Getting Started with Blackboard CE 6

Login Instructions:

1. Open your web browser.
2. Type http://blackboard.ilstu.edu in the *Address* field.
3. Click on the **Login** button to display the *Blackboard Login* screen.
4. Type your ULID (same as your ISU email) in the *Username* field and your password in the *Password* field. Your password is the same as your ISU email password.
5. Click on the **OK** button to display your Blackboard portal page.
6. Click on the name of the course in the *Course List* area to display the homepage for that course.

Preparing your browser for Blackboard

Please be sure to set up your browser when you use Blackboard for the first time. Blackboard may not work properly if it's not set up properly.

Pop-Up Blockers

If you are logging into Blackboard for the first time and the Pop-up Blocker Check message appears, you must click **OK** to turn off pop-up blockers while using the Learning System.

Java Security Certificate

After logging in to the Blackboard Learning System, you will be prompted to accept a Java Security Certificate. You must click **Run** to ensure that the Learning System functionality using Java will work properly in your browser.
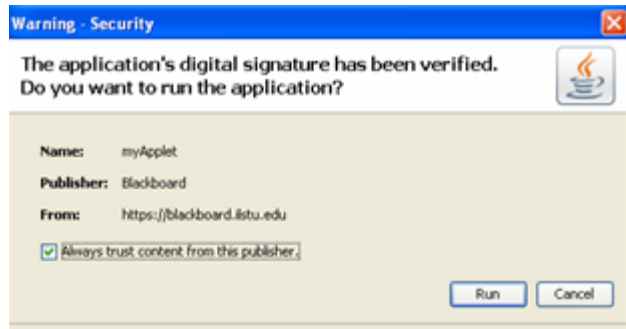
Basic Screen Navigation

The navigation area consists of several buttons located along the left side of the screen. Selecting any of these buttons will take you to the corresponding area of the course.
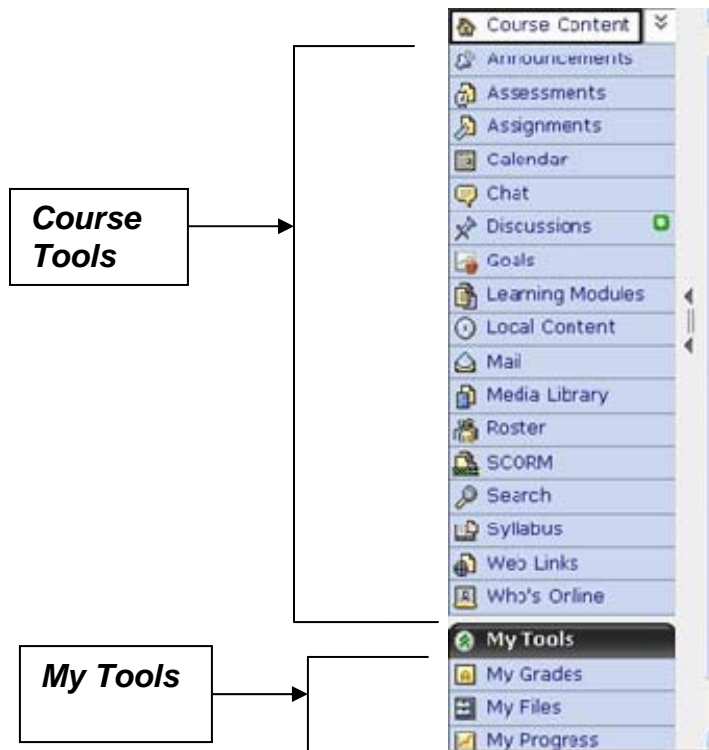
The following table contains a list of buttons available in Blackboard. Your professor may not use all the tools listed here.

Course Tools	
Assessments	Contains quizzes, self tests and surveys
Assignments	Contains course assignments and allows students to submit completed work online. Students can work independently or in groups.
Calendar	Contains important events and deadlines, and allow students to enter their own events.
Chat	Allows you to chat with other users in the course in real time, or the Whiteboard can be used to display images.
Discussions	Allows you to post and respond to messages on specific topics.
Goals	Displays the qualitative and quantitative performance expected in your course.
Learning Modules	Contain a table of contents with links to content items.
Local Content	Allows you to easily access large files from a portable medium, such as CD-ROM, instead of downloading the files from the Learning System.
Mail	Used to send messages to others users.
Media Library	Contains a glossary or image collection
Roster	Allows you to edit your profile
SCORM	Contains SCORM-compliant packages, or modules, to be used as course content.
Search	Allows you to search for content in the course
Syllabus	Contains all course requirements, objectives, and policies.
Web Links	Contain links to Internet resources
Who's Online	Allows you to chat with others who are logged in to the Learning System
My Tools	
My Grades	Allow students to check their grades
My Files	Allow students to store their own files
My Progress	Allow students to track their own progress
Notes	Allow students to take notes