

## 10 Blackboard Learn Ultra Tips & Tricks for MC Faculty

1. **Responsive Design:** The streamlined, responsive design makes navigation easy for instructors and students regardless of device type. Download the [Blackboard app](#) for free in the [App Store](#) (iOS) and in the [Google Play Store](#) (Android).
2. **Accessibility:** Adding alternative text to images has never been easier. [Creating visually appealing and accessible content is simple and intuitive.](#)
3. **Future Ready:** Live courses for a given semester must be converted to Ultra before adding any content AND before students have access to that semester's courses. Reference the [Key Dates for Winter and Spring 2025](#) and [Instructions to enable Ultra](#) guides.
4. **Three Levels Deep:** Keep the three-level limit for nested content in mind when designing a new course in Ultra or reusing content from Original courses. [Learn more about nested content and copying from Original.](#)
5. **Smooth Copy Process:** When reusing existing content, start the copy process from the destination course. [Check out our step-by-step guide to copying content.](#)
6. **Centralized Messages:** All Messages are sent from within Blackboard Ultra to ensure a centralized record of communication. The option to send a copy of messages to MC email is also available. [Learn more about Messages.](#)
7. **Customizable Gradebook:** The Gradebook and Overall Grade column can be easily customized to fit your grading schema. Rubrics can also be added at the assignment or test level. Learn more about [setting up Overall Grades](#) and [using Rubrics.](#)
8. **Schedule Announcements:** Draft Announcements and Schedule Send in advance to simplify communication with your students. Announcements can also be copied to MC email. [Learn more about scheduling Announcements.](#)
9. **Flexible Discussions:** Discussions facilitate students' engagement and can be graded or ungraded based on the structure of your course. [Learn more about Discussion settings.](#)
10. **Robust Student Preview:** Student Preview allows you to verify that content Visibility, Forced Sequence, and Release Conditions are set up as designed to ensure a smooth student experience. [Learn more about using Student Preview.](#)

**Bonus!** [Who to Contact if you have Blackboard questions](#)

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