Accessing Blackboard

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How to get to Blackboard

The best way to access Blackboard is through the My Apps button in the Portal. Direct links to Blackboard courses are under the My Courses section of the Portal, but these may not accurately reflect all of your enabled courses.

1. Log in to the Hofstra Portal (http://my.hofstra.edu).

2. Click the My Apps button on the top right of the screen, followed by the Blackboard button. You can also click the Blackboard button located in the My Courses section of the Portal.

3. If you’re a faculty member, you will receive a notice about copyrighted materials. Click OK to the copyright compliance message.

Getting to your course within Blackboard

A list of courses you have access to in Blackboard will be found under the My Courses section located on the left.
If you are a student, you will only see courses that you have been enrolled in for more than 24 hours AND that your professor has enabled. By default, all courses in Blackboard are disabled/hidden until the professor of that course enables them. Info on why you may not see a course listed in Blackboard is available in our knowledge base.

If you are a faculty member, you will see both the courses you are a professor in and the courses you are a student in (if any). The courses you are a faculty member in will be visible even if they are not enabled. The courses you are a student in will be visible if you’ve been enrolled in the course for more than 24 hours AND the professor has enabled the course. Info on why you may not see a course listed in Blackboard can is available in our knowledge base.

Navigating a Blackboard course

Once you are in a course on Blackboard, use the navigation menu located on the left side of the page to get to the different parts of your course. Since professors can customize the navigation menu, the appearance may differ from course to course. If you don’t see the navigation bar visit our missing navigation menu knowledge base article for assistance.