

Blackboard Learn Release 9 - What's New?

- **Web 2.0 Interface:** Includes drag-and-drop ability, drop-down menus, contextual help options, and better accessibility features.
- **Customizable Environments:** make your Blackboard home page your own.
- **Notifications Dashboard:** One central place to view tasks to be completed, assignments to grade, and new discussion board posts to review. Monitor at-risk students and receive course notifications.
- **Blogs and Journals:** Individual Journals and Individual and Group Blogs for sharing, working collaboratively, and commenting on each other's work.
- **Groups:** New settings let students create and sign up for groups.
- **Assignments:** Multiple attempts, history, group assignments and group grades.
- **Grade Center:** Enter directly onto the spreadsheet-like interface, view history, create reports. The alphabetization issue is fixed.

More information: <http://www.blackboard.com/Release9/Whats-New.aspx>

The Bb9 Graphical User Interface (GUI) - a new look-and-feel

Some of the new features include drop down menus, course menu customizations, Instructor's edit mode button, and Control Panel on the course site page

Blackboard Learn Release 9 Course Site Interface

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Learn Release 9 Course Site Interface for Franklin & Marshall College. The interface includes a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with announcements, and a control panel at the bottom. Callout boxes provide instructions on how to use various features:

- Use this feature to turn page Frame Resizability on.** (Points to the top navigation bar)
- Use this section to manage your personal information.** (Points to the 'My Places' link)
- Use to switch between edit and preview modes.** (Points to the 'Edit Mode' toggle)
- Use this menu to customize the course menu views.** (Points to the course menu icons)
- This feature allows you to filter the announcements by System Administrator or Course announcements.** (Points to the 'SYSTEM' and 'COURSE' filters)
- The Control Panel page is now accessed on the course site page.** (Points to the 'Control Panel' link in the left menu)
- Click the drop-down arrows to view the options.** (Points to the drop-down arrows in the left menu)
- Click this tab to hide the course menu.** (Points to the 'VIEW ALL' tab)

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