



SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Spring 2023 Live Brown Bag Event – Uvalde Campus
Instructional Services at SRSU Update

WHAT: Spring 2023 SRSU Instructional Services Update

WHEN: Friday, March 3rd, 2023 from 11:50am to 1:30pm





Welcome & Opening

(...and some general housekeeping with Tim before we get started...)



TSUS Shared Services Partnership

Sul Ross State University and Sam Houston State University

SHSU Online Team



Dr. Ruth Chisum – Assistant Vice President for Online Operations

Ricki Lee Hodges Neri – TSUS Blackboard Master Administrator

Ray Scheel - Assistant Director for Course Development

Jacob Spradlin - Director of Online Instructional Development and Support

Daniel Walker - Director for Online Technology Support Operations

Rachel Scherer - Senior Instructional Designer

Jorge Luna – Instructional Designer to Sul Ross State University

SRSU Blackboard Support Team



Tim Parsons & Estella Vega – SRSU Blackboard Admin & Instructional Design Support



SRSU Office of Information Technology Team



Jacob Fuentes – Chief information Officer

George Hernandez - Director OIT Operations RGC

Paula Arredondo – Director of Networking Services

Paedric Rayburn – Network Specialist

Dominic Percoco – Academic Technology & Teleconference Coordinator

Roman Baeza – Control Systems Technician

Scott Polk – LTAC Helpdesk Coordinator

Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Manuel Martinez – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

Juan Garza - Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Santana Tarango - Technical Support Specialist II RGC





SRSU OIT Update

George Hernandez
Director OIT Operations RGC

QUESTIONS?
Q&A time with George!



SRSU Division of Online Programs & Distance Education ODE Committee & Quality Matters Update

Dr. Chris Herrera
Assoc Dean of OPDE

QUESTIONS?
Q&A time with Chris!



SRSU Communications & Media Services Spotlight

Bobby (BobbyG) Greeson
SRSU Media Specialist

QUESTIONS?
Q&A time with BobbyG!



SRSU Grants Supporting Tech & Student Success Update

Kendall Craig
Executive Grant Director

QUESTIONS?
Q&A time with Kendall!



SRSU Library Resources Update

Betsy Helesic
Director of SRSU Library and Archives

QUESTIONS?
Q&A time with Betsy!



Instructional Services / Blackboard Support Team

SRSU Ultra Update

Making the Transition to Ultra Course View in 2023

Tim Parsons and Jorge Luna

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

QUESTION: How long do I have before SRSU moves completely to the Ultra course view?

ANSWER: Blackboard will continue to support the original course view through 2024, but our TSUS Partnership would like for all partner schools to be completely in Ultra by 2024.

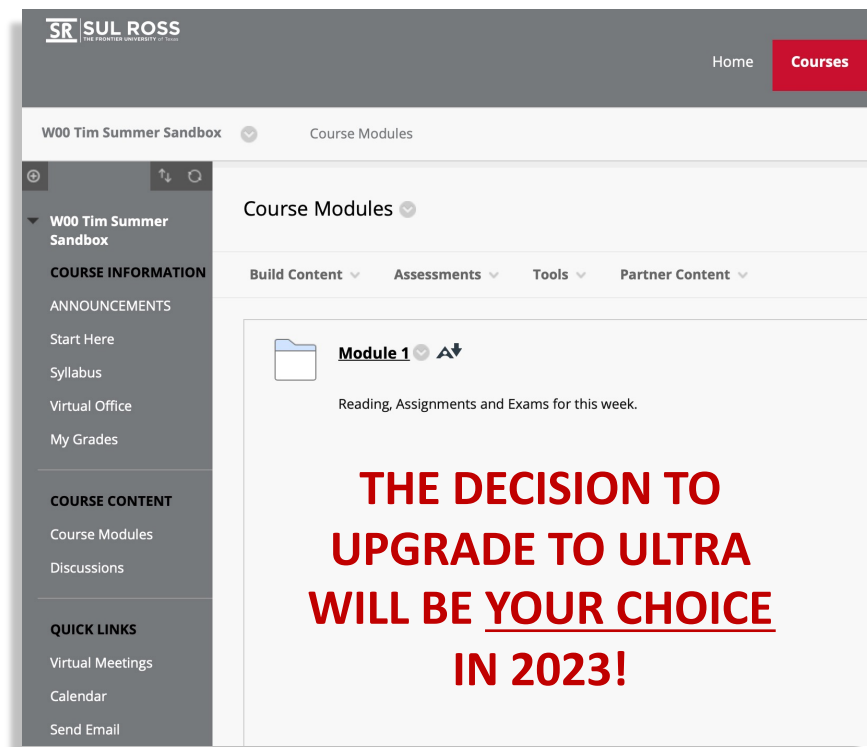
MEANING: SRSU instructors should be actively moving to Ultra for summer/fall 2023.

