

Blackboard System Requirements:

Before starting to use Blackboard, it is highly recommended to review the requirements. Blackboard requires an Internet connection. In addition, it requires your browser to be configured with:

JavaScript supported: JavaScript is a computer language that runs in the web browser. Don't get this one confused with the computing language, Java.

Cookies enabled: Cookies are small files that hold information about the times and dates you have visited web sites, user preferences, and other information.

Pop-up Blockers disabled: Even though pop-ups can be an annoyance, services, such as Blackboard, require for them to be temporarily turned off. If you don't want to continually turn yours off and on you can add the URL for Blackboard to your list of allowable sites:

<http://blackboard.nicholls.edu>

Java enabled: Java is a computer language that can be used to program applications and applets.

Note: If you wish to use the chat feature (Collaboration), you need to ensure Java is installed on your computer. To download Java use the following links or the link inside the Collaboration area of Blackboard.

For PCs, Java software can be downloaded from:

<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>.

For MACs, Java software can be downloaded from:

<http://developer.apple.com/java/download/>.

Item	Requirements
Internet Connection	Telephone connection (56k or better), DSL, or cable modem
Computer Specifications	Minimum 64 MB of RAM, 1 G of free disk space, 150 MHz or higher
Monitor	800x600 pixels (For best performance, access using 1024x768 resolution or higher)
Web Browser	PC – Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, Firefox 1.0 or higher, or Netscape Navigator 7.1 or higher Mac – Safari or Firefox *Do NOT use the AOL browser or Opera to access Blackboard.
JavaScript	Enable
Java	Enable
Cookies	Enable
Java Plug-In	Java Plug-In is used for the collaboration tools.
Pop-up Blocker Software	Disable, or hold the CTRL key as you click the link.
Additional Plug-ins	The following is a list of additional plug-ins that you may need: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QuickTime

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shockwave, Flash & Authorware • Real Network RealPlayer • Adobe Acrobat Reader • Windows Media Player • Microsoft Office Converters and Viewers
Anti-Virus Software	Since you will be sharing files, we recommend you have anti-virus software.

Depending on the nature of your course, additional hardware or software may be necessary. In many instances, Microsoft Office is required for the creation and viewing of Word, Excel, or PowerPoint documents. Alternate word processing applications you can use include: iLife, OpenOffice, WordPad, or Works. Please remember to save your files as RTF documents so everyone in your course can open and view your files. Consult your instructor if you have any concerns.

System and Browser Compatibility Charts

End users must use a certified or compatible operating system and browser configuration with the Blackboard Academic Suite, Release 7.3.

Listed below are the supported operating systems and browsers for use with the Blackboard Academic Suite. The Academic Suite is a Web-based application and other browsers and operating system may work well, however, the listed configurations are the only configurations that are tested and supported by Blackboard.

Term	Definition
Certified	fully tested and supported
Compatible	key application areas tested
Not tested	specified Browser is not supported for the Operating System

Microsoft® Internet Explorer® Web Browsers

	Windows 2000	Windows XP	Windows Vista Desktop	Mac OS 10.2	Mac OS 10.3	Mac OS 10.4	Mac OS 10.5
Internet Explorer 5.2	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested
Internet Explorer 5.5	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested
Internet Explorer 6	Compatible	Certified	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested
Internet Explorer 7	Not Tested	Certified	Certified	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested

Mozilla® Firefox and Netscape® Navigator Web Browsers

	Windows 2000	Windows XP	Windows Vista Desktop	Mac OS 10.2	Mac OS 10.3	Mac OS 10.4	Mac OS 10.5
Netscape 7.1	Compatible	Compatible	Certified	Compatible	Compatible	Not Tested	Not Tested
Netscape 8.0	Compatible	Certified	Provisional	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested
Firefox 1.0	Compatible	Compatible	Not Tested	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Not Tested
Firefox 1.5				Not Tested	Compatible	Certified	Not Tested
Firefox 2.0	Compatible	Certified	Certified	Not Tested	Not Tested	Provisional	Compatible

Apple® Safari® Web Browsers

	Windows 2000	Windows XP	Windows Vista Desktop	Mac OS 10.2	Mac OS 10.3	Mac OS 10.4	Mac OS 10.5
Safari 1	Not tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Compatible	Not tested	Not Tested	Not Tested
Safari 1.1	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Compatible	Not Tested	Not Tested
Safari 1.2	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Certified	Not Tested	Not Tested
Safari 2	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Certified	Not Tested
Safari 3	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Compatible

How do I determine my browser version?

