

## Online Courses: Where do I begin?

If you are registered in an online elective, you will access your course through Blackboard, George Brown College's learning management tool.

### Logging on to Blackboard

To log on to Blackboard for the first time, go to the George Brown College homepage (<https://www.georgebrown.ca>) and click the "Current Students" link. On the dropdown menu, select "Websites, Apps & Tech Support." Next select "Blackboard Login and Help."

Follow the instructions on the "Blackboard Login Help" page [http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/BB\\_Help.aspx](http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/BB_Help.aspx) to learn how to log on for the first time and to learn about resetting your password.

### Direct Link to Blackboard

If you've logged in before and are familiar with Blackboard, you can go to the direct link <https://bb-gbc.blackboard.com/> to log in.

### Online Student Help Resources

If you've never used Blackboard before or taken an online course, please take some time to review the various help links and video tutorials here <https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/websites-apps-and-technical-support/blackboard-login-help>

### Blackboard Student Help

If you have any problems logging on after following the instructions on the links above, please contact Blackboard help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at: [bbstudent@georgebrown.ca](mailto:bbstudent@georgebrown.ca) or 416-415-5000 ext. 2285.

In emails, be sure to include your full name, student number, course name, course code, CRN with a description of your problem.

### Week 1: Getting Started!

Online course(s) are available the first week of classes. Once your online course appears, please log in and review the complete contents of any *Getting Started* or *Welcome Start Here* folders. Be sure to make note of required assignments, discussions, tests, any other activities and their due dates.

Courses will include an *Announcements* link on the left menu. Be sure to review the announcements posted there. Announcements may also be sent out in email. That means you need to access your GBC email regularly. If you do not access your GBC email on a regular basis, please consider forwarding your email to one that you do use. If you would like to do that, please follow the directions on this link [https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentemail/documents/Forward\\_STUDENT\\_EMAIL.pdf](https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentemail/documents/Forward_STUDENT_EMAIL.pdf)

Most courses will be organized with Weekly Learning Modules. Read and review the contents of the Week 1 module and complete any activities required during the first week of class. If you have any questions about your online course, contact your professor using the email/message system inside Blackboard or post a question on one of the discussion forums provided inside your course.