SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Summer 2024
Virtual Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Summer 2024 Instructional Services at SRSU Update
WHEN: Friday, August 16, 2024, from Noon to 1:00pm

Welcome & Opening

Provost Bernie Canteñs

SRSU Office of Academic Affairs

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(…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

SRSU Blackboard Support Team

Tim Parsons & Rachel Carvajal – SRSU Blackboard Admins & Instructional Design Support

SRSU Office of Information Technology Team SR

Jacob Fuentes – Chief information Officer

George Hernandez - Director OIT Operations RGC
Paula Arredondo – Director of Networking Services
Paedric Rayburn – Network Specialist
Carlos Guzman – Network System Admin
Sarah Sheffield – Information Security Specialist
Dominick Percoco – Director of Academic Technology
Scott Polk – LTAC Helpdesk Coordinator
Santana taranga – Control Systems Technician
Juan Garza - Technical Support Specialist II RGC
Giselle Garcia- Technical Support Specialist II RGC
Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II RGC
Manuel Martinez – Technical Support Specialist II ALP
Pedro-Alcario Garcia – Technical Support Specialist II ALP
Andrey Dubovik – Technical Support Specialist II ALP

Instructional Services / Blackboard Support Team
Making the Transition to Ultra Course View this Fall
Tim Parsons
SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

QUESTION: What has the timeline been for SRSU's big move to Ultra in 2024?

ANSWER: Our TSUS Partnership have wanted for all partner schools to be completely in Ultra by Fall 2024, **but SRSU made an early "soft launch" to Ultra in summer 2024 based on certain factors.**

Factors in SRSU making an early launch:
1) **Are SRSU Online Faculty Ready?**
2) **Is Faculty Support Optimal for this Move?**
3) **Is Our Timing Right?**
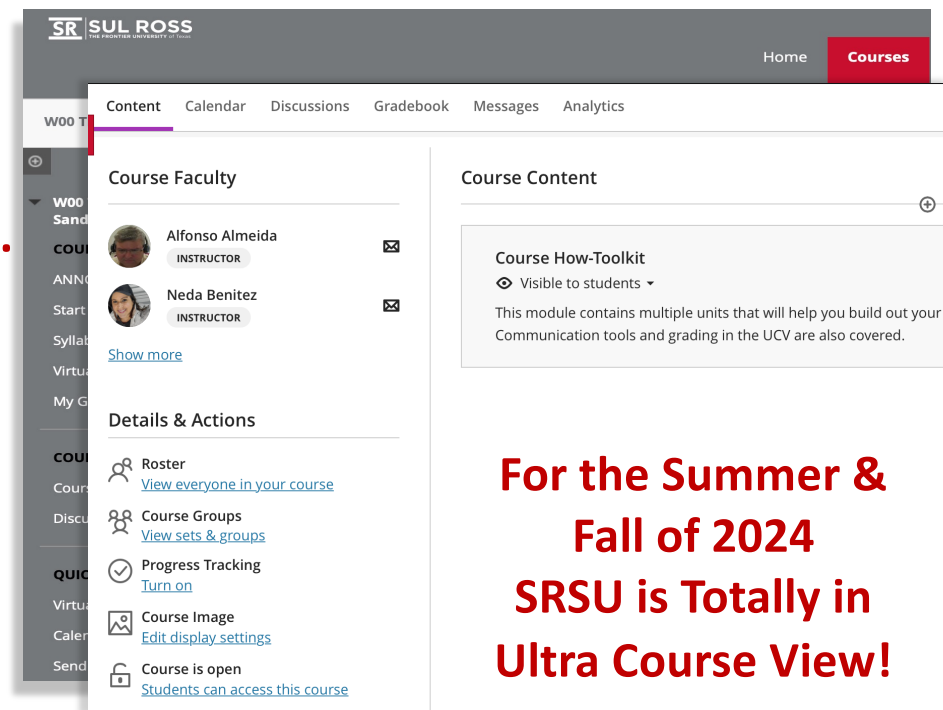
For the Summer & Fall of 2024 SRSU is Totally in Ultra Course View!

