

Transition to Blackboard 8

1. When is Hunter moving to the new version of Blackboard (Blackboard 8)?

Spring 2009 course shells have already been created and are available to faculty on Blackboard 8. Winter 2009 courses will remain on the existing version of Blackboard (Blackboard 6).

2. How do I access Blackboard 8?

Blackboard 8 is accessed through the CUNY portal (<http://www.cuny.edu>) using the same user name and password you used to access Blackboard 6. When you log in to the CUNY portal, you will see a link to “Spring ’09 Courses – Blackboard 8” in the upper right area of the screen.

3. Where are my spring ’09 courses?

When you click on the “Spring ’09 Courses – Blackboard 8” link on the portal page, you should see the Blackboard 8 home page. In the upper right corner, you will see a list of courses you are teaching in spring ’09. If you don’t see one of your courses, you may not be listed as the instructor of record. Please check the registrar’s online schedule of courses (<http://registrar.hunter.cuny.edu/subpages/searchclass.shtml>) and contact your department if you are not listed. If you are listed as the instructor but do not see your courses, contact us for assistance. If you do see your courses, please check to make sure your students are enrolled (cross check with Webroster: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/webroster>).

4. Where are my courses from semesters before spring ’09?

Spring ’08 courses have been migrated to Blackboard 8. Please check to see that your course content migrated successfully and notify us of any problems. Fall ’08 courses will be migrated to Blackboard 8 in January, on a date to be determined. These courses will also remain on the Blackboard 6 server for one year after the semester in which they were taught. Courses from before spring ’08 have been archived and removed from the Blackboard server.

5. How do I copy content from previous courses to course shells on Blackboard 8?

Content can be copied from your migrated Blackboard 6 courses to your Blackboard 8 course shells using the same methods you used in Blackboard 6 (see handout on “copying materials from a previous course” for additional details on the URL below).

6. Why do my course shells look different in Blackboard 8?

The course template was redesigned for Blackboard 8, in cooperation with a faculty/student advisory committee (BPAC). It contains a new navigation menu and links to help for faculty and students. Click on the “Getting Started” link in each course for more information.

7. How is Blackboard 8 different from Blackboard 6?

Blackboard 8 offers many new features, including a redesigned discussion board and grade center, a social bookmarking tool (Scholar), and a plagiarism prevention tool (SafeAssign). For more information, see our [“Overview of Blackboard 8”](#).

Contact Us: For additional assistance, contact ICIT’s Faculty/Staff Help Desk, (212) 772-HELP (772-4357), helpdesk@hunter.cuny.edu.

Online Help Documents: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/icit/help-docs/blackboard/faculty-docs>