Ultra Course View Tour – Transcript

The Ultra Course View is a modern interface that provides the same user experience, regardless of which type of device (computer, tablet, or phone) is being used to access Blackboard. When you open an Ultra course, you will land on the content page. At the top is the navigation bar. As you scroll down, the navigation bar stays at the top for easier navigation inside your course.

On the left side are tabs that link to different pages. The Analytics tab shows data on overall performance and question analysis. The Messages page is where you can go to send messages to individuals or groups, as well as your entire class. The Gradebook page, which has two different views – this list view, or the more traditional grid view – is where you can access your grading workflow, add student accommodations, adjust your grading schema, and set up the overall grade. You can also create rubrics and categories on the gradebook page.

The Discussions page has all your discussion forums. Any discussions that you create in content area will also appear here. The Calendar page has your course calendar. Your course schedule and due dates are added automatically, but you can add additional events here as well. And that brings us back to the content page.

On the right side of the navigation bar is the Student Preview icon. Clicking this icon will take you into student preview mode where you can view content, take tests, submit assignments, and review graded work as if you were a student in your course. On the left side of the content page is the Details & Actions menu. This contains links to other important functions in your course, such as your roster and course groups. This is where you will go to turn your progress tracking on or off. You can add a course banner, check your course availability, create, edit and join Blackboard Collaborate sessions, mark attendance, create and schedule announcements, or link to institution tools or third party content, such as textbooks. Icons to be aware of are the three dots, sometimes referred to as an ellipsis or a kebab. Clicking the three dots will open a menu, the options of which will vary depending on where you're at. You have the carrot, which opens and closes folders and modules. And next, you have the plus icon. This icon appears in various locations and generally allows you to add content to your course. You can add it by creating it from scratch, copying it in from other courses, or uploading it from storage or the content market. Lastly, we have the visibility tab, which is in every item, module, or folder in your course. Click this to change the visibility or add release conditions.