QUESTION: How can I start immediately transitioning my upcoming Blackboard courses to the Ultra Course View so I can be ready for spring/summer/fall 2025?
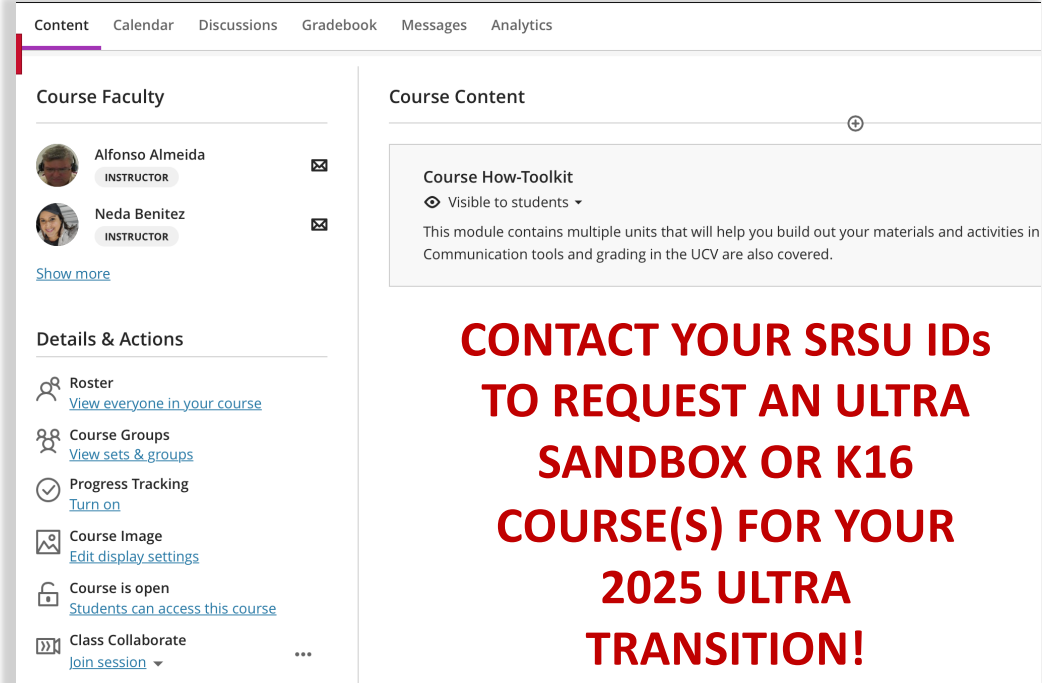
ANSWER: Our Shared Services Partners at SHSU Online procured the services of a company (K16) who has converted copies of SRSU Bb online courses from Sum 2022 to Sum 2023 (a course rotation) and instructors have been added into these Ultra converted course shells.

SRSU K16 Ultra Converted Course Support:
Rachel Scherer - rachel.scherer@shsu.edu
Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu
Rachel Carvajal *(Grad Bb Instructors)* - rachel.carvajal@sulross.edu

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Course How-Toolkit
👁 Visible to students ⌄
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.

CONTACT YOUR SRSU IDs TO REQUEST AN ULTRA SANDBOX OR K16 COURSE(S) FOR YOUR 2025 ULTRA TRANSITION!

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THE FRONTIER UNIVERSITY of Texas

FALL BLACKBOARD ULTRA SHELL – REALTIME DEMO

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UCV

Immediate Ultra Training & Support:

SRSU Faculty Instructional Designer Support email: IDSupport@sulross.edu

AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:
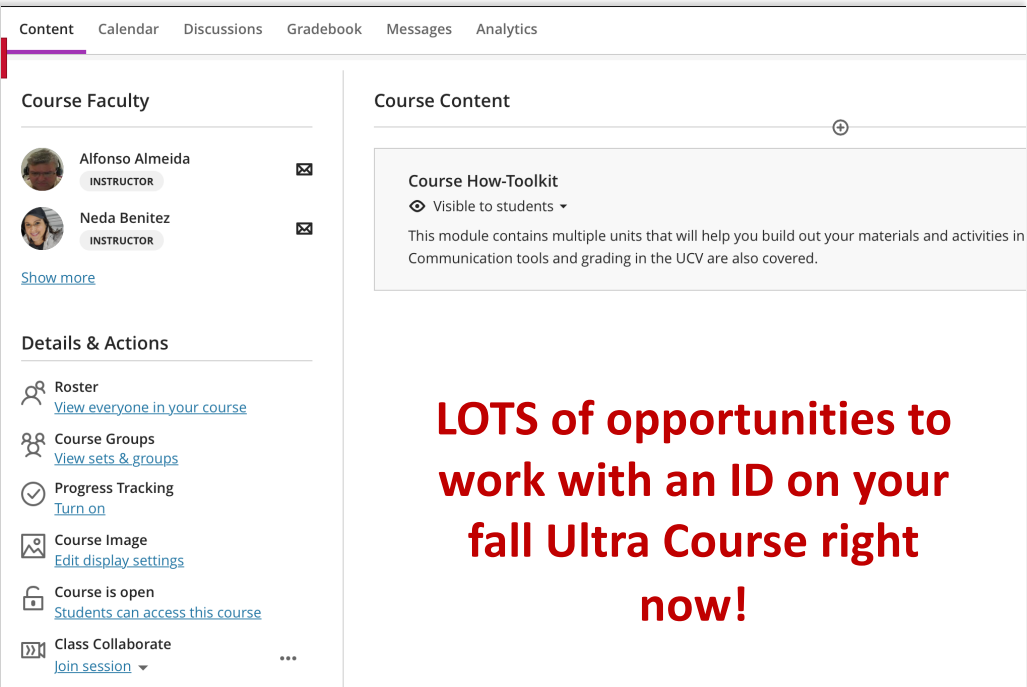
SRSU Faculty Support email: **IDSupport@sulross.edu.**
This SRSU faculty support email goes straight to a pool of TSUS-SHSU Instructional Designers and allows you to get a much faster one-on-one response to your SRSU Blackboard Ultra conversion & Instructional Design issues!

