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Navigating Learn.UQ

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Software you need at UQ

Training taster: Data science, creating essays, and presentations



Introduction

Session outline

What is Learn.UQ (Blackboard) and who needs it?

How do we find it?

Walkthrough of a sample course, looking at

- Announcements
- Course Profiles (ECPs)
- Course Staff and Course Help
- Learning Resources
- Assessment
- Discussion Board

Learn.UQ (Blackboard)

What is Learn.UQ?

Online learning management system

- Access course materials
- Submit assessment

Learn.UQ is UQ's branded application

Blackboard is the software

Both names are used interchangeably

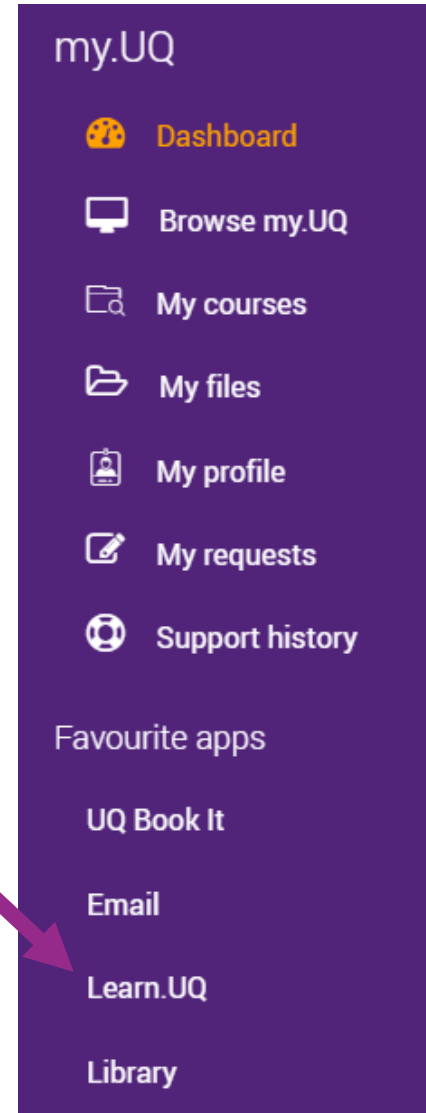
Who is it for?

Coursework students (e.g. undergraduates)

