

## BLACKBOARD DOCUMENTATION FOR STUDENTS

# CourseVU has changed to Blackboard 9

Blackboard, formerly known at Valparaiso University as CourseVU, is an online course management system. Most online course management systems are used to transmit distance learning courses from a central location to students all over the world. Although Valparaiso University does offer some distance learning courses, our Blackboard system is used primarily to supplement the classes that meet on campus with materials and activities available on the web.

### Logging In - [blackboard.valpo.edu](http://blackboard.valpo.edu)

You will use your Valponet user name and password to log into Blackboard.

When you have successfully logged in, you will see the Home Tab view. You will also see boxes with the following labels:

Tools - containing quick links to Announcements, Grades and the send email function.

My Announcements - a listing of announcements posted in the last seven days in any course in which you are currently enrolled.

My Courses - a list of all the courses in which you are enrolled as a student that are currently available. You may be concerned because a course you are taking isn't listed. Don't worry. It is up to each instructor to decide whether he or she wants to use Blackboard for their course. If your course isn't listed it could be that your instructor does not plan to use Blackboard to supplement the course.

### Assistance and Troubleshooting

We've put together this short [Student Guide to Blackboard 9](#) to assist you with navigating.

For additional help with Blackboard students can visit the IT Help Desk.

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