About Blackboard Student Orientation

To help students get familiar with features and tools in Blackboard 9.1 and facilitate their learning in Blackboard, a Blackboard 9.1 Student Orientation is available. This is a fully online and self-paced tutorial that covers almost everything students need to know to use Blackboard effectively. As an online course, this tutorial also provides students with guides and strategies to successfully learn online.

After reviewing all the material in this course, students will be able to:

- Navigate the Blackboard Learn interface and course environment
- Identify the basic skills needed to successfully learn online
- Establish a personal profile
- Schedule tasks and calendar events
- Communicate with others online in real-time and on your own time
- Collaborate with others by sharing your thoughts through journaling, blogging, and building a wiki
- Exchange digital files such as word processing documents with peers or instructors
- Complete online tests and surveys
- Monitor progress using the Grade Center

The tutorial will cover the following topics:

- Personalize your Blackboard environment
- Explore and navigate your course
- About learning online
- Characteristics of successful online learners
- Strategies for successful online learning
- Your personal information
- Using the calendar
- Adding and updating tasks
- View announcements
- Send email
- Send messages
- Chat
- Virtual Classroom
- Discussion Board
- Working in Groups
- Blogs
- Journals
- Wikis
- Submitting Assignments
- Submitting SafeAssignments
- Check your grade
- Taking tests online
- Filling out surveys