Edge Hill University

Learning Edge/Blackboard

Getting Started for Students

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Introduction

Learning Edge is a name used to refer to Edge Hill's online environment for learning and teaching. It consists of the 'Blackboard' Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), and a range of other tools such as Turnitin, Panopto and Qwickly Attendance.

This guide covers getting started on Blackboard where you will find Module and Programme areas related to your course, along with links to a range of other useful resources.

Video Guides

We have a set of short video guides to help brand new students get started on the Using Learning Edge web page.

Logging in

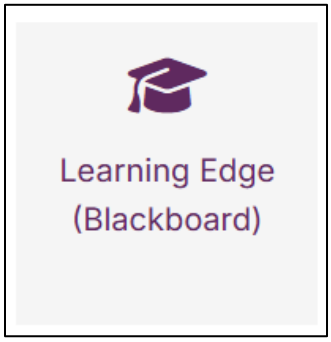
We recommend using Blackboard using the latest version of a supported browser such as Microsoft Edge.

You can also use the Blackboard App on Android and iOS.

If you are using a web browser, go to edgehill.ac.uk and select the 'Current Students' link in the top right-hand corner of the page:



Select the 'Learning Edge (Blackboard)' link.



Select the 'Log into Learning Edge' link.

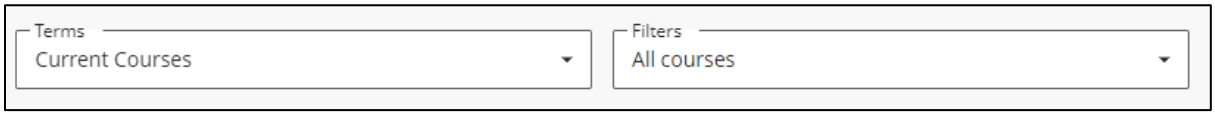


You may be asked to enter your Edge Hill University username and password.

Your Courses Page

You will see the ‘Courses’ page that shows your course and module areas. All the course areas you have access to will be listed in the Courses list. If your tutor/lecturer says to look for something on Blackboard, this is usually where you should look.

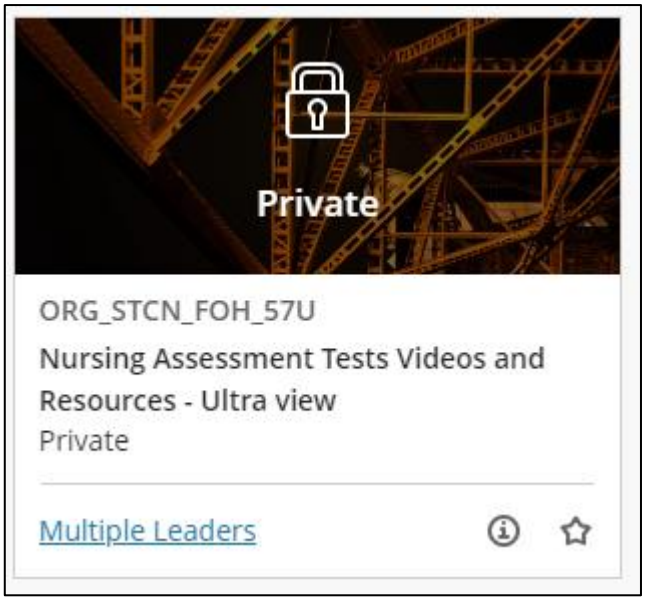
There are filters on the course page, so if you cannot see a module you expect to, check that you are on the ‘Current Courses’ term or that you have not selected another filter.



Select a course’s star icon to favourite it. It will then appear in your ‘Favourites’ section at the top of the page.



If it says ‘Private’ next to a course instead of ‘Open’, this means the course isn’t available yet. Your tutor will release it when required.



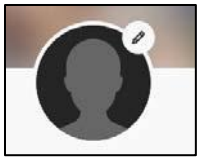
If you do not see the module that you are looking for, please contact your tutor or your departmental administrator. They will be able to check that you are registered for the module or make it visible to students if suitable.

Other Menu Options

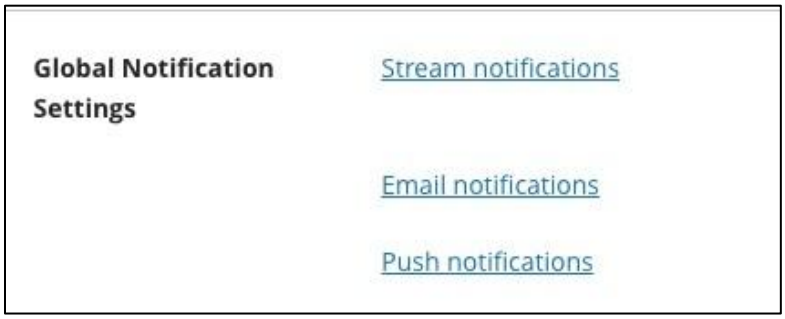
Your Profile

The first option is your Profile page. This appears as your own name in capital letters.

