Fact Sheet & Resource Guide

Blackboard Learn is a state-of-the-art LMS that offers greater convenience, flexibility and accessibility. Among the advantages are better integration with third-party programs, mobile access and a streamlined interface.

WSU has already migrated nearly all Angel courses into Bb Learn, and will provide faculty and staff any assistance needed—from DIY videos to workshops to office visits from transition experts.

Implementation Timetable

| FALL 2014 | September: WSU migrates all courses to Bb Learn  
|          | Mid-October: Training and tutorials available for WSU faculty  
|          | Late October: WSU faculty get access to Learn versions of their courses so they can join the Spring pilot program  
| SPRING 2015 | Use of Bb Learn open to all faculty  
|            | All Global Campus courses go live in Bb Learn  
|            | WSU continues offering personal assistance and training  
| SUMMER 2015 | Any courses not yet moved to Bb Learn are migrated  
|             | WSU continues to provide personal assistance and training  
|             | After final grades submission is complete, Angel is taken off-line. All content from Angel is archived and can be imported into Bb Learn later if needed.  

Usability study: “My class cheered”

Nine faculty members and about 3,000 WSU Pullman students in five chemistry and math courses have “volunteered” to perform usability testing on the new learning management system this fall.

“Blackboard has worked very well so far,” said Greg Crouch, the WSU chemistry professor who administers the pilot program. “We’ve only had a few minor issues, so it’s been a mostly smooth transition from Angel to Blackboard. Blackboard’s gradebook sync feature saves a lot of time and reduces human error.”

Crouch said his students were delighted by the change. “My class cheered when I told them we were getting Blackboard Learn,” he said. “We’ve long wanted students to have mobile access, which couples nicely with BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) technology that lets students use cell phones or computers instead of clickers.”

Help Resources

WSU is committed to making this transition as easy as possible.

That’s why we’re offering everything from office visits to videos to live chat.

To see all of the options and contact info, please go to our website: lmstransition.wsu.edu