

8/23/2024 Email to All MC Faculty

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Subject: **Blackboard Ultra Updates for Fall 2024**

Dear Faculty,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer, and we are looking forward to welcoming you back for Professional Week! We want to share a couple of updates and clarifications about Blackboard Ultra.

Important Blackboard Ultra Updates for Fall 2024

1. It is not required to transition live Fall 2024 courses to Ultra. Faculty have until 2025 to begin teaching live courses in Ultra. [More information is available on our website.](#)
 - a. We encourage everyone to get familiar with Ultra by [attending trainings and exploring the updated system](#) as early as possible.
 - b. MC will complete our transition to all courses being taught in Ultra ahead of Fall 2025.
2. The option to teach in Ultra for Fall 2024 is available if you would like to do so, but it does take some planning to make a smooth transition, especially if your course has a complex structure in Blackboard Learn Original.
 - a. **If you are considering teaching in Ultra for Fall 2024, please review this step-by-step guide:** [Copying Content & Choosing Your Approach to Converting to Ultra](#)
 - b. We recommend working with a [development course sandbox in Ultra](#) to prepare materials in Ultra prior to copying content into your live course.
 - c. **The automatic conversion from Original is permanent and is NOT RECOMMENDED. If a course is converted this way, it is not possible to revert it to Original.**
3. If you are not sure how to proceed, we urge you to [review the guides on our website](#) and [attend training](#) before transitioning your courses to Ultra. The MC Learn Ultra Transition team is here to support you, and we want to set you up for success!
4. For any urgent Blackboard questions, please reach out to the Blackboard Helpdesk (available 24/7) at 240-567-7222 and select the Faculty and Blackboard menu options. You can also email the Helpdesk at montgomerycollege@edusupportcenter.com.
5. You can reach the MC Learn Ultra Transition Team by email at UltraTransition@montgomerycollege.edu. We also have answers to FAQs and on-demand resources available on our [website](#).

Have a great Professional Week!

-MC Learn Ultra Transition Team