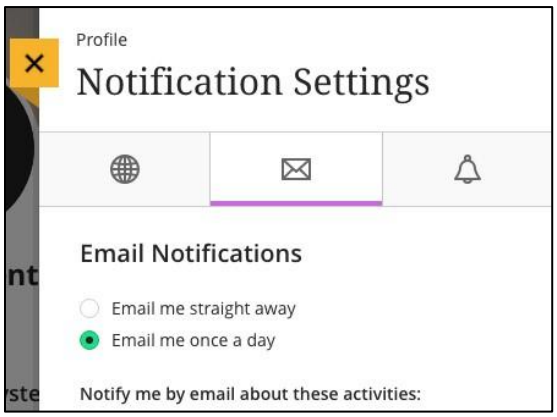
On your Profile page, you can add a profile image by hovering over the head icon, selecting the little pen icon, and then following the on screen instructions.



This profile page is also where you can manage the notification settings that you receive:



For example, you can set your email notifications to email you a summary each day rather than as the update happens. You should leave the defaults as they are to start with and then work out your preferences as you go.

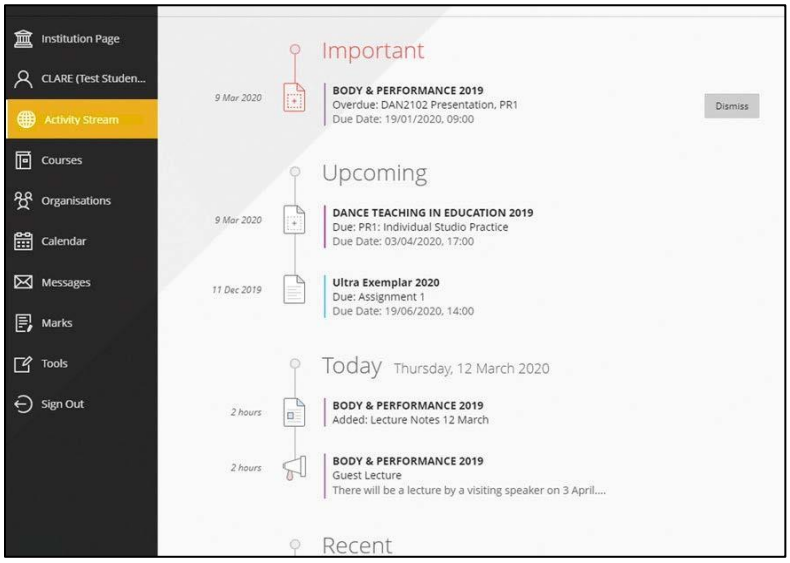


Institution Page

This is where you will find links to information and support such as UniSkills and Discover More.

Activity Stream

The Activity stream is where you will find notifications within Blackboard, for example Announcements sent by course tutors. It's good to check this each time you log in.



Organisations

Organisations are Blackboard areas that are not directly linked to a module or programme. They do not have an academic or

assessment purpose like Courses do but might be used for information and communication purposes by a department.

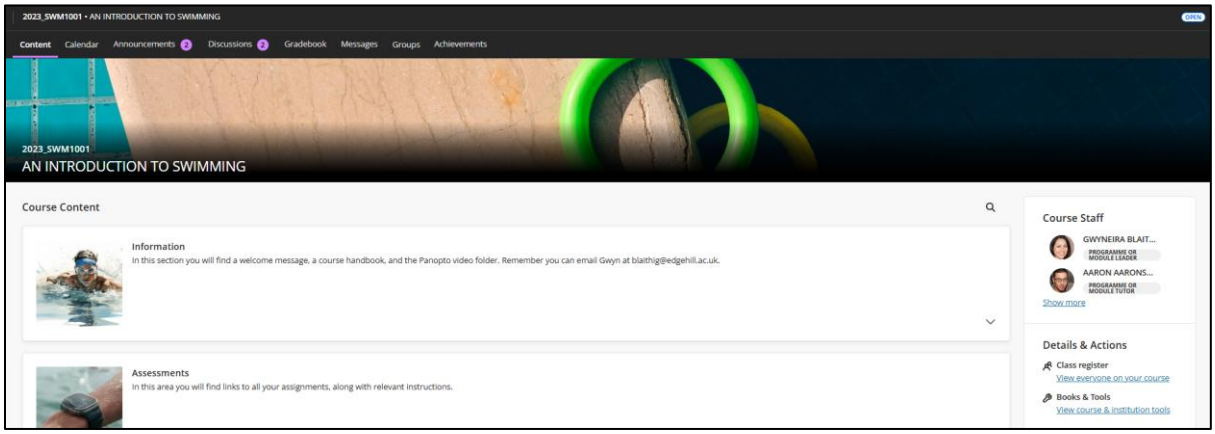
Marks

In Marks you can access the grades and feedback for assessments across all your courses.

Inside a Course Area

Every Course in Blackboard has a unique code which begins with the Academic Year that it is registered to. For example, a code belonging to the 2026/27 Academic Year will begin with '2026_'.

A course will look something like:



You will primarily navigate through your course content on the left-hand side of the page in Course Content. Your tutor will induct you on your module and make sure you know how it works.

The right-hand menu contains links to various course tools. Additional tools, such as Discussions and the Gradebook (where you can view your marks) appear along the top of the page, beneath your course's code and title.