
Course Design	Learning Modules	Organize content for effective presentation to students	Modules & Submodules
	Lesson Plans		Topics
	Syllabus	To make the course syllabus easy to find	
	Student Preview	To view the course as a student	View as Learner ¹
Communications	Announcements	Communicate important messages to all students	Announcements
	Email	Enables emailing other individual users from course site	Email (Under Message Alerts)
	Contacts	Enables storing contact information of users in the course	Address Book (When composing an email)
	Email (Groups, all or selected groups)	Enables instructor to mass emailing to a course group(s)	Email User groups
	Course Message	Allows to instant message another user within BSP	Instant Message
	Forum / Thread Subscription	Allows to subscribe to certain topics and get alerts on new activity	Subscription
		Chat room areas with channels capability only for the purpose of chatting	Chats
	Filter and trigger certain activities based on the conditions set in the parameters of the agent	Intelligent Agents	
Interactive Tools	Discussion Board	Asynchronous threaded discussions	Discussions
	Blackboard Collaborate	Online asynchronous classes used for lectures and labs	Microsoft Teams

	Journals	Private journal only instructor and students can see	
	Blogs	Blog, available to instructor and students	
	Wikis	Knowledgebase accessible by students in the course	
Assessments	Tests	Used for quiz, midterm, and final exam assessments	Quizzes
	Assignments	Assignment completion tool including file uploads and feedback and annotation options for instructor	Assignments
	Pools	Sets of questions that are reusable for tests and quizzes	Question Library
	Surveys	Ungraded questionnaire tool for gathering info	Surveys
	Self and Peer Assessment	Automated distribution of assignments for peer or self-review	Self-Assessments Only
	Course Portfolio	Built-in tool for portfolio development	Portfolio
	SafeAssign	Plagiarism detection	In progress ²
	Achievements	Grant merit-based awards to students throughout the course with badges and certificates	Awards
	Goals	Define expected learning outcomes of course to be used for performance tracking in other tools	Learning Outcomes ³
	Goal Performance	Uses the learning outcomes tool to determine a student's competency in course	Competencies

Grading	Grade Centre	Displays a list of students and their submissions in the course	Grades
	Rubrics	Evaluate an activity or item based on predefined criteria	Rubrics
	Needs Grading	Displays ungraded assignments	Quick Eval
Site Resources	Course Calendar	Displays course events	Calendar
	Glossary	Displays instructor-defined terms for the course	Glossary
	Teaching Style	A step-by-step wizard that helps create structure a course	Course Builder
		Instructor-defined list of answers to commonly asked course questions	FAQ
	Manage LTI Links ⁴	Manage LTI links to third-party tools that are available in the course	External Learning Tools
	Date Management	Manage the date range for events with programmed date within the course	Manage Dates
	Content Collection	Manage the files that exist on the course site	Manage Files
	Course Copy	Copy a course within the same LMS to another site	Import / Export / Copy Components
	Export / Archive Course	Export a course into a package zip file to be used in another course site	
	Import Package	Import a package a course the course using a package zip file	
Learner Management	Groups and Group Tools	Manage and distribute students among groups	Groups
	Performance Dashboard	View the performance of the class as whole	Class Progress
	Roster	View the list of all users enrolled in the course	Classlist
Course Evaluation	Course Reports	View information about the course usage and activity	Content Reports
	SCORM Reports	Generate a SCORM report from a list of users	SCORM Reports

REFERENCES

1. View as Learner is not as feature full as Blackboard's Student Preview mode.
2. A virtual classroom equivalent for Brightspace to Blackboard's SafeAssign is still being determined.
3. New outcomes are managed by the instructor or the LMS administrator.
4. Managed by administration.
5. Group tools.