

Division of Academic Affairs

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January Update on Baruch's Transition to Brightspace

Dear Faculty and Staff,

The Baruch College Learning Management System (LMS) Transition Committee held the official wave-two transition kick-off meeting with CUNY Central on Jan. 17, and Baruch is on track to begin teaching courses using Brightspace in Summer 2024.

As a reminder, CUNY announced a University-wide transition to a new learning management system, D2L's Brightspace in August 2022. Brightspace is a modern and mobile-friendly platform that will better support teaching and learning across multiple modalities and will help our students succeed. Now that the Spring 2024 semester is underway, we are excited to launch workshops and other engagement opportunities for faculty to prepare to use Brightspace.

How To Access Brightspace

All faculty and staff can now access Brightspace by visiting brightspace.cuny.edu. Log in using CUNYfirst credentials. Once logged in, users will find a "Brightspace Resource Course" where you can begin exploring Brightspace features. You may also create a sandbox space that can be used to test and learn new Brightspace features.

Participate in Brightspace Workshops

All faculty and staff will have opportunities to participate in optional, but highly recommended, workshops on Brightspace. Workshops are delivered by both CUNY and Baruch transition teams.

- [Browse and sign up for workshops](#) hosted by CUNY
- [Browse and sign up for workshops](#) hosted by Baruch faculty and staff

Virtual Open Office Hours: Meet the Baruch Brightspace Transition Team

Join the Baruch Brightspace Transition Team for open office hours every Friday from 1–2 pm. No need to pre-register, and you can join using [this link](#).

We are excited to engage with you in Brightspace. Each month during the Spring 2024 semester, we will send a project update.

Sincerely,

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