Access

Directly: learn.uq.edu.au

Through my.UQ: portal.my.uq.edu.au



Courses

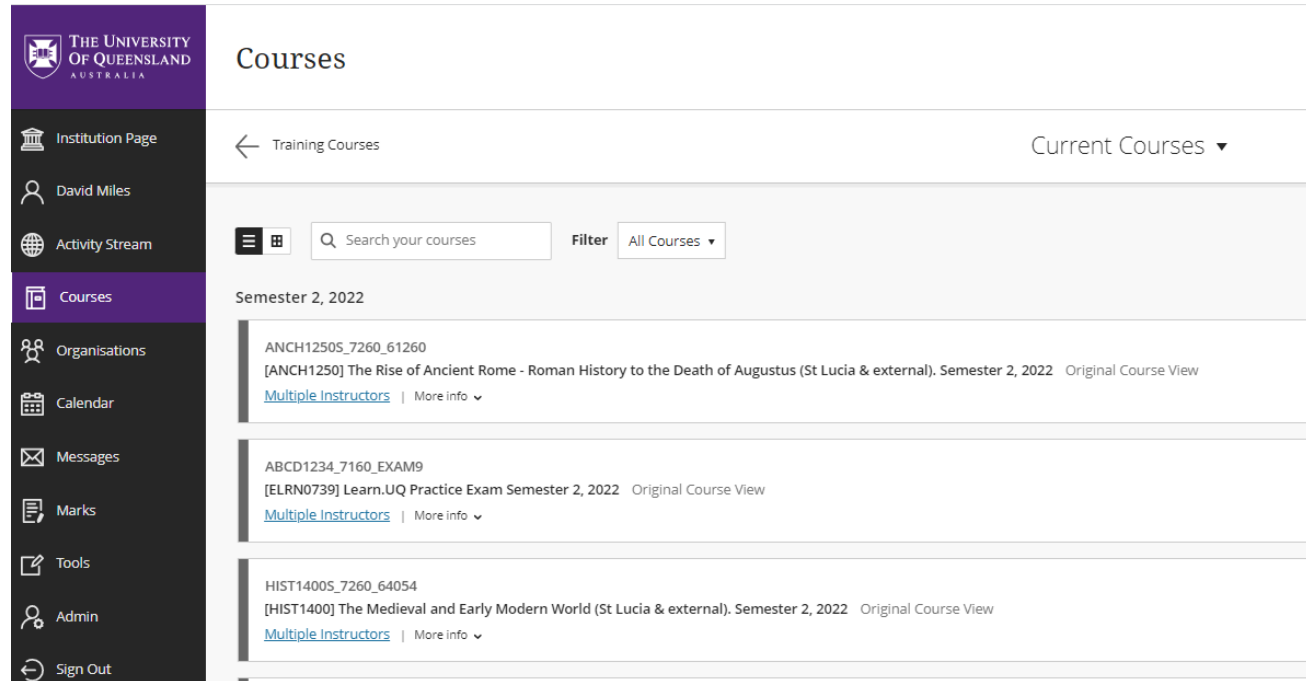
The welcome screen

Courses is the landing page

Each enrolled course has a site

The left bar shows the global navigation menu

Training Courses and Upcoming Courses are also available












The screenshot shows the 'Courses' page in the University of Queensland's learning management system. On the left is a dark navigation sidebar with icons and labels for 'Institution Page', 'David Miles', 'Activity Stream', 'Courses' (highlighted), 'Organisations', 'Calendar', 'Messages', 'Marks', 'Tools', 'Admin', and 'Sign Out'. The main content area is titled 'Courses' and includes a breadcrumb 'Training Courses' and a dropdown for 'Current Courses'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search your courses', a 'Filter' dropdown set to 'All Courses', and a section for 'Semester 2, 2022'. Three course entries are listed, each with a course ID, title, semester, and options for 'Multiple Instructors' and 'More info'.

Course ID	Course Title	Semester	Options
ANCH12505_7260_61260	[ANCH1250] The Rise of Ancient Rome - Roman History to the Death of Augustus (St Lucia & external)	Semester 2, 2022	Original Course View Multiple Instructors More info
ABCD1234_7160_EXAM9	[ELRN0739] Learn.UQ Practice Exam Semester 2, 2022	Semester 2, 2022	Original Course View Multiple Instructors More info
HIST14005_7260_64054	[HIST1400] The Medieval and Early Modern World (St Lucia & external)	Semester 2, 2022	Original Course View Multiple Instructors More info

Pages

These are the global Learn.UQ pages and are not course-specific

Page	Description
 Institution Page	UQ details and general links
 Cameron West	Personal details (e.g. email)
 Activity Stream	Notifications from all courses
 Courses	Enrolled courses' sites
 Organisations	Non-course groups
 Calendar	View all courses' deadlines
 Messages	Direct messages (not announcements)
 Marks	View all courses' grades
 Tools	Other tools

Training Course

Follow along with our sample Blackboard course

You need to self enrol:

1. Go to the [institution page](#)
2. Under Useful links, press [AskUs Blackboard Student Training](#)
3. Click [Submit](#) and then [OK](#)
4. You should automatically land in the site.

If you no longer see the global navigation menu, you will need to re-enter Blackboard to view other courses.

- Simply type learn.uq.edu.au in the address bar.
- Bookmark this page for future reference.

Accessing the course

In future, you may want to access this course again.

1. Go to [Courses](#)
2. Click [Training Courses](#)
3. Click [AskUs Blackboard Student Training](#)

Note: this course is **not** connected to your academic grades.