Digital Teaching How-to By Appointment
Schedule By Appointment Ultra sessions for yourself, your program, or even your entire department!

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LOTS of opportunities to work with an ID on your fall Ultra Course right now!

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AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

SHSU Online Digital Teaching Webinars for August:

•Some of these new webinars are 30 minute "Ultra Express" mini-session!

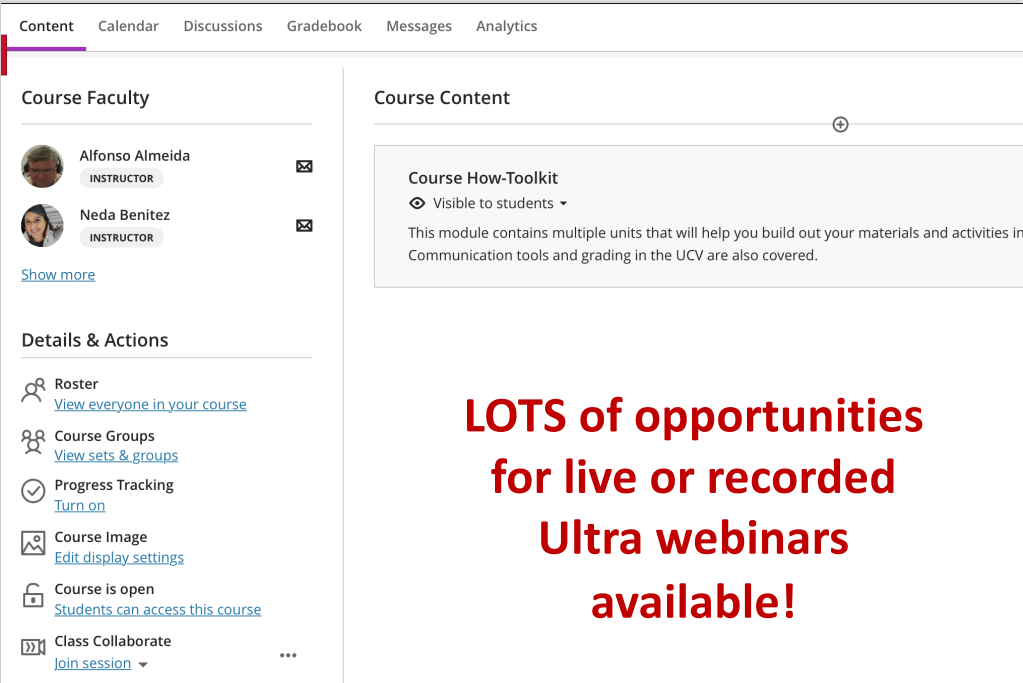*8/26 from 2 - 4pm - *Bb Ultra Course View Transition Drop-in**

•**8/27 at 2pm** - **Bb Ultra Express** - Grading Student Work

•**8/28 at 2pm** - What's New in Blackboard Ultra

•**8/29 at 2pm** - Bb Ultra Gradebook for In-Person Courses

Bb Ultra Course View Transition Drop-in Sessions

*During 'Transition Drop-In" sessions, **instructors can get one-on-one assistance** with any Bb Ultra questions and in transitioning & restructuring your Ultra courses to make sure they're ready to go.*

LOTS of opportunities for live or recorded Ultra webinars available!

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AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:
Ultra Resources Available in the Faculty Central "Teaching Online with Blackboard" Organization Site

SPOTLIGHT: In the "Ultra Webinar Recordings" folder you'll find the latest recorded SHSU Online Ultra webinars such as:
- **Ultra 5 Pack of digital teaching webinars**

SPOTLIGHT: In the "TSUS Faculty Development Day " folders for 2023 & 2024 you'll find resources and al ULTRA session recordings from both events!

