Today’s students are on the move with smartphones and tablets in hand. They expect from their education what they expect from life: access from wherever they are.

Alternative and learner centric models are evolving with students setting their own pace and preference for how they wish to study. Mobile devices are making it possible to integrate learning and teaching in and outside the physical classroom and off campus based programmes in exciting new ways. And, increasingly, there is greater need for flexibility, immediacy, and collaboration to support life wide and lifelong learning and professional development.

**Mobile Learning - Harness the Power of Blackboard Anytime, Anywhere**

Our mobile solutions have been built to satisfy the different needs of users and to support institutions in achieving their institutional goals. We understand what students and academics want to do on their mobile devices, so we have designed meaningful applications to give them access at their fingertips to do what they most commonly need, wherever and whenever they connect. Whether it’s a student accessing learning resources and communicating with their tutor or an academic submitting or grading assignments on the go, our mobile applications will improve the broader teaching and learning experience.

Blackboard supports the mobile needs of learners and academics:

- **Bb Student** - an intuitive way for students to interact with subjects, learning resources, academics, other students, take assignments and tests, view their grades, and join web conferencing sessions on the go.
- **Bb Grader** - for academics to access assignments from a mobile device for reviewing, providing feedback, and grading student submissions.

Acceptance is inevitable when you have Gen Y students in classes. That is how they learn. It’s not just the one hour in the four walls of a classroom. They’re using it in their everyday life. It is helping us connect with them more effectively than the traditional ‘talk and chalk’ lecture. Now any place becomes a learning place.

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Bb Student

Engage Students On The Devices They Know And Love, Any Time, Any Place

When it comes to the majority of today’s learners, it is common knowledge that they are interacting with their mobile devices multiple times throughout the day. That’s why Blackboard introduced Bb Student. It offers students the mobile experience they want, and it helps them stay connected to their academic environments and lecturers whether they are on work placements, doing field work, overseas or simply on the move!

Bb Student is a mobile app with a slick, modern design that enables students to react to their immediate needs and helps them stay up-to-date on their academic progress and requirements. Today’s active learners have a need for speed. Help students be as successful as they can be by placing learning directly into their hands. It’s fun, simple, and intuitive and gives students the information they want, the connections they crave, and the personalisation they demand, on the go.

With Bb Student, Students Can:

• Stay on task with push notifications, a due date list, and activity stream updates.
• Take assignments, tests, and quizzes and review their submissions right from the app.
• View quick updates to their courses and course content.
• View their course grades as well as individual test and assignment grades.
• Participate in discussions.
• Engage with classmates and academics using online mobile collaboration.
• Attach assignment files from Google Drive, Dropbox, and OneDrive.
• Access a course outline for each course.
• View the Word, Excel, Powerpoint and .PDF content from courses, and experience a rich aesthetic that is easy to use and simple to learn.

Collaborate and Learn on the Go

We’ve taken our Bb Student app and integrated Blackboard Collaborate mobile web conferencing in an easy to use, powerful format for collaborative teaching and learning. Students can use the Bb Student app to immediately log into the Collaborate experience and once there, view visual session content, communicate via text chat and audio, and interact in many different ways, including answering poll questions, raising their hands, joining a breakout session, to replicate the physical classroom experience.
Bb Student will satisfy students with features they’ll use again and again

First Time User Experience
The first time user experience provides an introduction to Bb Student and provides an overview of the feature set and showcases the user experience.

Navigation
Students can easily access updates from their activity stream, view course content, and quickly access all of their grades because the most relevant features for students have been categorised and grouped in one in one place so they can easily navigate between them.

Activity Stream
The activity stream represents a “smart view” of prioritised events and actions, and pushes content to the student helping them prioritise their work so they can spend their time on the thing that matters the most, learning.

Course Timeline
The course timeline provides students with a visual representation of their courses - past, present, and future. Courses are grouped by term and year with relevant course information displaying such as academic name, course title, location, and hours.

Course Outline
Students are able to quickly access information and identify the main materials they need in a familiar, straightforward way.

Assignments and Tests
Students are able to view, complete, and submit assignments and tests, extending student engagement and learning beyond the classroom.

Grades
Bb Student provides real-time access to grades which enables students to quickly identify their academic results and progress in a given class or assignment.

Connecting Cloud Content
Students can use their cloud-connected accounts including Google Drive, Dropbox, and OneDrive to easily submit cloud content for class assignments.

Discussions
Students can create new discussion threads, browse and read posts from others, and craft a response.

Push Notifications
Bb Student keeps students up to date and sends them notifications when a test is coming up, an assignment is overdue, or when new grades are posted.

Mobile Collaborate
Students can join a live conference via iPhone, iPad, or Android and collaborate with video, voice, chat, and an interactive whiteboard on the go. Recorded sessions can be turned into MP3 and MP4 files for streaming or downloading, and distributed through YouTube, iTunesU, and SchoolTube.

Bb Student Requirements
- Blackboard Learn 9.1 Service Pack 14+ or Learn SaaS
- The latest version of the Mobile Learn Building Block must be activated and registered with the Mobile Learn Central Service
- Mobile Learn license or any Blackboard Learning Solution
- iOS 7+, Android 4.0+ and Windows
- Blackboard Collaborate (to use Mobile Collaborate with Bb Student)
Bb Grader

Enables Educators To View And Grade Assignments On The Go

The Bb Grader app provides academics with a tablet-based mobile solution for reviewing, providing rich feedback, and ultimately grading student submissions to Blackboard Learn Assignments. With Bb Grader, academics don’t have to take home a stack of papers. They can review, grade assignments inline, provide rich feedback via voice to text, interactive rubrics, or even personalised audio video feedback anytime, without having to sit at a desk all the time.

Feature Highlights

• Inline viewing of student assignment submissions on the device
• Support for audio-based and video-based feedback
• Interactive rubric grading for rich feedback
• Gesture-based interactions for grading and feedback
• Class-level and assignment-level views
• Supports multiple attempts, group assignment, and anonymous grading
• Seamless integration with Blackboard Learn
• Stay on top of students’ progress with features from the Blackboard Learn Retention Centre

Bb Grader Requirements

• iOS 7+
• iPad 2+, iPad Air, and iPad mini are supported
• Internet connection
• The latest version of the Mobile Learn Building Block must be activated and registered with the Mobile Learn Central Service

Grading Submissions

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