

What is Blackboard?

Blackboard is a course management system used by faculty and students at Algonquin to communicate about their courses. You can address your students using announcements, email and assignments. Your students will be able to interact with you and each other as a class, as project groups, or as individuals. You can give information to students, administer online tests, and let students know how they are doing through the online gradebook.

What Browser do I need for Using Blackboard?

To use Blackboard, you will need access to the **Internet Explorer 7.0** (or higher) web browser. Internet Explorer 7 is the college standard, and works fluently with Blackboard and the documents. Explorer can be downloaded from the Microsoft website free of charge.

Are you Ready for Blackboard?

To be truly comfortable using Blackboard, you will need to know how to do the following. Look at the checklist to identify your readiness level.

	DO YOU KNOW HOW TO...	NO	YES
REQUIRED SKILLS	Log-in to the College network?		
	Use Internet Explorer and download files?		
	Create and format documents in Word?		
	Save documents in Word (.doc) or Rich Text Format (.rtf)?		
	Set up folders and manage files?		
	Use the 'N' Drive to save or backup materials?		
	Use emails to send and retrieve messages and attachments?		
	Set up and manage email folders?		
	Open applications such as Notepad and Paint?		
	Copy and paste web links?		
	Log-in to the Internet from your office, a classroom, and your home?		
	Use an anti-virus tool?		

If you can say *yes* to all of these items, you can get started with Blackboard.