FACULTY CURRENTLY HAVE THE CHOICE TO:

Keep their summer/Fall 2023 courses in the current, original Blackboard course view.

BUT FACULTY NEED TO BE:

Previewing their summer/fall 2023 courses in the Ultra Course View and then adopting the Ultra Course View when ready.



QUESTION: How can I get a preview of one of my courses in the Ultra Course View?

ANSWER: Reach out to one of our SRSU Instructional Designers and ask to preview a summer/fall 2023 course OR your entire program in the Ultra Course View!

SRSU Instructional Designers:

Jorge Luna - jll092@shsu.edu

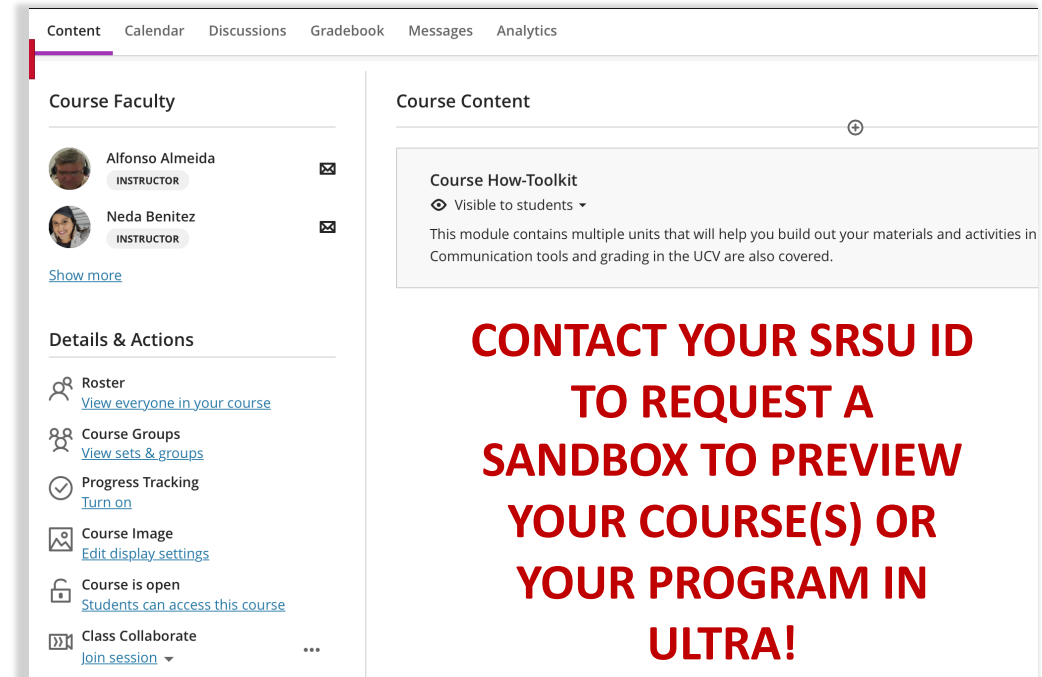
Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu

OR

Contact our **24/7 Online Support Desk**

blackboardsupport@sulross.edu

and they will set you up with an SRSU ID.



