MOBILE LEARN 4.0

Feature Guide

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Feature Guide for Blackboard Mobile Learn 4.0

This guide describes all the key features that are available in Blackboard Mobile Learn™ version 4.0 for Apple and Android devices. The features highlighted here are intended to extend learning and engagement into spaces where there wouldn't normally be the opportunity — giving students and teachers instant access to their course content wherever they may be.

Note: The Mobile Learn app is not intended to replace the Blackboard Learn environment; rather, it's meant to complement it with the enhancement of key features that translate best to a mobile device.

Feature	iOS (Mobile Learn 4.0 supports iOS 6+)*	Android (Mobile Learn 4.0 supports OS 2.3+)
Mobile Tests**	✔	✔
Push Notifications**	✔	✔
Announcements	✔	✔
Grades	✔	✔
Discussions	✔	✔
Content	✔	✔
Groups	✔	✔
Blogs	✔	✔
Journals	✔	✔
Roster	✔	✔
Tasks	✔	✔
Organizations	✔	✔
Dashboard	✔	✔

*iOS 6 compatible devices include: iPhone 3GS+, iPad 2+, iPad mini, iPod Touch 4+.

**These features are only available for institutions using Blackboard Learn 9.1.

Feature-by-Feature Breakdown:

Mobile Tests	iOS	Android
Calculated Numeric	✔	✔
Fill in Multiple Blanks	✔	✔
File Response	✔	✔
Hot Spot	✔	✔
Multiple Choice	✔	✔
Short Answer	✔	✔
True/False	✔	✔
*Calculated Formula**		
Either/Or		
Essay		
Fill in the Blank		
Jumbled Sentence		
Matching		
Multiple Answer		
Opinion Scale/Likert		
Ordering		
Quiz Bowl		

*Grayed out question types are not supported on Mobile Learn and will cause an assessment to be inaccessible on mobile devices.

Push Notifications

	iOS	Android
Announcements: See when your instructor has posted a new Announcement	✔	✔
Course and Organization Available: Be notified as soon as you have access to a new Course or Organization	✔	✔
Item Graded: Be notified as soon as a new grade has been posted	✔	✔
Content items: Receive a notification as soon as your instructor posts a new content item	✔	✔
Test/Assessment: Get notified when you have a new Test, when a Test is Due, and when a Test is Overdue	✔	✔

Announcements

	iOS	Android
Post Announcements: Instructors can post announcements on the go	✔	✔
View Announcements: Read the latest news from your instructor	✔	✔

Grades*

	iOS	Android
View Grades: Students can view their grades and grade feedback by course	✔	✔

Note: Grade Center functionality for instructors is not yet a supported feature of Mobile Learn.

💬 Discussions

	iOS	Android
View Forums in Discussions	✔	✔
View threads within a Forum	✔	✔
Create discussion threads	✔	✔
Reply to discussion threads	✔	✔
Attach files from your Dropbox: Link your Dropbox account to Mobile Learn and upload your files	✔	✔
Attach files from your device's local file system (Note: iOS users can only attach photos and videos)	✔	✔

📝 Content

	iOS	Android
View Files: View text and presentation file types including DOC/DOCX, PDF, PPT/PPTX ect.	✔	✔
View Media: View image and video file types including JPEG, GIF, PNG, MP4, MOV, etc. (depending on device capabilities)	✔	✔
Play Audio: Listen to audio file types i.e. MP3	✔	✔
Post Content: Instructors can upload and post content items to courses through Dropbox or their device's local file system	✔	✔

* Note: Students cannot yet submit Assignments through Mobile Learn..

Blogs & Journals

	iOS	Android
View Blogs & Journals by course	✔	✔
Create new Blogs & Journals	✔	✔
Post comments on Blogs & Journals	✔	✔
Attach files from your Dropbox: Link your Dropbox account to Mobile Learn and upload your files	✔	✔

Tasks

	iOS	Android
View Tasks by priority and due date as they are assigned by your instructor	✔	✔
Update Task Status: Mark tasks as 'In Progress' or 'Completed' as you work through them	✔	✔

Organizations

	iOS	Android
Browse your organization information including Announcements, Content, Roster, Discussions, Groups, etc.	✔	✔

◔ **Dashboard**	iOS	Android
View your Dashboard for new course activity including Announcements, new Content Items, Assessments posted, and Grades Posted. These items will disappear once read.*	✔	✔

Note: Items will only disappear from the Dashboard if your institution is running Mobile Web Services Building Block 91.4.0+.

Other Features	iOS	Android
Favorite your most used course content, discussion threads, grades etc. for easy access and quick viewing at the top of your course menu	✔	✔
Personalize your course list by hiding, coloring, and reordering your courses	✔	✔
Rich content support:* Text enhancement styles are now displayed throughout the app, including bold, italics, underline, bullets, block quotes, links, etc.	✔	✔
Unread counts:** Quickly see what's new in your courses from from unread discussion posts, content items, grades, etc.		✔

Rich content is only supported in specific areas of the app.
***Unread count feature coming soon to iOS.*

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