BLACKBOARD LEARN 9.1

EXPLORING THE
HOME PAGE
FOR STUDENTS

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**Access the What’s New and To Do items from a course’s Home Page**

In this section, you will explore Blackboard Learn Home Page as a student.

**Learning Outcomes**

After completing this section, you will be able to:

- Access the What’s New and To Do items from a course’s Home Page
Exploring the Home Page

The Home Page contains modules that provide students with an intuitive way to navigate through a Blackboard Learn course, and keep abreast of content additions and due dates through notifications. The modules are similar to those found on the My Institution tab, but the information appearing pertains only to the course currently being viewed. The default modules are selected by the administrator, but the instructor can remove, add, and reorder modules. Two of the most relevant modules for students are What’s New and To Do. Any new content added by the instructor appears when the Home Page is accessed.

▲ Take Note

A. What’s New - contains links to any new content, such as announcements, assignments, tests, surveys, newly graded items, Mashups, and unread Discussion Board messages.

B. To Do - divided into What’s Past Due and What’s Due. This information can be used as the launching point for a student’s daily course work.
**Module Options**

**Take Note**

A. Move your mouse pointer over the double arrows to expand any drop-down list.

B. Use the **Actions** drop-down list to expand, collapse, or dismiss all items in the module. When items are dismissed, they are deleted from the notification module.

**Take Note**

A. Each item in the **What's New** and **To Do** modules has an Action Link. Click the Action Link to access the item’s contextual menu.

B. You can open or dismiss the item. When an item is opened, you are taken directly to the content. If you choose to view a recently graded item, you are taken to the **My Grades** tool.
**Take Note**

A. **Click Manage** to edit the view of what appears in the module. For example, edit the Announcements module view to include announcements for 7 days, 30 days, or all announcements.

B. **Click the “more” link in a tool module to be taken to a tool’s main page.** For example, click the “more tasks” link to be taken to the main Tasks page to set the status of the task.

C. **Click Open in a New Window** to view the module in a separate window. The window can be moved to a different screen location. For example, keep the **To Do module window** open as you navigate through the course.