



Message from the Division of Academic Affairs

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Update on Baruch's Transition to Brightspace, Our New Learning Management System

Dear Faculty and Staff,

The Baruch College Learning Management System (LMS) Transition Committee has been meeting regularly this fall to prepare the Baruch community for the next phase of our Brightspace LMS implementation.

As you will recall, the City University of New York announced a University-wide transition to a new learning management system, D2L's Brightspace, in August 2022. The expiration of Blackboard's contract created an opportunity to reevaluate what students, faculty, and staff need from their learning tools, and Brightspace was determined to be the LMS that best met CUNY's needs. Brightspace is a modern and mobile-friendly platform that will better support teaching and learning across multiple modalities and will help our students succeed. These outcomes support several priority areas in Baruch's new [five-year strategic plan](#).

As faculty return from the winter break, there will be a variety of ways to engage in transition preparation.

How to Access Brightspace

Faculty and staff are now able to access Brightspace at brightspace.cuny.edu. Log in using your CUNYfirst credentials. Once logged in, you will be able to create your own sandbox, or testing environment and begin exploring Brightspace features.

Blackboard to Brightspace Course Content Migration

As part of the transition to Brightspace, two years of course content will be migrated from Blackboard to Brightspace. The first phase of the course migration will begin on Friday, Dec. 15, and will start with content created between Summer 2023 and Fall 2023. The second phase will occur at the end of the Spring 2024 semester. Course migration files are large, so please be patient as this process unfolds.

In January 2024, faculty will have the opportunity to request that additional courses be manually migrated to Brightspace. Details will be sent via email.

Learn More: Events and Resources

- The LMS Transition Committee will host open office hours for Brightspace questions and support every Friday, beginning Jan. 5, 2024, from 1–2 pm via Zoom. [Register here.](#)
- Training opportunities will be offered once the Spring 2024 semester starts.
- Project updates and FAQs can be found on our [LMS Transition webpage](#), which will be updated on a regular basis.
- CUNY is also maintaining a system-wide [implementation website](#) for those interested in learning more about the entire project.
- Questions can be sent to Brightspace@baruch.cuny.edu.

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to continuing to work with you in the new year.

Sincerely,

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