Courses

Every course will generally contain the following pages

Page	Description
Announcements	Communication from staff to students
Course Profile (ECP)	Formal details of the course, including assessment overview and learning activities
Course Staff	Contact details for staff members
Course Help	General help information and links for further support
Learning Resources	Course materials
Assessment	Assessment details and submission links
Discussion Board	An open forum
Kaltura Media	(Not visible in most courses) A screen recording tool

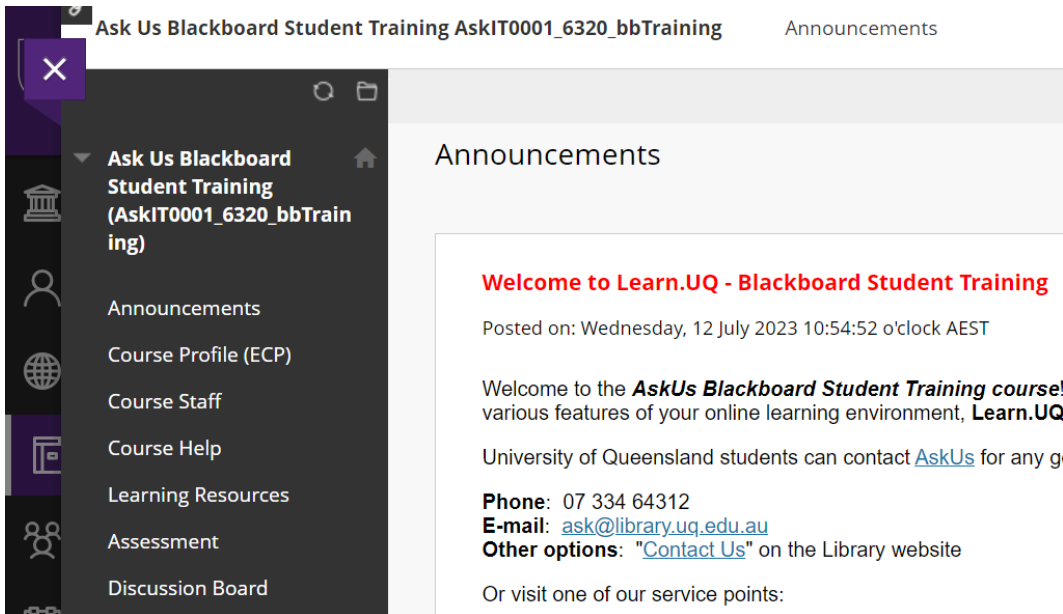
Announcements

Staff communicate to students via Announcements

This is the landing page for a course.

Posts appear newest on the top

Announcements may or may not be emailed, so check this page regularly.



The screenshot shows a Blackboard course page for "Ask Us Blackboard Student Training AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining". The page title is "Announcements". A sidebar menu on the left lists various course options: Ask Us Blackboard Student Training (AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining), Announcements, Course Profile (ECP), Course Staff, Course Help, Learning Resources, Assessment, and Discussion Board. The main content area displays an announcement titled "Welcome to Learn.UQ - Blackboard Student Training" posted on Wednesday, 12 July 2023 10:54:52 o'clock AEST. The announcement text reads: "Welcome to the **AskUs Blackboard Student Training course!** various features of your online learning environment, **Learn.UQ** University of Queensland students can contact [AskUs](#) for any ge". Contact information is provided: **Phone:** 07 334 64312, **E-mail:** ask@library.uq.edu.au, and **Other options:** "Contact Us" on the Library website. The announcement concludes with "Or visit one of our service points:".

Electronic Course Profile (ECP)

COMU1140 - Multimedia

Semester: Sem 1 2020 | Administrative Campus: St Lucia | Mode: Internal

1. Course Information

[Print View](#)

2. Aims & Objectives

3. Learning Resources

4. Learning Activities

5. Assessment

6. Policies & Guidelines

Learning Summary

1. General Course Information

Electronic Course Profiles contains key course details

Click on one of the Sample Course Profiles to see an ECP.

Courses are required to adhere to their ECPs.

