Blackboard and Brightspace Tools Comparison

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Category	Blackboard	Purpose	Brightspace
Course Design		A step-by-step wizard that helps create structure a course	Course Builder
	Learning Module or Content Folders	Organize content for effective presentation to students	Unit, Lessons, Pages
	Items or Blank Page		HTML Page
	File		Course File
	Syllabus	To make the course syllabus easy to find	*Add a Course File or create an HTML Page*
	Content Collection	Manage the files that exist on the course site	Manage Files
	Adaptive Release	Manage when parts of the course are released	Release Condition
	Student Preview	To view the course as a student	View as Learner / Student
	Student Preview	To act as a student in the course	Impersonate a student
		Step by step processes to set up various aspect of your course	Course Wizards
		Extends Brightspace with additional features to create a more dynamic and interactive course. Improve comprehension, accessibility, engagement.	Creator+

Category	Tool	Description	Equivalent
Communications	Announcements	Communicate important messages to all students	Announcements
	Email	Enables emailing other individual users from course site	Email (Under Message Alerts)
	Contacts	Enables storing contact information of users in the course	Address Book (When composing an email)
	Email (Groups, all or selected groups)	Enables instructor to mass emailing to a course group(s)	Email User groups
	Course Message	Allows to instant message another user within the course	Instant Message to Classlist
	Forum / Thread Subscription	Allows to subscribe to certain topics and get alerts on new activity	Subscription
		Filter and trigger certain activities based on the conditions set in the parameters of the agent	Intelligent Agents
Interactive Tools	Discussion Board Forum > Thread	Asynchronous threaded discussions	Discussions Forum > Topics > Threads
	Journals	Private journal only instructor and students can see	*Can be created as Private Discussions*
		Course Home Page Widget to post messages visible to the whole class	Activity Feed
	Zoom	Online asynchronous classes used for lectures and labs	Zoom
	Blogs	Blog, available to instructor and students	Instant Message to Classlist
	Wikis	Knowledgebase accessible by students in the course	Subscription
	Glossary	Displays instructor-defined terms for the course	Glossary
		Instructor-defined list of answers to commonly asked course questions	FAQ
	Manage LTI Links	Manage LTI links to third-party tools that are available in the course	External Learning Tools

Assessments	Assignments	Assignment completion tool including file uploads and feedback and annotation options for instructor	Assignments
	Tests	Used for quiz, midterm, and final exam assessments	Quizzes
	Pools	Sets of questions that are reusable for tests and quizzes	Question Library
	Item Analysis	Review statistics related to attempts and completion of Quizzes in Brightspace	Quiz Statistics
	Surveys	Ungraded questionnaire tool for gathering info	Surveys
	Random Block of Questions	Select random questions in a question library	Random Selection
	Course Portfolio	Built-in tool for portfolio development	Portfolio
	Achievements	Grant merit-based awards to students throughout the course with badges and certificates	Awards
	Goals	Define expected learning outcomes of course to be used for performance tracking in other tools	Learning Outcomes
Grading	Grade Centre	Displays a list of students and their submissions in the course	Grades
	Needs Grading	Displays ungraded assignments	Quick Eval
	Rubrics	Evaluate an activity or item based on predefined criteria	Rubrics
	Grade User Attempt	Evaluate a student's submission	Evaluate Submission
	Performance Dashboard	View the performance of the class as whole	Class Progress

Site Resources	Course Calendar	Display course events	Calendar
	Date Management	Adjust due date and release dates for course materials, assignments and tests from copied courses.	Manage Dates
	Course Copy	Copy a course within the same LMS to another course shell	Import / Export / Copy Components
	Export / Archive Course	Export a course into a package zip file to be used in another course shell	
	Import Package	Import a package from a course into another course shell using a package zip file	
Learner Management	Groups and Group Tools	Manage and distribute students among groups	Groups
	Attendance	Option to record and check Attendance	Attendance
	Roster / Users	View the list of all users enrolled in the course	Classlist
Course Evaluation	Course Reports	View information about the course usage and activity	Content Reports
	SCORM Reports	Generate a SCORM report from a list of users	SCORM Reports

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