URI has Adopted an Innovative Approach to Teaching and Learning

Faculty are eager to get their hands on the new learning management system.

Between now and Fall 2020, the university will be rolling out a full implementation of Brightspace! Faculty have already started curating, unpacking and rebuilding course sites using this fresh, new interface.

Why Brightspace?

It’s Easy.
Whether you are new or a veteran instructor, you need a simple and fast LMS. Using Brightspace, you can create a course, add content, start a discussion, or measure progress—all with a single click or drag.

It’s Flexible.
Personalize the experience for your students. Brand your course, set conditions for content release, or customize course layouts for section consistencies.

It’s Smart.
Brightspace alerts students with upcoming due dates. Instructors can flag learners so that you can help them before they’re at risk. Offer learners the right content at the right time so that students can move at their own pace.

View Brightspace Tutorials on YouTube (visit web.uri.edu/brightspace for tutorial links)

Automated Messaging
Keep learners on track with automated messaging through use of intelligent agents.

Built in Rubrics
Evaluate activities based on a predefined set of criteria built right into the tools.

Video & Audio Feedback
Make comments on the fly by adding audio and video clips using feedback tools.
What Should You Get Excited About?

**Automatic Course Shells**
No more setting up your course sites manually like you did in Sakai. Brightspace course shells will launch each semester for you automatically!

**Drag and Drop Features**
Create, organize, and arrange course content using the intuitive drag and drop interface.

**In-line Grading & Feedback**
No need to download assignments anymore (unless you want to!). Evaluate and leave feedback on submissions without every leaving the platform.

**Custom Learning Paths**
Use release conditions to tailor course delivery to each learner’s needs by showing or hiding content based on the rules you set.

**Powerful Grading Analytics**
Drill down into detailed grade statistics for individual assignments or assessments, with the ability to adjust how final grades are calculated.

**Smart Reporting**
Check on a learner’s performance by viewing their grades, login history, course access all in one place.

**Accessibility Checker**
Ensure course content meets accessibility standards with help from built-in prompts.

**Engaging Tools**
Start the conversation by using integrated web conferencing, discussions, blogs, chat, and more!

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**Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Implementation**

**What is the status of the Brightspace transition?**
At this time, the implementation team is focused on testing the various migration processes behind the scenes in preparation for our full implementation. Once plans become finalized, more information about implementation procedures will be announced. Additional training, materials, and resources for teaching with Brightspace will be available for instructors as early as January.

**When can I start building courses in Brightspace?**
Instructors teaching in the new URI online accelerated programs starting January 2020 will be the first to offer courses in Brightspace. They have already begun building dynamic sites! Faculty who have volunteered for the Instructor Mentor Program, and those who have applied to the Spring Pilot Program are accessing training now. The remainder of the faculty community will be granted full access to Brightspace with self-paced training as early as January. As soon as the self-paced training is complete, building can begin!

**What can I do to prepare now?**
If it’s not part of your current routine, you may want to reorganize and refine Sakai content for future migration purposes. Take this time to archive and delete any project sites you no longer need.

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Brightspace Timeline at a Glance