- Here you can find
- Course and staff information
- Required and suggested learning resources
- Expected learning activities (e.g. lectures, tutorials)
- Assessment details (including due dates and weightings)
- Policies and Guidelines

Course Staff and Course Help

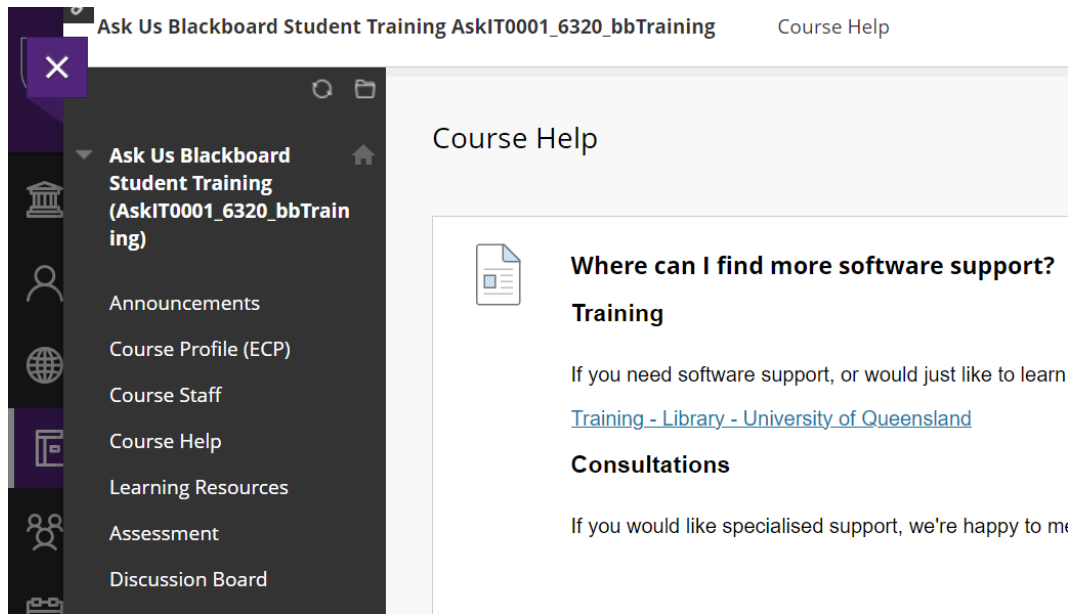
Course Staff

Contact details for the course coordinator, tutors and other staff is available here.

Course Help

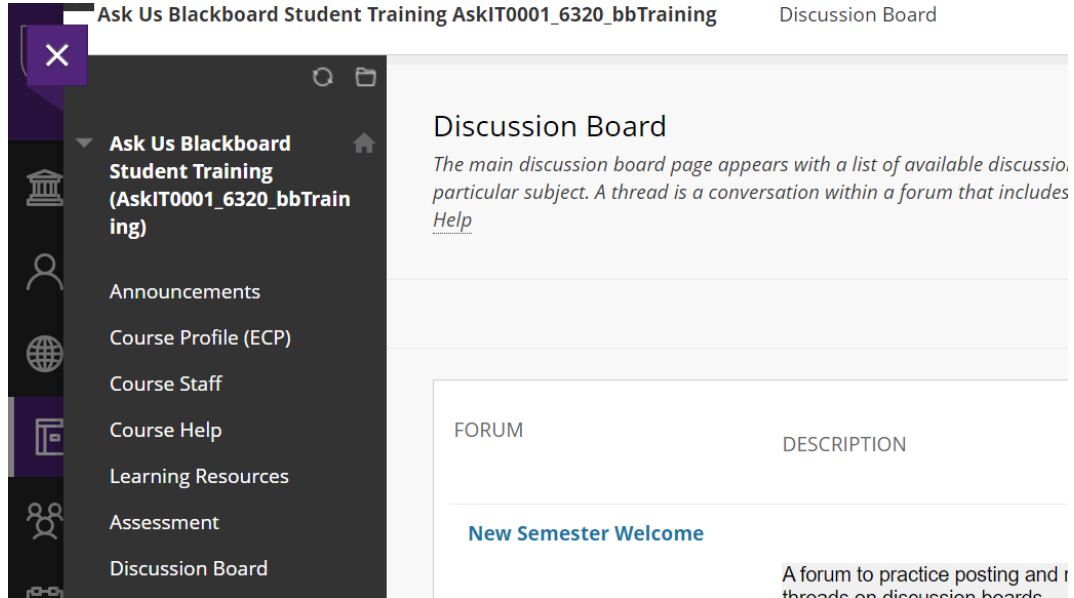
Support resources and general links are available here.

