



Tech Matters

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BLACKBOARD PREFERRED BROWSER

Please choose Chrome, the recommended browser, OR Firefox.

The Windows 10 OS default browser, Microsoft EDGE, is NOT currently compatible with Blackboard.

March Topic: Blackboard

WHAT IS BLACKBOARD?

The Blackboard Course Management System allows faculty to easily upload and distribute course materials, email all students enrolled in a course, post a course calendar and announcements, link to other sites and much more.

All courses for the current semester have a Blackboard site.

Access to BLACKBOARD: The easiest way to Login to Blackboard is via Direct Access

Go to: suffolku.blackboard.com. Click LOGIN button – enter Suffolk email username & password

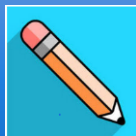
Below are some tools that are available in Blackboard to engage students in classwork when the University is closed or you cannot be present for your class.

- **Journals** Journals are a personal space for students to communicate privately with you about their opinions, ideas, and concerns about your course, or discuss and analyze course related materials.
- **Discussion board** The discussion board is a tool for sharing thoughts and ideas about class materials
- **Blogs** Blogs are an effective means of sharing knowledge and materials created and collected by the group in the course.
- **Blackboard Wikis** A wiki provides an area where students can collaborate on content. Users within a course can create and edit wiki pages that pertain to the course or a course group.
- **Panopto / Coursecast** A lecture capturing software that allows lectures to be recorded from your office or personal computer for viewing online by students at a later time. Faculty can record audio, video, and desktop screenshots.

Other helpful teaching tools:

- **SafeAssign** Compares submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the submitted assignment and existing works.
- **Tests/Quizzes** You can use tests and surveys to measure student knowledge, gauge progress, and gather information from students.

For assistance with these tools and with the pedagogy behind using the tools, contact Instructional Technology <https://sites.suffolk.edu/instructionaltech> and/or the Center for Teaching & Scholarly Excellence ctse@suffolk.edu



To access courses on your mobile devices, download the Blackboard mobile app
Faculty should download the Blackboard Instructor app



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