

## Blackboard Ultra Information for Winter and Spring 2025 Faculty

### Transition Reminders

- During our transition to Ultra, from now through the Summer of 2025, Faculty have the option to teach in Blackboard Original, Blackboard Ultra, or a combination of both.
- All faculty are strongly encouraged to explore Ultra as early as possible, and to begin teaching one or more classes in Ultra in 2025 ahead of the full transition in Fall 2025.
- Fall 2025 is the official end of our transition to Ultra, by which time all classes at MC will be taught in Blackboard Learn Ultra.

### Key Information and Dates for Winter and Spring 2025

1. Courses are available to Faculty in Blackboard before each new semester once they are finalized in Banner. Because Faculty have the option to choose Original or Ultra during our transition, all courses initially appear in Original by default.
2. Faculty who wish to teach in Ultra in a given semester have the option to switch their live course to Ultra until courses for that semester are made available to students. **Once courses are available to students, it is no longer possible to switch a course from Original to Ultra. Please refer to the following dates and plan accordingly.**
3. We strongly encourage faculty who plan to teach in Ultra in Spring 2025 to make the switch in their live course(s) BEFORE winter break to facilitate a smooth start to the semester.

<b>WINTER 2025</b> Classes available to Faculty	<b>Last Day to Choose Ultra</b>	Classes available to Students	Classes Begin	Other Dates of Note
Wednesday, <b>11/13/2024</b>	Monday, <b>12/16/2024</b>	Tuesday, <b>12/17/2024</b>	Monday, <b>12/23/2024</b>	<b>Winter Break</b> Mon 12/23/2024 - Fri 1/3/2025

<b>SPRING 2025</b> Classes available to Faculty	<b>Last Day to Choose Ultra</b>	Classes available to Students	Classes Begin	Other Dates of Note
Friday, <b>12/06/2024</b>	Tuesday, <b>1/21/2025</b> <b>* Switching for Spring BEFORE Fri 12/20/2024 is encouraged*</b>	Wednesday, <b>1/22/2025</b>	Monday, <b>1/27/2025</b>	<b>MC Closed</b> Mon 1/20/2025  <b>Faculty return</b> Tues 1/21/2025

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