Blackboard Collaborate™ is a real-time virtual classroom and web conferencing platform designed specifically for education which opens more possibilities for more effective learning experiences for online, blended, and mobile learning.

Designed with the learner in mind, Blackboard Collaborate has a contemporary interface that drives communication, presentation, interaction and instruction through a web browser making users feel like they’re together in the same room. Our highly-accessible collaboration tool enables live classroom sessions to be conducted using a PC, tablet or mobile device enabling students to collaborate and learn on the go.

**Drive Student Success**

Personal interaction is one of the most valuable elements of a quality teaching and learning experience. It can, however, be a challenge to maintain high levels of interaction such as in blended or online courses, or with students who don’t regularly visit the campus. Collaboration technology enables the kinds of interaction that today’s digital natives thrive on, proven to demonstrate more course completions, improved understanding and better grades.

**Support Academic Continuity**

Whether due to job demands, family obligations, transportation issues, cost or geography, distance and travel time can represent a significant barrier to pursuing education. Blackboard Collaborate provides the ability to bridge distance enabling students to participate from wherever they happen to be enabling academics to drive student cohort cohesion and ensure equivalence of experience for all learners.

**Reach More Students**

Increasingly Blackboard Collaborate can help expand access for more diverse student populations, under-represented groups and provide the design support mechanisms to accommodate additional income streams from new enrolments such as international, part-time and distance learners.

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We have a distributed student body and need to find a way to connect with them and learn with them in an active way. Usually most of our teaching sessions are very interactive, discussion based, activity based and we need to find a way how to do this with our distance audience and Blackboard Collaborate is a tool which can achieve that.”

Tim Neumann
Head of Learning Technologies Unit, Institute of Education
University College London, UK
Why Blackboard Collaborate?

For Teaching and Learning

- Use high-quality audio, multi-user video, integrated teleconferencing, PowerPoint import, an interactive whiteboard, public/private chat, guest participation, breakout groups, polling, and application and desktop sharing.
- Let students become moderators to give them a different perspective and an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.
- Share desktops with students for demonstration and instructional purposes.
- Arrange one to one virtual office hours, feedback sessions and tutorials. If the session is recorded then the verbal feedback and discussion can support the students’ self-reflection and evaluation.
- View recordings online or download mobile friendly MP4 recordings to give access to the same information to those who were unable to attend the online session.
- Access breakout rooms to facilitate group work and for students to use independently in their own working groups.
- View participation reports to determine who attended the session, and for how long.

For Professional Development, Meetings, Open Days, and Guest Lectures

- Conduct live skill development and training sessions.
- Record training sessions for on-demand viewing anytime, anywhere.
- Feature guest speakers in live presentations, without the travel expense.
- Deliver virtual open days to attract more enrolments.