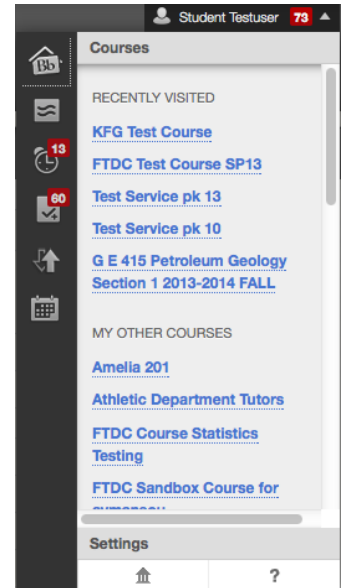


My Blackboard

The My Blackboard area consolidates critical information from all of your courses.

Global Navigation Menu

Always present in the top right corner of the Blackboard interface, the Global Navigation Menu is the entry point to My Blackboard. It also provides one-click access to your Courses, Settings, and Help information. Simply click on your name in the Global Navigation Menu, and a drop-down menu will appear, providing quick access to notifications, discussion board postings, content updates, grades, calendar, and the retention center.



Bb Home

Bb Home gives you an overview of the items that are due or have been recently graded.



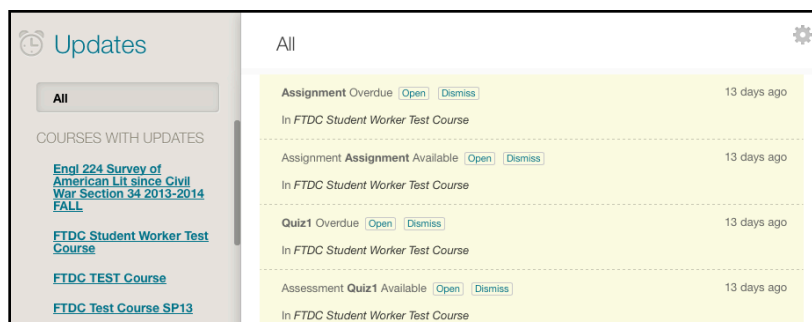
Posts

This page consolidates and displays the latest posts from all of the courses you are enrolled in and follow. New Journal, Wiki, Blog, and Discussion Board posts are all displayed here.



Updates

Review a list of notifications alerting you to important course events and information. This tool displays course announcements, new content or assignment additions, due date notifications, and needs grading notifications. The notifications preferences icon in the upper right of the Updates page allows you to choose which types of notification you want to view.



Notification Preferences



My Grades

View your grades for each assignment, test, or activity across all of your courses. You can sort the grades by date or by course.



Retention Center

This is an **instructor-only** tool that enables instructors to give focused attention to students who need it. The Retention Center provides an easy-to-use data visualization and pre-configured rules for identifying at-risk students in a course. It automatically calls out students who may need the instructor's attention, making it easy for instructors

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Retention Center interface. At the top, it says 'Retention Center' and 'Evaluation - Retention Center'. Below this, there's a bar chart showing 'Students currently at risk' with four segments: 18 (green), 20 (pink), 4 (blue), and 6 (yellow). A tooltip indicates '4 students didn't contribute'. Below the chart is a table of students with columns for 'MISSED DEADLINES', 'GRADES ALERT', 'ACTIVITY ALERT', and 'ACCESS ALERT'. A student named Jerry Westley is highlighted with a 'MATCHING RISK FACTORS' box listing: '1 deadline has been missed by more than 5 days', '3 deadlines have been missed by more than 2 days', and 'Midterm Test has been missed by more than 2 days'. A 'Missed Deadlines: 3' box is also visible. On the right, there's a 'Students I am monitoring' list with names like Kerry Kwok, Jerry Westley, and Hilary Lopez. At the bottom, there's a 'GRADE RULE' section showing 'Overall Course Grade 15% > Class Average' and '3 students meeting rule'.

to catch and respond to risk factors quickly, while there is still time to help the at-risk students succeed in the course.



Calendar

The Calendar displays a consolidated view of all institution, course, and personal calendar events for a user. Calendar events are color coded by course. View the [Calendar](#) tutorial for additional information about creating, editing, and managing Calendar events.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard Calendar interface for October 2012. On the left, there's a 'Calendars' list with checkboxes for 'Institution', 'Personal', 'Biological Sciences', 'Introduction to American History', 'Introduction to Journalism', and 'Cinema as Art Form'. The main calendar grid shows events color-coded by course: 'Lab Dist. Topic' (orange), '10a Biology C' (orange), '2:30p America' (orange), '11a Meeting w' (blue), '1p CAF class' (blue), '8p Watch Text' (blue), '10a Biology C' (orange), '2:30p America' (orange), '5p Essay 1 DU' (green), 'Topic Due today' (green), '10a Study Gro' (purple), '1p CAF Class' (blue), 'Weekend Fun!' (purple), 'Study Abroad' (black), '8p Art Opening' (purple), 'Weekend Fun! Trip to the City!' (purple), '12p Trip to the City!' (purple), '12p Lunch w/ll' (purple), and '5p Essay 2 DU' (green).