

Faculty & Staff Reminder: Collaborate Ultra Experience is Available for Web Conferencing

Faculty & staff using Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing should be aware that the university now recommends that all faculty and staff utilize the Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing Ultra experience, which is the latest version of the Collaborate tool.

What's Happening To The Original Version Of Collaborate?

Blackboard is gradually cutting off updates to the Collaborate Original experience (version 12), and it will eventually stop all support for that version. In the meantime, Blackboard is updating the Collaborate Ultra experience on a monthly basis, and will continue shifting all of their resources toward Ultra.

What's So Great About The Ultra Version Of Collaborate?

Besides the impending retirement of the Collaborate Original experience (version 12), users of the latest Collaborate Ultra experience will immediately see the following benefits:

- No more Java installation or problems; it just runs right in your internet browser!
- Your Collaborate sessions and recordings are built right into your LionsSHARE Courses classroom; no more shuffling hyperlinks from old emails
- You'll experience a simpler, more accessible interface design
- You'll experience higher quality and connection-smart audio and video feeds
- You have greater instructor customization and control of sessions and recordings

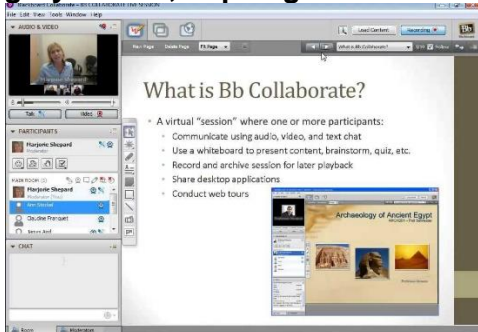
What Do I Need To Do?

The university began transitioning to the Collaborate Ultra experience in the summer of 2017, so users of Collaborate Original experience hyperlinks will need to discontinue using those hyperlinks, and begin using the Collaborate Ultra experience. The Original experience hyperlinks will expire (for the exact date, refer to the email containing your moderator & guest hyperlinks) and cannot be renewed.

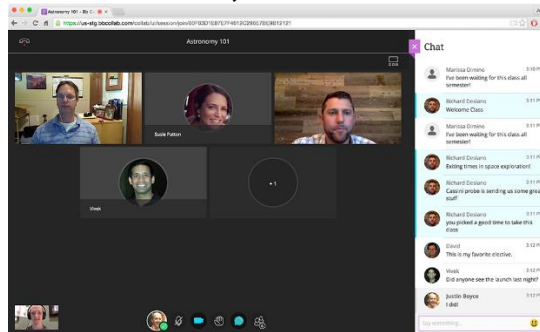
Which Version Am I Using?

If you're unsure which version you're using, refer to the following side-by-side comparison.

Collaborate Original
⌚ EXPIRING
Legacy version, requiring Java installation



Collaborate Ultra
★ NEW
Latest version, web-based interface



I Don't Recall Hearing About This Change, So I Need More Information.

If you missed the university communication during the 2017FA terms, we've included links to many of the resources for learning how to begin using Collaborate Ultra experience below.

Access Collaborate Resources

We have prepared resources to aid faculty, staff and students using Blackboard Collaborate at www.bitly.com/slucollaborate

View Recorded Development Sessions

If you missed all our development sessions focused on learning to use Collaborate Ultra, go to the [Teaching in Courses](#) online classroom, navigate to the [Content](#) tool, click on the Other Resources module, and click on the Collaborate sub-module, where you'll find all of our recorded sessions.

Review Past Communication

Type	Date(s)	Message
Email	8/22/2017	NEW: Collaborate web conferencing Integrating with Lions SHARE Courses
Community News	8/28/2017 9/5/2017	LionsSHARE Courses Begin Integrating Collaborate ULTRA web conferencing tool
Email	8/28/2017	Top 5 Ways You Can Leverage Our New Web Conferencing Tool in Lions SHARE Courses
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We think this Blackboard Collaborate Ultra experience update and direct integration with LionsSHARE Courses is going to knock your socks off! Happy Collaborating!