Specific, content-related support is often located under [Learning Resources](#)



The screenshot shows a Blackboard course interface. At the top, the course title is 'Ask Us Blackboard Student Training AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining' and the page is titled 'Course Help'. A dark navigation menu is open on the left, listing options: Announcements, Course Profile (ECP), Course Staff, Course Help, Learning Resources, Assessment, and Discussion Board. The main content area is titled 'Course Help' and contains a document icon followed by the heading 'Where can I find more software support?'. Under this heading, there are two sub-sections: 'Training' and 'Consultations'. The 'Training' section includes the text 'If you need software support, or would just like to learn' followed by a blue hyperlink: '[Training - Library - University of Queensland](#)'. The 'Consultations' section includes the text 'If you would like specialised support, we're happy to m'.

Discussion Board



Ask Us Blackboard Student Training AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining Discussion Board

Ask Us Blackboard Student Training (AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining)

- Announcements
- Course Profile (ECP)
- Course Staff
- Course Help
- Learning Resources
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Discussion Board

The main discussion board page appears with a list of available discussions on a particular subject. A thread is a conversation within a forum that includes replies.

FORUM	DESCRIPTION
New Semester Welcome	A forum to practice posting and replying to threads on discussion boards.

An open forum

Here you can create forums, post within them and reply to others.

Some courses make heavy use of Discussion Board, while others are not monitored.

If you do not get a reply, consider contacting staff instead.

Ed Discussion Board

Some courses use Ed Discussion Board as a forum tool.

Typically, there is a distinct link on the course's Learn.UQ page

This tool is separate to Learn.UQ's Discussion Board.

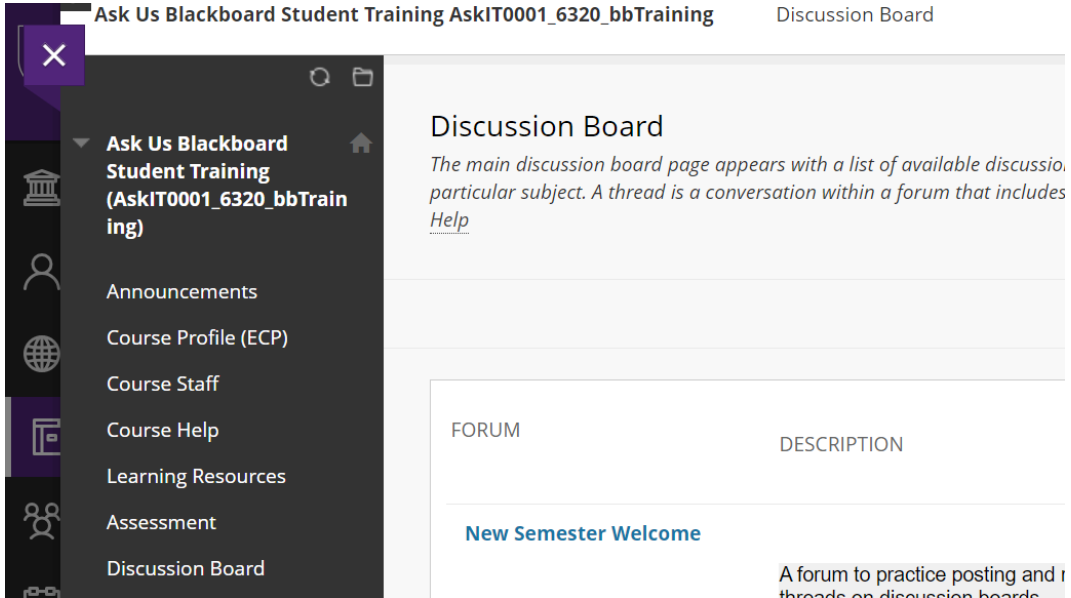
Activity – Discussion Board

Activity – Reply to a post

There are active posts on the Ask Us Blackboard Student Training site which you can interact with.

