

Blackboard Ultra Navigation Quick Start

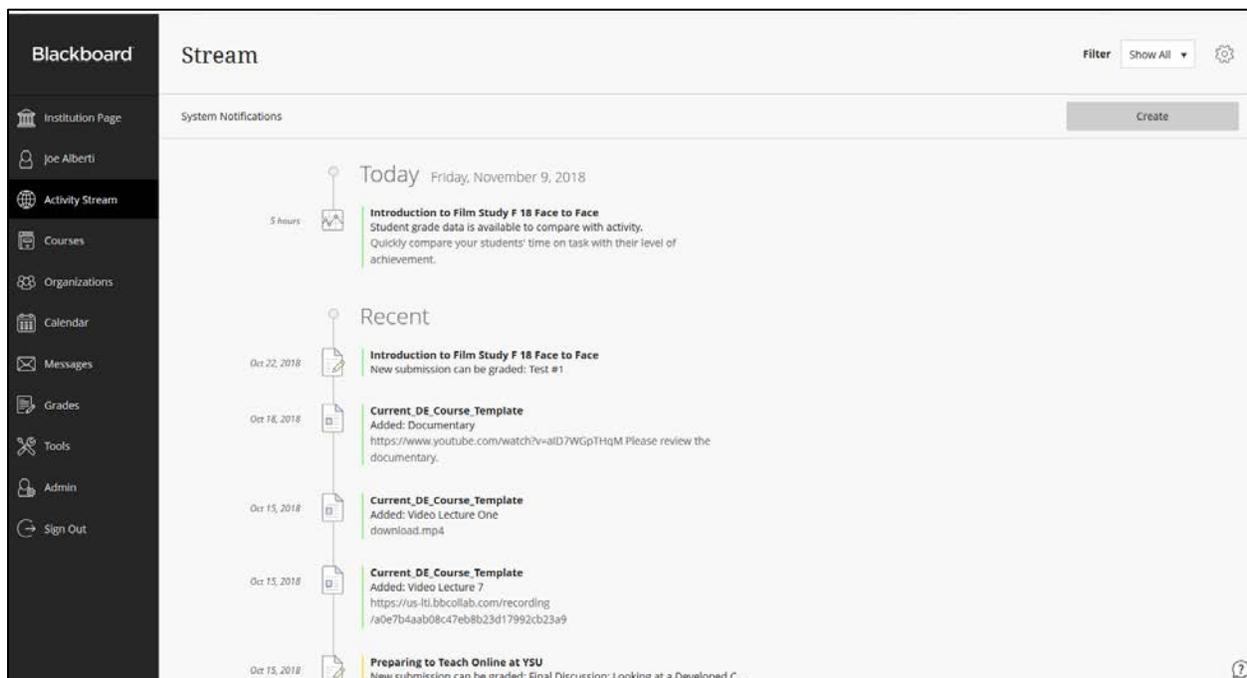
Blackboard has created a new approach for teaching and learning through an environment that promotes simple navigation for instructors and students. From the moment you log in, you will notice that the modules you used to see have been replaced by the new navigation. Everything is still there and even easier to access. The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the updates to the new interface.

Menu Structure

In the list where your name appears, you have access to core features. Calendar, messages, and grades are global pages that will display information for all your courses you are enrolled in.