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Ultra Training/Support/Events Coming This Fall:

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FALL 2024 Ultra Redesign & Certification Cohorts
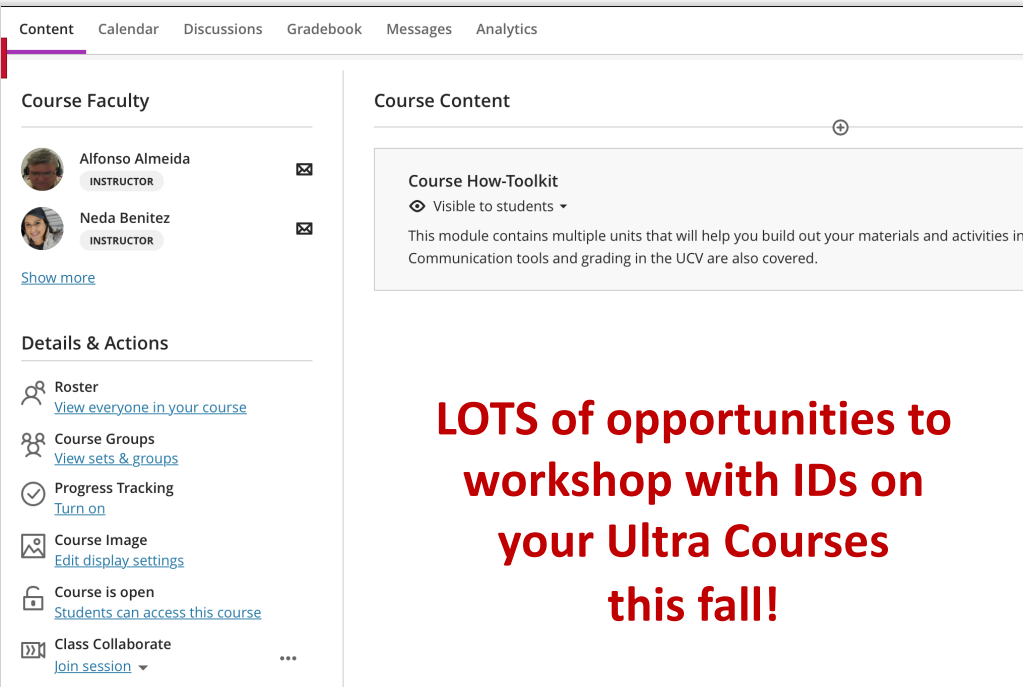**PERFECT for redesigning a 2025 spring, summer, or Fall course in Ultra!**

- **Cohort 1:** 09/09/24 - 10/11/24 (10 SRSU seats available)
- **Cohort 2:** 10/21/24 - 11/22/24 (10 SRSU seats available)

Enrollment is Now Open! $500 completion stipend!

COMING IN SEPT/OCT :
Live/In-Person On-Campus Instructional Services Brown Bags!

Dates for **ALPINE CAMPUS & EAGLE PASS CAMPUS** Brown Bags will be announced **SOON.**

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New SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features &
Artificial Intelligence Certification in Blackboard Ultra

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & Team Blackboard

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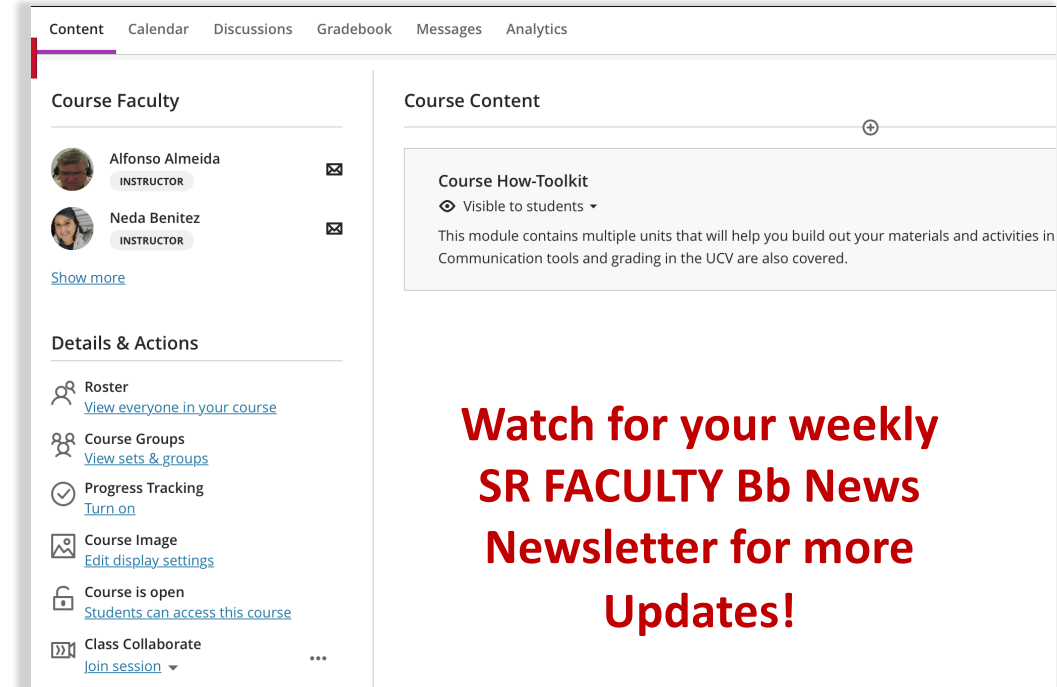
NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL ULTRA COURSES:
Content Designer for Bb Ultra documents

