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Feature Guide

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Feature Guide for Blackboard Mobile Learn 4.0

This guide describes all the key features that are available in Blackboard Mobile Learn™ version 4.0 for Apple and Android devices. The features highlighted here are intended to extend learning and engagement into spaces where there wouldn't normally be the opportunity – giving students and teachers instant access to their course content wherever they may be.


Note: The Mobile Learn app is not intended to replace the Blackboard Learn environment; rather, it's meant to complement it with the enhancement of key features that translate best to a mobile device.

Feature	iOS (Mobile Learn 4.0 supports iOS 6+)*	Android (Mobile Learn 4.0 supports OS 2.3+)
 Mobile Tests**	✓	✓
 Push Notifications**	✓	✓
 Announcements	✓	✓
 Grades	✓	✓
 Discussions	✓	✓
 Content	✓	✓
 Groups	✓	✓
 Blogs	✓	✓
 Journals	✓	✓
 Roster	✓	✓
 Tasks	✓	✓
 Organizations	✓	✓
 Dashboard	✓	✓


*iOS 6 compatible devices include: iPhone 3GS+, iPad 2+, iPad mini, iPod Touch 4+.


**These features are only available for institutions using Blackboard Learn 9.1.


Feature-by-Feature Breakdown:

 Mobile Tests	iOS	Android
<i>Calculated Numeric</i>	✓	✓
<i>Fill in Multiple Blanks</i>	✓	✓
<i>File Response</i>	✓	✓
<i>Hot Spot</i>	✓	✓
<i>Multiple Choice</i>	✓	✓
<i>Short Answer</i>	✓	✓
<i>True/False</i>	✓	✓
<i>Calculated Formula*</i>		
<i>Either/Or</i>		
<i>Essay</i>		
<i>Fill in the Blank</i>		
<i>Jumbled Sentence</i>		
<i>Matching</i>		
<i>Multiple Answer</i>		
<i>Opinion Scale/Likert</i>		
<i>Ordering</i>		
<i>Quiz Bowl</i>		

*Grayed out question types are not supported on Mobile Learn and will cause an assessment to be inaccessible on mobile devices.

 Push Notifications	iOS	Android
Announcements: See when your instructor has posted a new Announcement	✓	✓
Course and Organization Available: Be notified as soon as you have access to a new Course or Organization	✓	✓
Item Graded: Be notified as soon as a new grade has been posted	✓	✓
Content items: Receive a notification as soon as your instructor posts a new content item	✓	✓
Test/Assessment: Get notified when you have a new Test, when a Test is Due, and when a Test is Overdue	✓	✓

 Announcements	iOS	Android
Post Announcements: Instructors can post announcements on the go	✓	✓
View Announcements: Read the latest news from your instructor	✓	✓

 Grades*	iOS	Android
View Grades: Students can view their grades and grade feedback by course	✓	✓

*Note: Grade Center functionality for instructors is not yet a supported feature of Mobile Learn.



Discussions

iOS

Android

View Forums in Discussions



View threads within a Forum



Create discussion threads



Reply to discussion threads



Attach files from your Dropbox: Link your Dropbox account to Mobile Learn and upload your files



Attach files from your device's local file system (Note: iOS users can only attach photos and videos)



Content

iOS

Android

View Files: View text and presentation file types including DOC/DOCX, PDF, PPT/PPTX ect.



View Media: View image and video file types including JPEG, GIF, PNG, MP4, MOV, etc. (depending on device capabilities)



Play Audio: Listen to audio file types i.e. MP3



Post Content: Instructors can upload and post content items to courses through Dropbox or their device's local file system



** Note: Students cannot yet submit Assignments through Mobile Learn..*



Blogs & Journals

iOS

Android

View Blogs & Journals by course



Create new Blogs & Journals



Post comments on Blogs & Journals



Attach files from your Dropbox: Link your Dropbox account to Mobile Learn and upload your files



Tasks

iOS

Android

View Tasks by priority and due date as they are assigned by your instructor



Update Task Status: Mark tasks as 'In Progress' or 'Completed' as you work through them



Organizations

iOS

Android

Browse your organization information including Announcements, Content, Roster, Discussions, Groups, etc.





Dashboard

iOS

Android

View your Dashboard for new course activity including Announcements, new Content Items, Assessments posted, and Grades Posted. These items will disappear once read.*



*Note: Items will only disappear from the Dashboard if your institution is running Mobile Web Services Building Block 91.4.0+.

Other Features

iOS

Android

Favorite your most used course content, discussion threads, grades etc. for easy access and quick viewing at the top of your course menu



Personalize your course list by hiding, coloring, and reordering your courses



Rich content support:* Text enhancement styles are now displayed throughout the app, including bold, italics, underline, bullets, block quotes, links, etc.



Unread counts:** Quickly see what's new in your courses from from unread discussion posts, content items, grades, etc.



*Rich content is only supported in specific areas of the app.

**Unread count feature coming soon to iOS.