**CONTACT YOUR SRSU ID
TO REQUEST A
SANDBOX TO PREVIEW
YOUR COURSE(S) OR
YOUR PROGRAM IN
ULTRA!**

BLACKBOARD SANDBOX ULTRA PREVIEW – REALTIME EXAMPLE

2022_FALL_EDSR_3308 - Lang Acquis & Emergent Lit - Dr. Gina Stocks

The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra course interface for 'W00 Tim Summer Sandbox'. The top navigation bar includes 'Home' and 'Courses'. The course title 'W00 Tim Summer Sandbox' is visible in the top left. The left sidebar contains navigation options: 'ANNOUNCEMENTS' (Start Here, Syllabus, Virtual Office, My Grades), 'COURSE CONTENT' (Course Modules, Discussions), and 'QUICK LINKS' (Virtual Meetings, Calendar, Send Email). The main content area shows 'Course Modules' with a dropdown menu for 'Build Content', 'Assessments', 'Tools', and 'Partner Content'. A folder icon represents 'Module 1', which is described as 'Reading, Assignments and Exams for this week.' The right sidebar features 'Course Faculty' (Alfonso Almeida, Neda Benitez), 'Details & Actions' (Roster, Course Groups, Progress Tracking, Course Image, Course is open, Class Collaborate), and 'Course Content' (Course How-Toolkit). The text 'OCV' is overlaid in large red font on the main content area, and 'UCV' is overlaid in large red font on the right sidebar.

Upcoming March SHSU Online Webinars On This Topic:

3/6/23 @ 3pm - Managing Groups in Ultra Course View

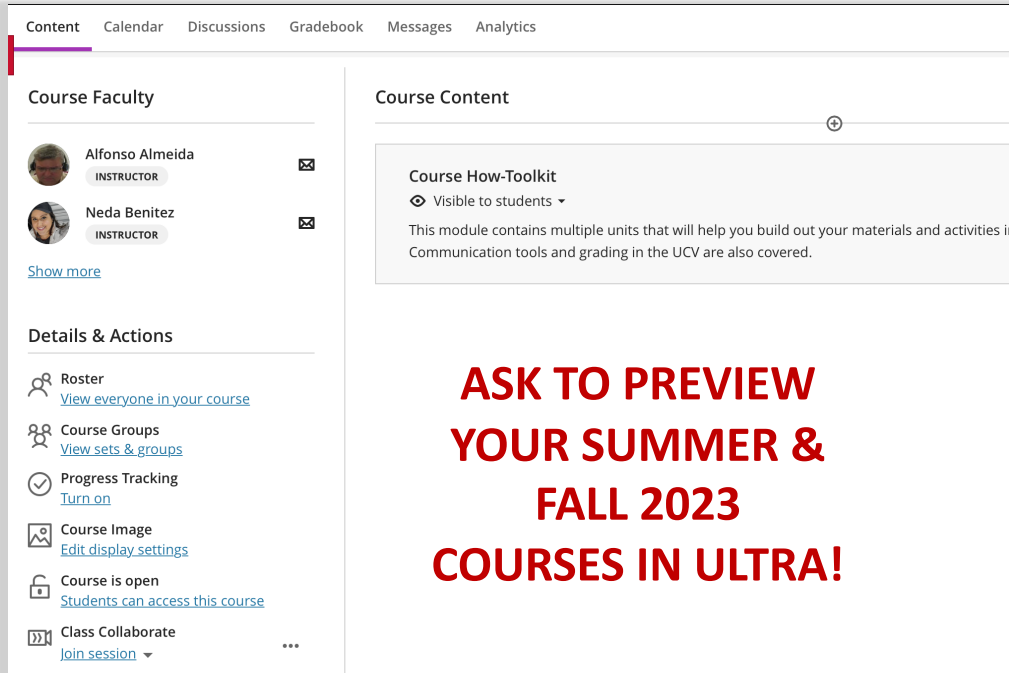
3/20/23 @ 3pm - Kaltura Capture: Recording Screen, Audio, and Video for your Bb Course(s)

