UNO Moves Blackboard to Managed Hosting in May

UNO will migrate Blackboard to a managed hosting environment at the end of the Spring 2016 Semester. The first phase of this transition is now complete and the Summer 2016 Semester course shells are available in the new Blackboard at

uno.blackboard.com. Use your current login and password to access the system. Below you will find answers to most questions concerning the new Blackboard.

Please also review your course information, and if you believe that you are missing content report the issue at **requestcenter. unomaha.edu.** Provide course ID, including section number, and specifics of what is missing.

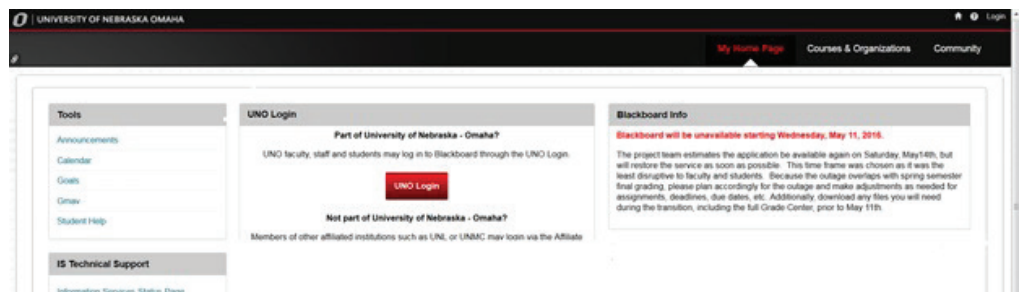**When will the change to Blackboard Managed Hosting occur?**

As part of the migration, the Blackboard application will be unavailable starting Wednesday, May 11, 2016. The project team estimates the application be available again on Saturday, May 14th, but will restore the service as soon as possible

What does this mean for spring grading?

The Blackboard outage overlaps with spring semester final grading so Information Services (IS), recommends downloading any files you will need during the transition, including the full Grade Center, prior to May 11th. If you make changes to your local copy of the Grade Center, you will need to upload these files once the new system is operational.

What will I find when I login to uno.blackboard.com?

- All Summer 2016 course shells and student enrollments
- Course content from your previous 6 semesters (No Spring 2016)
- No student data in previous semester courses (still remains in current system)
- All Visitor accounts have been removed
- Instructor Help Tab looks different

Questions? Contact Academic Partnership for Instruction, a division of Information Services 402-554-2024 • api.unomaha.edu • Kayser Hall 538

What content or functions are NOT available now, but will be in the final phases of Blackboard's move to managed hosting?

Content or Function	Date Expected	Notes
New Development Courses	After the May 11-14 downtime	Instructors can request
Existing Development Courses	June 13	IS moves
New Organizations	After the May 11-14 downtime	Org Leaders can request
Existing Organizations	June 13	IS moves
Visitor Accounts	After the May 11-14 downtime	Instructors can request and add
Fall 2016 Course Shells	After the May 11-14 downtime	IS creates
Spring 2016 Courses & Content	June 13	IS moves

Why would Information Services (IS) allow access to the new Blackboard prior to the full transition if all features are not working?

To provide faculty an opportunity to develop summer courses in the Blackboard managed hosting environment and possibly reduce downtime in May, IS opted to provide an early "partial" rollout of the new system.

Dates to Remember:

- **Friday, May 5th** – Last day of Spring 2016 Semester finals
- **Wednesday, May 11th through Saturday, May 14th, 2016 - Blackboard unavailable**
- **Thursday, May 12th** – Final spring grades due
- **Monday, May 16th** – First Summer 2016 Session begins

Have questions?

For more answer to frequently asked questions, visit **is.unomaha.edu/blackboard** or attend a session below.

Walk-in Sessions: Blackboard Move to Managed Hosting

Thursday, May 5 | Monday, May 9 | Tuesday, May 10 | 9 am - 4 pm | Kayser Hall 538

If you have questions about how the transition will effect you and how you use Blackboard, please stop by the Teaching & Technology Center (TTC), Kayser Hall 538, and a member of the Academic Partnership for Instruction (API) will be happy to help you. No appointment or reservation is necessary during these walk-in sessions.

Blackboard End of the Semester Course Management Tips

Wednesday, May 4 | 12 (noon) - 1 pm | Kayser Hall 538

The end of the semester is a busy time for faculty members. Blackboard has several built-in tools that can help streamline several of the tasks faculty often need to do to make a smooth transition from one semester to the next. In this interactive session we'll go over the steps to download your Grade Center and student Assignment submissions, copy your course content to the next semester, and run the Date Management tool to easily adjust the date/time restriction information on all of the items within your course. Basic knowledge of Blackboard is recommended.

Register at is.unomaha.edu/calendar