Activity Stream

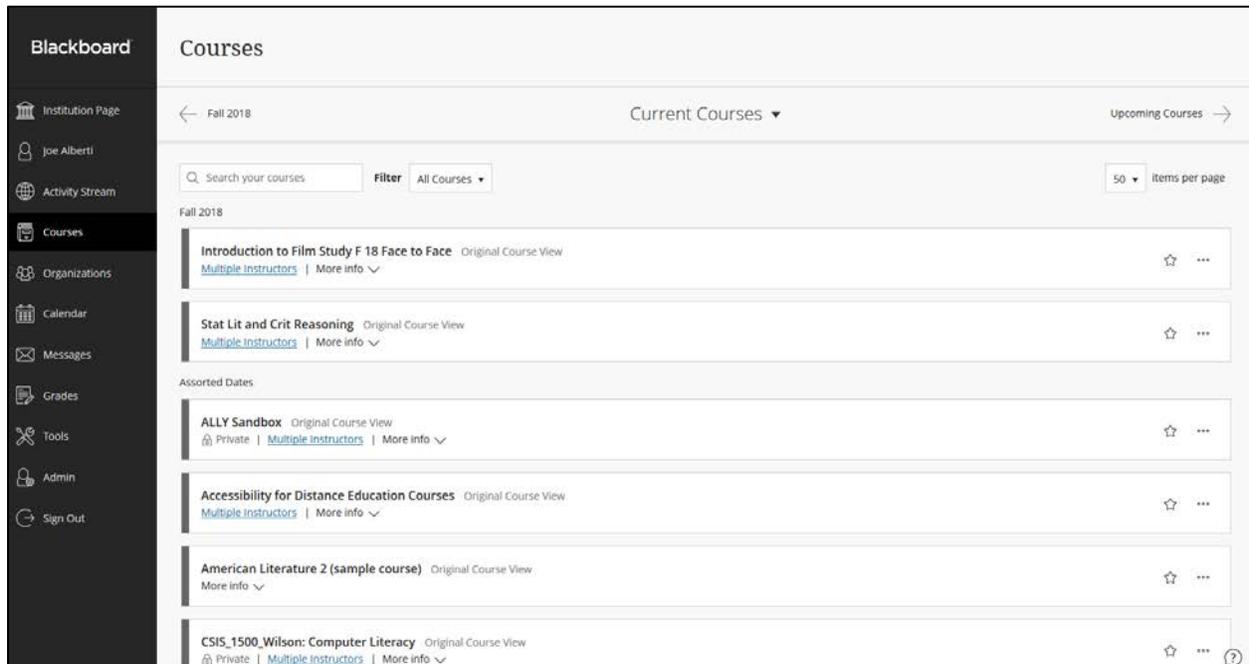
All your course content will display on the main part of the page called the Activity Stream. The activity stream will display up to the minute actions for assignments, tests, and other due items in all your courses. The Activity Stream actions are based off items in courses that have due dates assigned and any announcements the instructor creates. This will help remind students what is coming up in their courses that they need to complete.



The screenshot shows the Blackboard Ultra interface. On the left is a dark navigation sidebar with the following items: Institution Page, Joe Alberti (user profile), Activity Stream (selected), Courses, Organizations, Calendar, Messages, Grades, Tools, Admin, and Sign Out. The main content area is titled 'Stream' and includes a 'Filter' dropdown set to 'Show All' and a 'Create' button. The stream is divided into sections: 'System Notifications' (empty), 'Today' (Friday, November 9, 2018) with a '5 hours' timer and a notification about student grade data, and 'Recent' with several entries: 'Introduction to Film Study F 18 Face to Face' (Oct 22, 2018), 'Current_DE_Course_Template' (Oct 18, 2018) with a video link, 'Current_DE_Course_Template' (Oct 15, 2018) with a video lecture download, 'Current_DE_Course_Template' (Oct 15, 2018) with another video lecture link, and 'Preparing to Teach Online at YSU' (Oct 15, 2018).

Course Access

Click the Courses link to access past, present, and future courses. Once you click Courses, you will see a new view of your courses. All you have to do is simply click on the name of the course you would like to enter. Once inside your course, there will be no changes.



