

Thoughts from Advisors who are using Blackboard

"At first I wasn't sure how Blackboard would improve my communication with students, but now I am sold! No more, "I never read my email" comments – they have been replaced by comments such as, "Thanks for the notice that the drop deadline was coming." A short sample time so far, but the improvement in one semester has been dramatic."

~ Eric Walla, School of Engineering & Computer Science

"My favorite things about the course:

1. How easy it is to add additional content, when you've forgotten to add a document or you create something new!
2. Gives students access to videos about their major and careers, which I've never been able to share before.
3. I send far fewer mass-emails to my students, as I now post all announcements in Blackboard.
4. Gives current students access to all of the documents and resources they need in one place, without adding more to the school's website."

~Kristy Gutierrez, School of Engineering & Computer Science

"The Bb space saves me time because I can refer students to the space for almost all general information inquiries rather than answering the same question over and over."

~Sam Gizerian
College of Vet Med

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"Blackboard is such a useful tool. When a student asks a question, I can point them to the Blackboard Advising space and guide them on how to find the answer. Many times it's a question about the requirements they have left, or the difference between Graduation and Commencement. I also have instructions on how to schedule an appointment with me. Students were able to schedule appointments without asking me how!"

~Brooke Whiting, Human Development
WSU Pullman & Global

"Blackboard has allowed the Global Campus Advisors to have a space where we can share the details on how to navigate WSU systems, so our advising appointments can be focused more on the student needs instead of explaining how to navigate myWSU and degree requirements.

It is also allowing us to dream about other opportunities to engage our students through discussion boards, surveys, and assignments. We love that students are automatically enrolled in our spaces once they are assigned to us and that all students across the Global Campus have the same Blackboard Advising Course space experience.

We have found a consolidated approach to implementing Blackboard for the whole Global Campus has allowed all advisors to benefit from the space without all advisors having to develop the space on their own."

~Joy Thompson, WSU Global