

Division of Academic Affairs

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April Update on Baruch's Transition to Brightspace

Dear Faculty and Staff,

As the spring semester progresses, the Baruch Brightspace Transition Team has been monitoring the creation of Summer 2024 course spaces and reviewing migrated content from Blackboard into Brightspace. As a reminder, beginning in Summer 2024, all Baruch courses will use D2L's Brightspace as our official learning management system.

Update on Migrated Course Content

D2L has loaded duplicates of Baruch Blackboard course sites for Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023, and Fall 2023. Over the next several months, duplicate course sites will be created for courses dating back to Spring 2020. Toward the end of the Spring 2024 semester (on Thursday, May 16), D2L will begin to load duplicates of Spring 2024 Blackboard courses into Brightspace. This process may take a few weeks. If you are missing any courses, please alert the transition team via email at brightspace@baruch.cuny.edu.

How to Request Early Migration of Blackboard Course or Organization Sites

For faculty who need immediate access to duplicate Blackboard content or courses from before Spring 2020, please complete the [Course Migration Request form](#). Organization sites, or non-academic sites, will not be duplicated into Brightspace until the completion of academic course migrations. If you intend to use your organization site in the summer or fall of 2024, you should request that your organization site be manually migrated.

Summer 2024 Course Spaces Now Available

As of April 1, all of Baruch's Summer 2024 course sections have been loaded into Brightspace. Fall 2024 course sections will be loaded into Brightspace by early June. You do not have to wait for your new course space to become available to begin refreshing your content in Brightspace. Faculty should feel free to begin making edits to their Blackboard duplicate sites. Any updates you make to Blackboard duplicates in Brightspace can be moved over to your official, CUNYfirst-rostered course spaces. Summer instructional faculty will receive an email about support options and workshops to help them prepare for the summer semester.

Reminder: How to Access Brightspace

All faculty and staff can 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](#).

New LMS Transition Website URL

To aid faculty and staff in locating the Baruch Brightspace Transition website, we have created a new URL: baruch.cuny.edu/brightspace. Please check the website regularly to stay up to date on transition milestones, register for workshops, and access other support resources.

We are excited to engage with you in Brightspace.

Sincerely,

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