The new **Content Designer for Ultra Documents** allows instructors the flexibility to place content in a way that makes the most sense for the context of the materials in the document.

Fore more information see:
-Video Walkthrough: Content Designer & File Convertor
-Ultra Document Content Designer - QuickStart Guide

Links available in your newsletter, handout, and on the Blackboard - Faculty Resources webpage.

Watch for your weekly SR FACULTY Bb News Newsletter for more Updates!
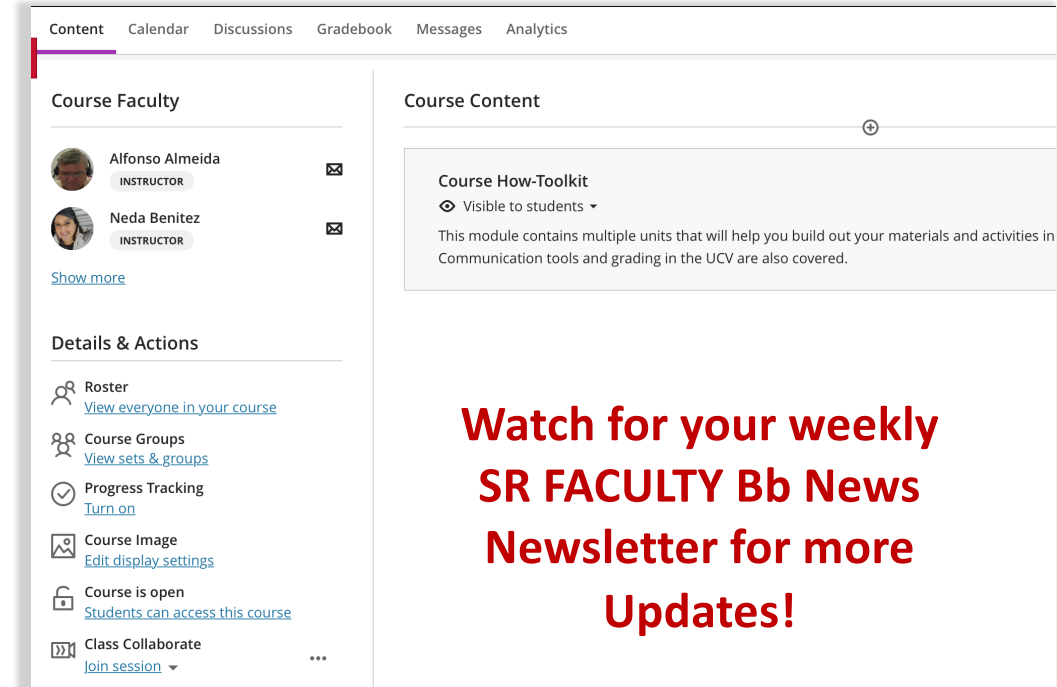
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SRSU Blackboard Tools & Features Update:

SHSU ONLINE FALL AI CERTIFICATION COHORT:
Using Generative AI in Teaching & Learning

T**his 5-week cohort is fully online and asynchronous**, so interact with the course and complete activities at a time of day that is convenient for you!

FALL 2024 Cohort: 9/30 - 11/08
(ENROLL NOW – 10 SRSU SEATS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE)

Enrollment for the Fall 2024 "Using Generative AI in Teaching and Learning" certification cohort is OPEN!

Watch for your weekly SR FACULTY Bb News Newsletter for more Updates!

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QUESTIONS?
Q&A time with
TSUS-SRSU Blackboard
Support Team!

SRSU Division of Online Learning & Distance Education Quality Matters Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan

Director of OLDE

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THANK YOU!