

Fall Student Moodle Survey Results

(73 students surveyed)

Question 1

*Which of the following Blackboard features / tools have you used prior to this term?
(Choose all that apply)*

Home Page	84%
Syllabus	93%
Course Materials (lectures, PPT, handouts, etc)	94%
Discussion (post questions, communicating with peers and teacher)	67%
Email (Blackboard has an email tool to email students or instructor)	41%
Virtual Classroom (chat)	7%
Electronic Whiteboard (chat with a editable web page to write, view course pages or PowerPoints)	5%
Surveys	33%
Quizzes	76%
Submitting assignments for grading or to share with peers	61%
Wiki	43%
Blog	11%
Calendar	11%
Glossary	4%
Tasks	10%
Digital Drop Box	52%
Groups	21%
My Grades (viewing grades for each course activity)	91%

Question 2

What features are most important to you in a learning management system? (Choose all that apply)

Home Page	49%
Syllabus	84%
Course Materials (lectures, PPT, handouts, etc)	93%
Discussion (post questions, communicating with peers and teacher)	29%
Email class peers or instructor	38%
Chat	7%
Web page to draw with others	7%
Surveys	12%
Quizzes	56%
Submitting assignments for a grade or to share with peers	51%
Wiki	27%

Blog	6%
Calendar	32%
Glossary	9%
Tasks	21%
Digital Drop Box	37%
Groups	15%
Grades	85%

Question 3

For each of the following features or functions, how would you compare Blackboard with Moodle?

Chat

BB much better	2%
BB somewhat better	0
About the same	10%
Moodle somewhat better	2%
Moodle much better	2%
No basis for comparison	78%

Course Materials

BB much better	11%
BB somewhat better	17%
About the same	30%
Moodle somewhat better	24%
Moodle much better	11%
No basis for comparison	4%

Discussion

BB much better	6%
BB somewhat better	6%
About the same	11%
Moodle somewhat better	16%
Moodle much better	11%
No basis for comparison	45%

Glossary

BB much better	1%
BB somewhat better	0
About the same	12%

Moodle somewhat better	1%
Moodle much better	1%
No basis for comparison	80%

Grades

BB much better	13%
BB somewhat better	11%
About the same	33%
Moodle somewhat better	22%
Moodle much better	13%
No basis for comparison	6%

Groups

BB much better	1%
BB somewhat better	0
About the same	15%
Moodle somewhat better	4%
Moodle much better	2%
No basis for comparison	74%

News or Announcements

BB much better	4%
BB somewhat better	12%
About the same	33%
Moodle somewhat better	17%
Moodle much better	24%
No basis for comparison	7%

Overall course appearance

BB much better	2%
BB somewhat better	9%
About the same	15%
Moodle somewhat better	43%
Moodle much better	27%
No basis for comparison	4%

Quizzes

BB much better	7%
BB somewhat better	6%
About the same	32%
Moodle somewhat better	10%

Moodle much better	10%
No basis for comparison	34%

Submitting assignments for a grade or to share with peers

BB much better	7%
BB somewhat better	6%
About the same	23%
Moodle somewhat better	21%
Moodle much better	28%
No basis for comparison	13%

Survey or Polling

BB much better	1%
BB somewhat better	1%
About the same	26%
Moodle somewhat better	15%
Moodle much better	6%
No basis for comparison	48%

Wiki

BB much better	1%
BB somewhat better	4%
About the same	13%
Moodle somewhat better	12%
Moodle much better	13%
No basis for comparison	54%

Question 4

Looking at some of the unique Moodle features, please choose the features that you would like to see in your Moodle courses. (Choose all that apply)

A single page that lists and provides a link to all assignments for the whole course on one page. Displays name, type, due date, submitted date, and grade given.	87%
A single page that lists and provides a link to all forums for the whole course on one page.	29%
A single page that lists and provides a link to all quizzes on one page. Once completed displays grade given.	50%
A single page that lists and provides a link to all resources by topic.	39%

Question 5

Overall impression of Moodle, again which is better?

BB much better	3%
BB somewhat better	18%
About the same	22%
Moodle somewhat better	37%
Moodle much better	17%
No basis for comparison	1%

Question 6

What was the time spent learning Moodle?

1-3 hrs	93%
4-6 hrs	1%
7-10 hrs	0
More than 10 hrs	4%

Question 7

What resources did you find most useful for learning how to use Moodle? (Choose all the apply)

QuickGuides	1%
Moodle.org	1%
Lynda.com videos	0
Moodle built-in Help	6%
Trial and error / learn by doing	79%
Peer support	13%

Question 8

Please tell us about any difficulties you experienced using Moodle. (A selection of answers)

I was not able to edit my wiki page on my account because I was never given permission due to my late registration into the class. I was forced to share another students account in order to edit my page.
No difficulties
I did not like how many links you had to go through to find the information that you needed. They need to have a home page that is just your account with the information you submitted right there instead of sorting through the entire classes information.
After log in a few attempts exploring the site I was able to figure out almost all of the features that were required in the class.

Question 9

Would you recommend Moodle to a friend?

Yes	84%
No	13%

Question 10

Do you have suggestions for improvement that would help faculty or students in the Winter Moodle pilot?

Maybe work out the kinks in terms of setting up the Moodle system. If it works only with Mozilla, it would be a good idea to notify students. From the set up instructions it appeared that I was doing everything correctly (updated version of IE was supposedly compatible with Moodle), but it didn't work for me which was frustrating.

I did not find Moodle to be that difficult, although I haven't used it that much. It seems a lot more intuitive than Blackboard, but still similar enough that people would be able to transition from Blackboard to Moodle without much struggle.

At first its uncomfortable using a new system, but the more you explore the new program, the faster that feeling goes away.

Make sure that students have an I.D. card or have an alternative sign in code so they can access moodle when the course starts.

Question 11

Other comments:

Nothing was exceptionally bad about it but I preferred blackboard, but I also have used blackboard for a longer period of time and getting used to moodle would be acceptable.

I like how it shows everything by week and everything is accessible from the first page

One of the things that I like more about blackboard is the content that can be added to the front page when you first log in. Most of these extra pages have to do with information about the campus. I dont know if moodle would be able to personalize this content so that it would be able show general campus information, but it would be something to think about for the future.

I like that when you submit an assignment online it doesn't actually submit it until the due date so if you need to fix something it hasn't been turned in yet.