

Greetings Summer 2024 Faculty!

**Overview:**

You are receiving this message because you are scheduled to teach a Summer 2024 course at Baruch College.

In Summer 2024, Baruch College will begin instructing courses in Brightspace. Brightspace is a modern, mobile friendly learning management system (LMS) that is replacing Blackboard across CUNY.

To help support you during this transition, we've curated a list of available resources and supports. While attending any professional development or engaging with these resources is optional, we highly recommend engaging with the materials available to you and that you begin to explore Brightspace as soon as possible.

**Next Steps & Resources:**

- Login to Brightspace using this URL, <https://brightspace.cuny.edu>. You will login using your CUNYFirst username and password ([firstname.lastname##@login.cuny.edu](mailto:firstname.lastname##@login.cuny.edu)). You will also find a link to login to Brightspace under "Quick Links" on the Baruch website.
- Visit Baruch's transition website to learn more about the transition, available professional development and training, and other support: <https://baruch.cuny.edu/brightspace>.
- Attend any of our extended Brightspace Drop-in Support Hours beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> (note, no sessions will be held on Memorial Day). Extended support hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 12-1 pm and 5-6 pm (No registration required, use this [Zoom link to join the Drop-in Hour](#))
- Access 24/7 Support from Brightspace. Wherever you go in Brightspace, support will be available. [Learn more about how to access Brightspace 24/7 support](#). Support is available to CUNY faculty, staff, and students via phone, chat, and email. When engaging with support make sure to say you are a CUNY faculty member (they do not recognize all 25 College names yet!) and provide your CUNYFirst username as your Brightspace email address ([firstname.lastname##@login.cuny.edu](mailto:firstname.lastname##@login.cuny.edu))
- Review tutorial videos maintained about Brightspace on their [YouTube Channel](#).
- Reach out to the Baruch Brightspace Transition team by emailing [brightspace@baruch.cuny.edu](mailto:brightspace@baruch.cuny.edu)

**FAQs (see a completed list of FAQs on the [transition website](#))**

*Q: I teach for multiple institutions at CUNY. Some are moving to Brightspace now and others are moving later. May I just keep teaching in Blackboard?*

A: Unfortunately, no. Any college moving to Brightspace this summer must instruct courses in Brightspace and may not use Blackboard. CUNYFirst course rosters will only be loaded into the learning management system you are assigned to use. For some of you, this may mean using both learning management systems during the transition period. This is the best way to offer clear directions and expectations for student users.

*Q: Will my Blackboard content be transferred to Brightspace?*

A: Yes! 4 years of Blackboard content (going back to Spring 2020) will be duplicated from Blackboard and placed into Brightspace for your review and use. The duplicates are coming over complete and functional, but still require review.

Our workshop “Refresh Your Blackboard Content in Brightspace” is an aid in taking a streamlined approach to reviewing and preparing your Blackboard content for instruction in Brightspace.

*Q: When will my Summer 2024 and Fall 2024 course spaces be available in Brightspace?*

A: Summer courses are available now. Fall course spaces will load during the first week of June 2024.

*Q: Why was Brightspace selected to replace Blackboard?*

A: The City University of New York recently announced a University-wide transition to a new learning management system (LMS), D2L’s Brightspace. 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.

*Q. Are students being trained in Brightspace?*

A: All students are enrolled in a tutorial called “Getting Started in Brightspace” within their personal Brightspace instance. Completion of this tutorial is optional, but students who complete will receive a certificate of completion. If you are concerned and feel a student (or your class) should complete the tutorial, you could ask that students share their certificates as proof of completion.

We wish you the best of luck with this transition!

The Baruch Brightspace Transition Team