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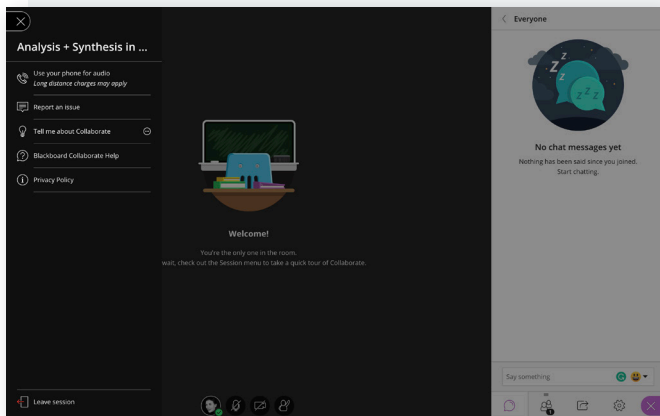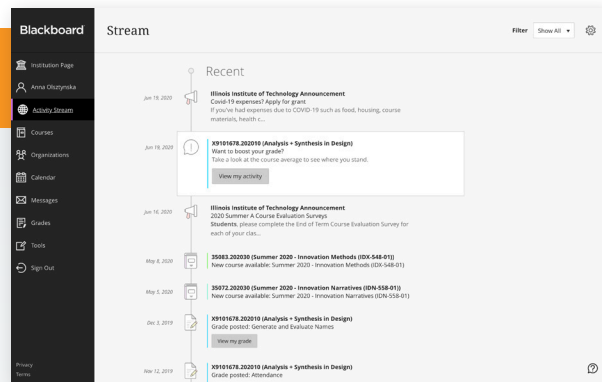### *High-Quality Courses, Convenient Online Platforms*

Blackboard at Illinois Tech

Online learning is a different experience than in-person instruction. That doesn't mean it has to affect the quality of your education. At Illinois Tech our professors utilize Blackboard and all its tools to ensure our students receive the type of personal attention and rigorous education found at a world-class university.
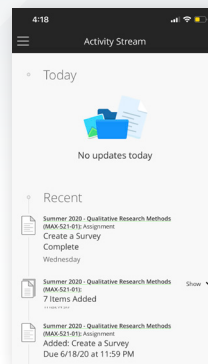
How It Works

Interaction Made Easy

- "Raise" your hand virtually, just like you're in a classroom
- Utilize the chat to ask questions or make a point
- Share documents or other presentations
- Get involved in lectures and discussions by taking part in live polls

Collaborate with Others

- Take part in live lectures
- Discuss topics with professors and classmates in discussion forums
- Take part in small breakout groups during live sessions

Easily Accessible

- Available anytime, anywhere
- Mobile-friendly, so it can be accessed on a cell phone

"In one course, I had 12 students enrolled, but frequently those students would be put into 'breakout groups,' or teams of four students, to work on applied problem-solving exercises. As the instructor, I could rotate between the four breakout groups and also monitor a notification tool that tells me if a student has 'virtually' raised their hand to ask a question. Within those breakout groups, all the students seemed to feel more comfortable turning on their video feeds, and there was a lot of active participation."

—**Arlen Moller**, *Associate Professor of Psychology*

"I've moved to discussion boards—which have been very popular with students—so much so, I'll probably keep them when we move back to in-person [instruction]!"

—**Carly Kocurek,** *Associate Professor of Digital Humanities and Media Studies*

"I was also supervising undergraduate research during spring 2020. The continuation of the research went forward seamlessly, with weekly videoconferencing meetings that also allowed one of my research colleagues to join with me and the student, and with data and lab facilities 'made available virtually.' We work with large volumes of numeric data, which we were able to make available to the undergrad researcher via electronic means."

—**Geoff Williamson**, *Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Why Online?

As Chicago's only tech-focused university and a nationally ranked research university, Illinois Tech has a 130-year legacy of offering an excellent education that prepares students to innovate and lead. Our online programs offer the best of in-person instruction—with courses taught by our renowned professors in a collaborative environment. **The added benefit:** online programs eliminate the barrier of travel and time, enabling you to pursue your education uninterrupted, and from anywhere in the world.

Remember: you can begin your classes online and then join us in person in spring 2021 or as soon as you're able to obtain a visa to travel to the United States.

Why Blackboard?

Students who take both in-person and online courses at Illinois Tech experience the benefits of Blackboard. Professors throughout the university use Blackboard for all types of courses because it provides tools that enable collaboration and an enhanced learning experience.

Increased access

Quick feedback

Collaboration

Track your progress

Join our global community of scholars, in person or online.

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