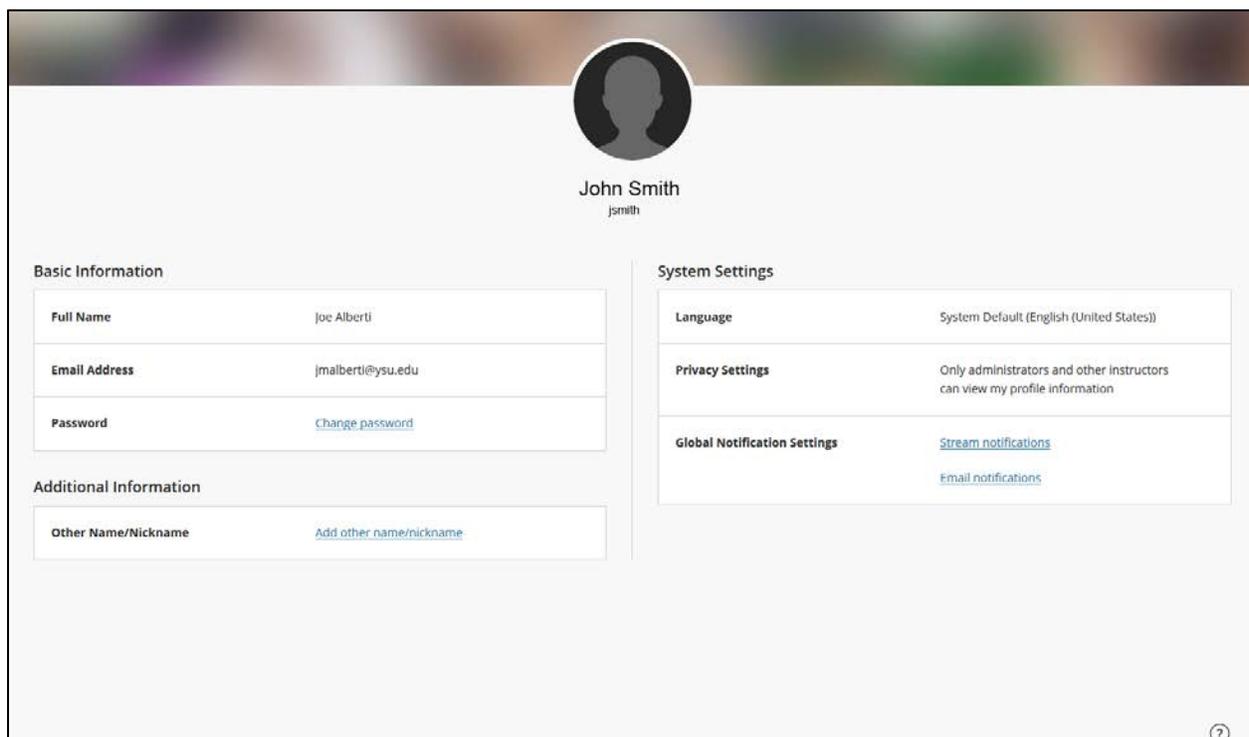
The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for the 'Courses' section. On the left is a navigation sidebar with options like Institution Page, Joe Alberti, Activity Stream, Courses (selected), Organizations, Calendar, Messages, Grades, Tools, Admin, and Sign Out. The main content area is titled 'Courses' and shows a list of courses for 'Fall 2018'. The list includes:

- Introduction to Film Study F 18 Face to Face (Original Course View) with links for Multiple Instructors and More info.
- Stat Lit and Crit Reasoning (Original Course View) with links for Multiple Instructors and More info.
- Assorted Dates section containing:
 - ALLY Sandbox (Original Course View) with Private, Multiple Instructors, and More info links.
 - Accessibility for Distance Education Courses (Original Course View) with Multiple Instructors and More info links.
 - American Literature 2 (sample course) (Original Course View) with More info link.
 - CSIS_1500_Wilson: Computer Literacy (Original Course View) with Private, Multiple Instructors, and More info links.

At the top of the course list, there are navigation arrows for 'Fall 2018', 'Current Courses', and 'Upcoming Courses'. A search bar and a filter dropdown (set to 'All Courses') are also visible.

Profile

Your profile is the place to edit information attached to your persona. Your profile appears with some information, and you can't delete your profile. Here you can add an image of yourself, update personal information, and notification settings.



The screenshot shows the Blackboard user profile page for John Smith (jsmith). At the top is a profile picture placeholder. Below the name are two main sections:

- Basic Information:**
 - Full Name: Joe Alberti
 - Email Address: jmalberti@ysu.edu
 - Password: [Change password](#)
- Additional Information:**
 - Other Name/Nickname: [Add other name/nickname](#)
- System Settings:**
 - Language: System Default (English (United States))
 - Privacy Settings: Only administrators and other instructors can view my profile information
 - Global Notification Settings:
 - [Stream notifications](#)
 - [Email notifications](#)

A help icon (?) is located in the bottom right corner of the page.