BLACKBOARD COLLABORATE ULTRA FOR STUDENTS

Blackboard Collaborate Ultra is a simple, convenient, and reliable web conferencing solution built for education and training. Engage with the material and your instructor. Thanks to robust collaboration and conference tools, everyone feels like they are in the same room together, regardless of their location or device. Click the links for more information on these features.

Join sessions
Depending on the session and moderator, you can join a session directly from a web link, from your course, and from your phone.

Present in sessions
Instructors or “moderators” can make students or “participants” presenters. This means that you can upload, share, edit, and stop sharing content. You can also see hand raise notifications and can lower hands.

Recordings
Recorded sessions are compressed and saved as MP4s. Recordings include activity in the live session. You can view recordings in courses you are enrolled in. You may be able to download recordings. Moderators must allow session recording downloads for each session. Go to Collaborate, open the menu, and select Recordings.

Breakout Groups
To facilitate small group collaboration, moderators can create breakout groups that are separate from the main room and assign attendees to them. Breakout groups have their own private audio, video, whiteboard, application sharing, and chat. Any collaboration that takes place in a group is independent of the main room (and other groups). Every attendee in the group is a presenter. Group chats and content shared are private to the group. The Everyone chat room is open to everyone, no matter what group you are in.

Polls
Moderators use polls for many different reasons. It might be to give you opportunities to participate and provide feedback or to start a discussion. It might also be to see how well you understood what they presented. You only see the choice you make. Moderators see an overview of the choices made. They can also see the specific choice you and other attendees make. They can also see who hasn't responded. Moderators might choose to show you the overall responses but you never see how anyone else has responded.

Chat
Collaborate uses notifications to let you know what's happening in your session. These notifications tell you when there are new chat comments. The Collaborate pop-up notification stays on the screen for a few seconds then disappears. It tells you if you have a new chat message, if there are more than one, and what chat channel the comment is in.

Helpful Resources
Video: Blackboard Collaborate with the Ultra experience user interface tour
CUNY Blackboard Collaborate for Students and Faculty
Session Best Practices
Accessibility in Blackboard Collaborate with the Ultra Experience
Participant FAQ