1. Click “Discussion Board”
2. Click “Orientation and Connect Weeks 2024”
3. Click “Welcome!”
4. Reply to the welcome thread with your favourite food/animal/movie etc.

Everyone with access to the course will be able to view your name and responses



The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for the course "Ask Us Blackboard Student Training AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining". The "Discussion Board" menu item is highlighted in the left-hand navigation pane. The main content area displays the "Discussion Board" title and a description: "The main discussion board page appears with a list of available discussions on a particular subject. A thread is a conversation within a forum that includes [Help](#)". Below this, a table lists forum topics. The first row is titled "New Semester Welcome" and has a description: "A forum to practice posting and replying to threads on discussion boards".

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Learning Resources

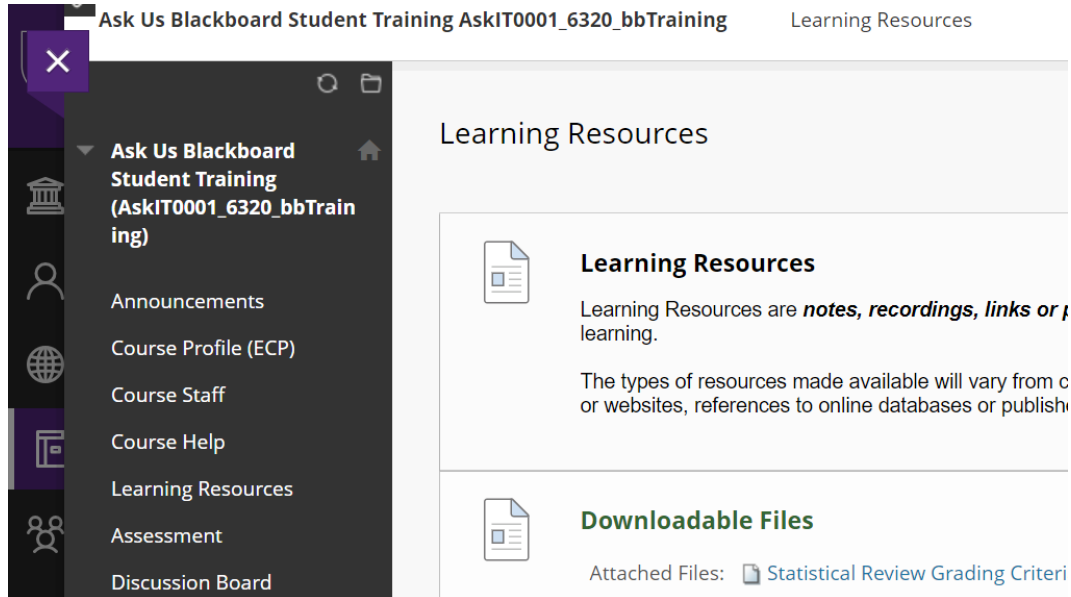
Course content is found under Learning Resources

This includes

- Lecture recordings (both audio and video)
- Readings (and library course reading lists)
- Links to external resources
- Other materials as necessary (e.g. images, slides)