3/22/23 @ 3pm - Course Building in Ultra Course View

3/23/23 @ 2pm - Communicating in Bb Ultra Course View

3/28/23 @ 2pm - Grading in Bb Ultra Course View

3/29/23 @ 3pm - Navigating the Transition from Original to Ultra Course View



The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra Course View interface. At the top, navigation tabs include Content, Calendar, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, and Analytics. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Course Faculty:** Lists two instructors: Alfonso Almeida and Neda Benitez, each with a profile picture, name, role (INSTRUCTOR), and an email icon. A "Show more" link is present below the list.
- Details & Actions:** A list of course management options with icons and links:
 - Roster: [View everyone in your course](#)
 - Course Groups: [View sets & groups](#)
 - Progress Tracking: [Turn on](#)
 - Course Image: [Edit display settings](#)
 - Course is open: [Students can access this course](#)
 - Class Collaborate: [Join session](#)
- Course Content:** Shows a "Course How-Toolkit" module with a visibility icon and the text: "Visible to students". Below this, a description states: "This module contains multiple units that will help you build out your materials and activities in Communication tools and grading in the UCV are also covered."

**ASK TO PREVIEW
YOUR SUMMER &
FALL 2023
COURSES IN ULTRA!**

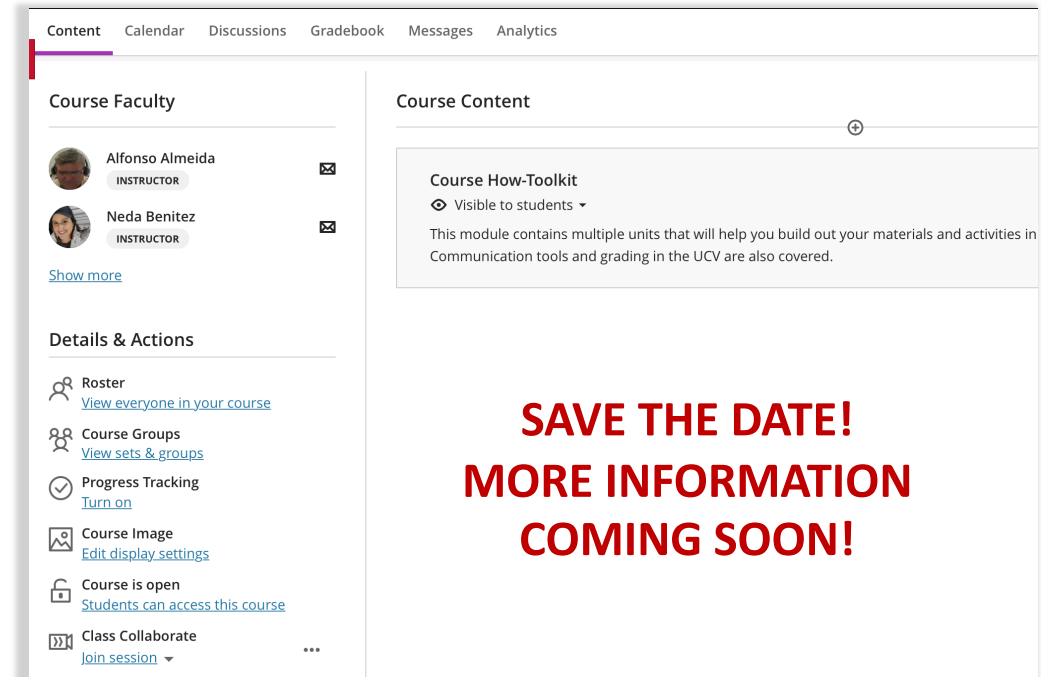
Upcoming SHSU On-Site Ultra Boot Camps Sul Ross Campuses

These day long, drop-in or schedule a meeting Boot Camp events are for instructors who are new to Blackboard, for those just needing to brush up on their course building skills, or primarily for those instructors ready to make the jump to Blackboard Ultra. **These Boot Camps will have an Ultra course view focus.**

JUNE 12th – Alpine Campus

JUNE 13th – RGC Campus TBD

JUNE 14th – RGC Campus TBD



**SAVE THE DATE!
MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

QUESTIONS?
Q&A time with
TSUS-SRSU Team Blackboard
(well... just Tim today)!



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THANK YOU!