Internet Explorer:

1. From the Help menu, select "About Internet Explorer".
2. Check the version and then click the OK button.

Netscape Navigator:

1. From the Help menu, select "About Communicator..." (or "About Navigator...").
2. Check the version and then click Netscape's "Back" button.

Mozilla

From the Help menu, select "About Mozilla Firefox"

Check the version and then click the OK button.

Opera?

Opera is currently not a certified or compatible browser. This means that Blackboard will not

support this browser and offers no assurance that there are no issues involving its use.

AOL or MSN?

Currently, Blackboard is not designed to work with browsers like AOL or MSN. We strongly recommend that AOL or MSN users download a standard (or stand-alone) version of either Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Netscape.

In addition, you will need to perform the following adjustments according to your browser version:

Internet Explorer 5.x	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Select Tools then choose Internet Options2. Select the Security tab3. Click the Custom Level button4. Scroll down to Java Permissions and choose either Low, Medium or High safety5. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Select Tools then choose Internet Options2. Select the Security tab3. Click the Custom Level button4. Scroll down to the Cookies section5. Set Allow cookies that are stored on your computer to Enable6. Set Allow per-session cookies to Enable7. Click OK
Internet Explorer 6.x & 7.x	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Select Tools then choose Internet Options2. Select the Security tab3. Click the Custom Level button4. Scroll down to Java Permissions and choose either Low, Medium or High safety5. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Select Tools then choose Internet Options2. Select the Privacy tab3. Enable Cookies:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o If using a default setting, move the slider to select any of the following privacy settings:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Medium High▪ Medium▪ Low▪ Accept all cookieso If using a custom setting:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Click the Advanced button▪ Select Override automatic cookie handling▪ Select Always allow session cookies▪ Click OK to return to the Privacy Tab4. Click Apply then OK

Firefox 1.x and 2.x	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Tools then choose Options 2. Select Content 3. Make sure the Enable Java and Enable JavaScript boxes are checked 4. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Tools then choose Options 2. Select Privacy 3. Make sure the Accept cookies from sites is checked 4. Click OK.
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Netscape 7 & 8	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Edit then choose Preferences 2. Select Advanced from the left-hand pane 3. Make sure the Enable Java and Enable JavaScript boxes are checked 4. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Edit then choose Preferences 2. Click on the arrow next to Privacy & Security in the left-hand pane and then select Cookies 3. Select Cookies 4. Select Enable all cookies under Cookies section. 5. Click on Advanced 6. Select Enable Java 7. Double Click on Advanced to expand the menu. 8. Click on Scripts & Plugins 9. Select all options on this page. 10. Click OK.
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Macintosh:

You will need to perform the following adjustments:

Internet Explorer 5.x	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the menu bar select Edit then choose Preferences 2. Select the arrow next to Web Browser to expand the options 3. Select Java 4. Under Java Options select the option Enable Java 5. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the menu bar select Edit then choose Preferences 2. Select the arrow next to Receiving Files to expand the options 3. Select Cookies 4. Select the When receiving cookies option to Never Ask 5. Click OK
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<p>Internet Explorer 6.x & 7.0</p>	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the menu bar select Explorer then choose Preferences 2. Select the arrow next to Web Browser to expand the options 3. Select Java 4. Under Java Options select the option Enable Java 5. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the menu bar select Edit then choose Preferences 2. Select the arrow next to Receiving Files to expand the options 3. Select Cookies 4. Select the When receiving cookies option to Never Ask 5. Click OK
<p>Firefox 1.0</p>	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the Firefox menu, select Preferences 2. In the left-hand pane, click Web Features 3. Make sure the Enable Java and Enable JavaScript checkboxes are selected 4. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From the Firefox menu, select Preferences 2. In the left-hand pane, click Privacy 3. To expand the Cookies section, click the arrow next to Cookies. 4. Make sure one or both of the following checkboxes are selected: 5. Allow sites to set cookies 6. for the originating website only 7. Click OK
<p>Netscape 7.x & 8.0</p>	<p>Enable Java</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Edit then choose Preferences 2. Select Advanced from the left-hand pane 3. Make sure the Enable Java and Enable JavaScript boxes are checked 4. Click OK <p>Enable Cookies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Edit then choose Preferences 2. Select the arrow next to Privacy & Security in the left-hand pane 3. Select Cookies 4. Select Enable cookies for the originating website only 5. Click OK

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