Learning Resources is often structured with folders

Assessment-related content may also be located in **Assessment**



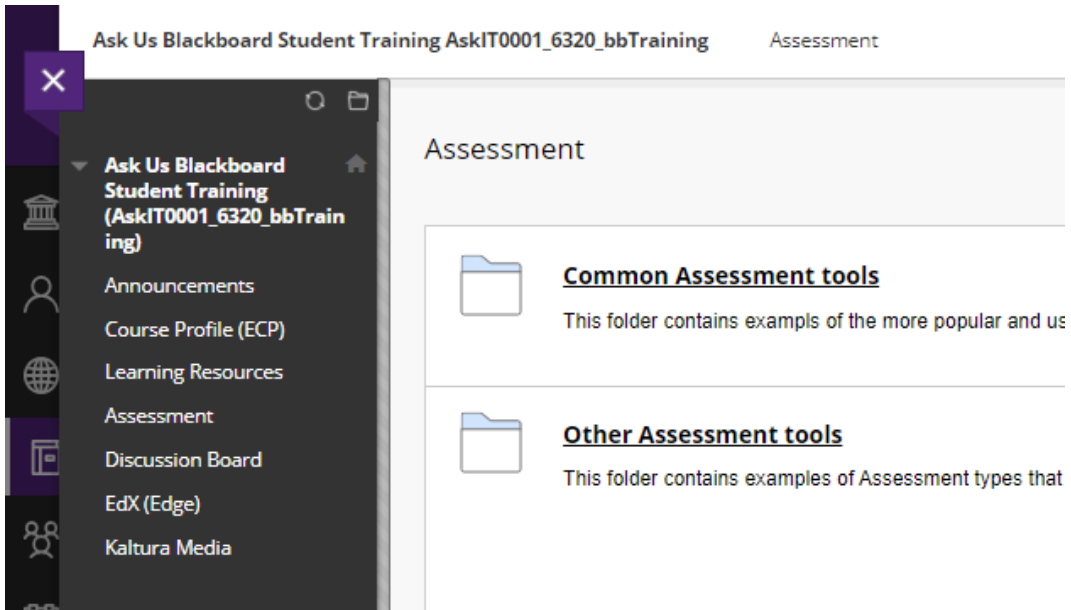
The screenshot shows a Blackboard interface for a course titled "Ask Us Blackboard Student Training AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining". The "Learning Resources" section is active, displaying a sidebar menu on the left with options: Announcements, Course Profile (ECP), Course Staff, Course Help, Learning Resources (selected), Assessment, and Discussion Board. The main content area shows a "Learning Resources" section with a document icon and text: "Learning Resources are *notes, recordings, links or* learning. The types of resources made available will vary from c or websites, references to online databases or publish". Below this is a "Downloadable Files" section with a document icon and text: "Attached Files: [Statistical Review Grading Criteri](#)".

Assessment

Assessment details and submission links

Here you may find

- Assessment summaries with due dates and weightings
- Files related to your assessment (e.g. tasksheets)
- Submission links
- Embedded assessment, for example
 - Multiple choice quizzes
 - Short response questions



The screenshot shows a Blackboard Student Training interface. The top navigation bar includes the text "Ask Us Blackboard Student Training AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining" and "Assessment". A sidebar menu on the left lists various options: "Ask Us Blackboard Student Training (AskIT0001_6320_bbTraining)", "Announcements", "Course Profile (ECP)", "Learning Resources", "Assessment", "Discussion Board", "EdX (Edge)", and "Kaltura Media". The main content area is titled "Assessment" and displays two folders: "Common Assessment tools" (with a sub-description: "This folder contains examples of the more popular and us") and "Other Assessment tools" (with a sub-description: "This folder contains examples of Assessment types that").

Activity – Completing Assessment

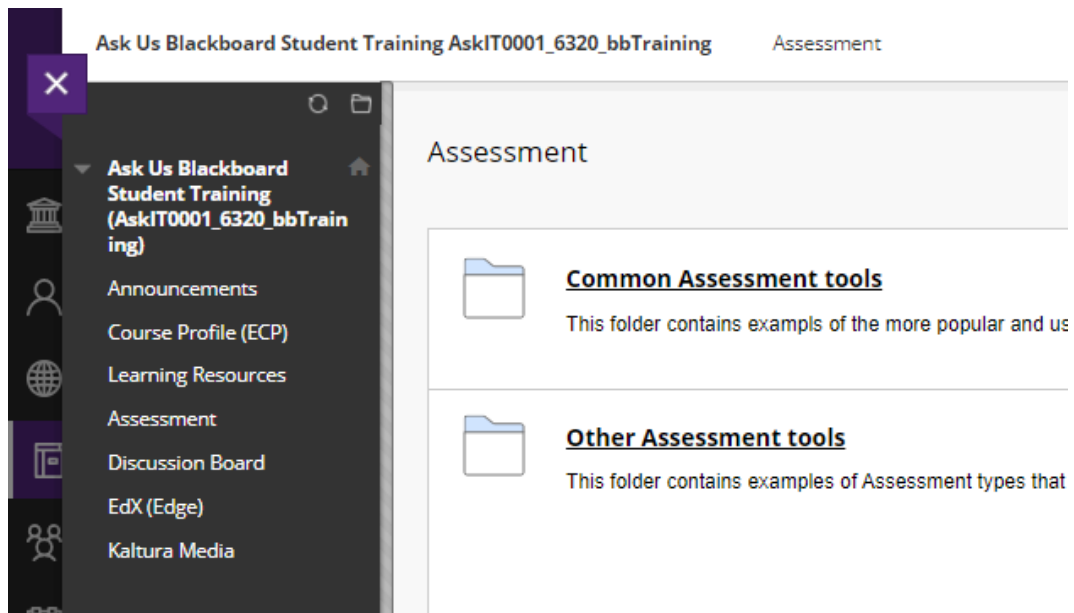
Activity – Downloading and submitting files

Practice downloading and submitting a piece of assessment.

1. Navigate to “Assessment”
2. Select “Common Assessment Tools”
3. Download the file in “Assessment”
4. Open the file and follow the instructions

To submit a file

1. Select “Blackboard Assessment Submission Example”
2. Select “Upload Files” and “Browse Local Files”
3. Select the file you want to submit and press “OK”
4. Select “Submit”



Blackboard Ultra

Learn.UQ is transitioning to a new look

A new version of Blackboard, called Ultra, is slowly being rolled out for UQ courses.

Over the next few years, you will encounter Ultra, which replaces the current course page view.

Ultra courses will have

- A new design
- Increased functionality
- Similar structure

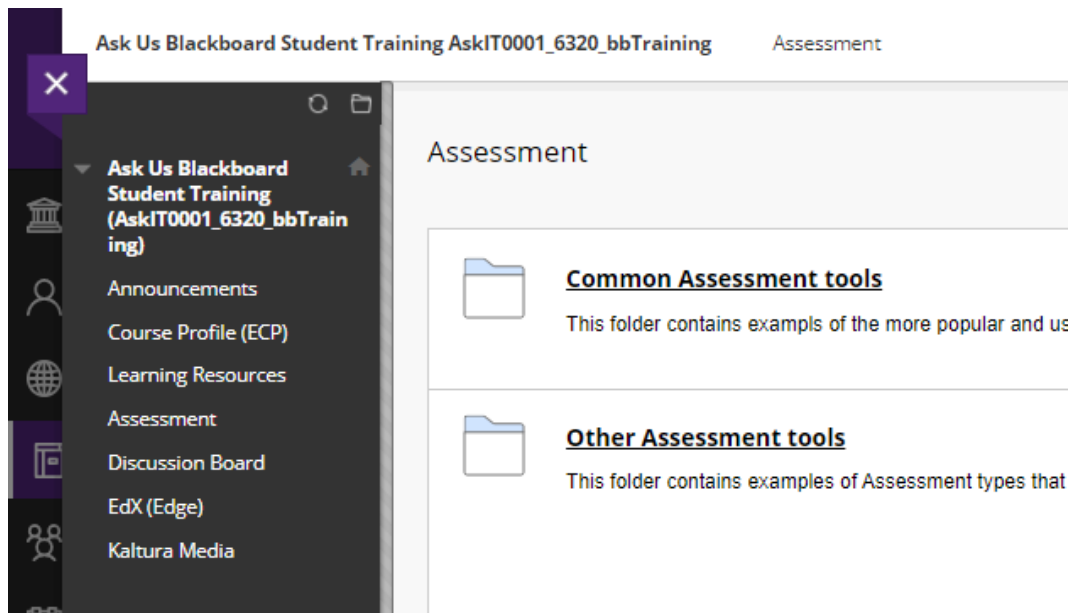
The essentials (e.g. learning resources and assessment) will mostly remain.

Activity – Quizzes

Activity – Completing quizzes (and solving riddles)

In this final activity, have a go at completing a Blackboard quiz about riddles

1. Go to “Assessment”
2. Click on “Riddles”
3. Answer all the questions
4. Press “OK ←” (bottom right)
5. Press “OK ←” again



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