



SRSU Office of Academic Affairs
Fall 2024
Virtual Brown Bag Event

WHAT: Fall 2024 Instructional Services at SRSU Update

WHEN: Friday, Nov 22, 2024, from Noon to 1:00pm





Welcome & Opening

Dean Laura Payne

Dean of the College of Graduate Studies & Online Education

Dean of the Case College of Literature, Arts & Social Sciences (LASS)

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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 & Integration Specialist

Ray Scheel - Assistant Director for Course Development

Jacob Spradlin – Executive 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



Patrick Stewart– Chief information Officer (Lamar & SRSU)

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

Sindy Ortiz -Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Juan Garza - Technical Support Specialist II RGC

Giselle Garcia- 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
SRSU Blackboard Ultra Updates for Spring

Tim Parsons

SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

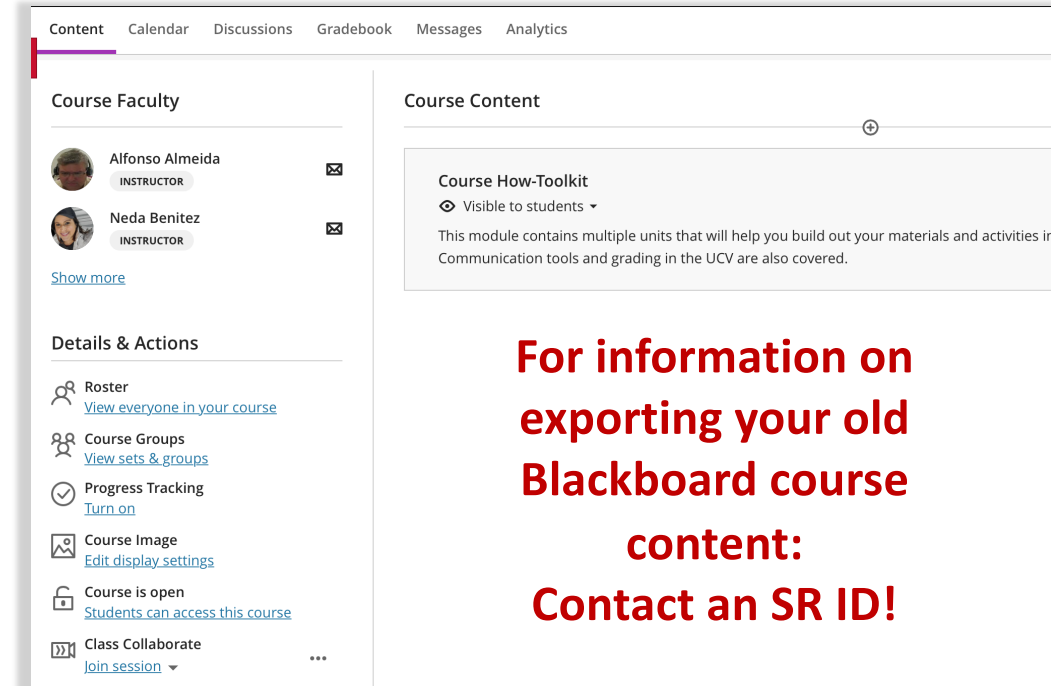
SRSU Blackboard Housekeeping Update:

IN LATE DEC/EARLY JAN WE WILL BE PURGING 2018-2020 SRSU BLACKBOARD COURSES OFF OUR TSUS-SRSU BLACKBOARD ENVIRONMENT

Don't worry! We'll be starting an awareness campaign that will cover the following:

- How we've already backed up these courses
- How to export your old course content
- How to import old course content into Ultra shells

Keep an eye out after Thanksgiving break for the awareness campaign covering this topic!



The screenshot displays a Blackboard course interface. At the top, navigation tabs include Content, Calendar, Discussions, Gradebook, Messages, and Analytics. The left sidebar, titled 'Course Faculty', lists two instructors: Alfonso Almeida and Neda Benitez, each with a profile picture and an email icon. Below this is a 'Show more' link and a 'Details & Actions' section containing links for Roster, Course Groups, Progress Tracking, Course Image, Course is open, and Class Collaborate. The main content area, titled 'Course Content', shows a 'Course How-Toolkit' module with a visibility icon and a description: '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.'

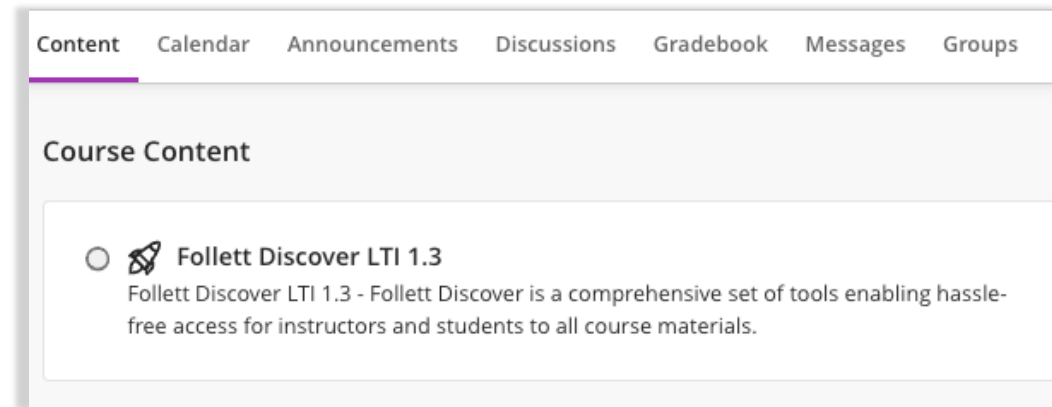
**For information on
exporting your old
Blackboard course
content:
Contact an SR ID!**

SRSU Blackboard Spring 2025 Update:

COMING SOON for Spring Bb Ultra: Follett Discover (Adopt & Access)

Follett Discover is a powerful online tool that transforms the course materials discovery and adoption process for faculty and helps students obtain, organize and instantly access their required and recommended course materials from within your learning management system.

Keep an eye out after Thanksgiving break for an awareness campaign from the Provost's Office covering this new Follett tool!



**We are currently working to integrate
the Follet Discovery tool into SRSU
Blackboard Ultra!**



Instructional Services / Blackboard Support Team
New SRSU Blackboard Features

Rachel Carvajal
SRSU PPOHA Instructional Designer & Team Blackboard



SRSU Division of Online Learning & Distance Education Quality Matters Update

Dr. Jennifer Haan

Director of the Online Learning and Distance Education Division



Instructional Services / Blackboard Support Team
Our Transition to Ultra Course View Going Forward

Tim Parsons
SRSU Instructional Services & SRSU Team Blackboard

QUESTION: How can I start immediately transitioning my Organization courses and/or upcoming for spring/summer/fall 2025 Blackboard courses to the Ultra Course View?

ANSWER: Our Partnership procured the services of a company (K16) who converted copies of SRSU Bb online courses from previous semesters to Ultra W the original instructors re-added.

*Ask an ID to help you find/use a K16 course
OR create a sandbox for you to build out in.*

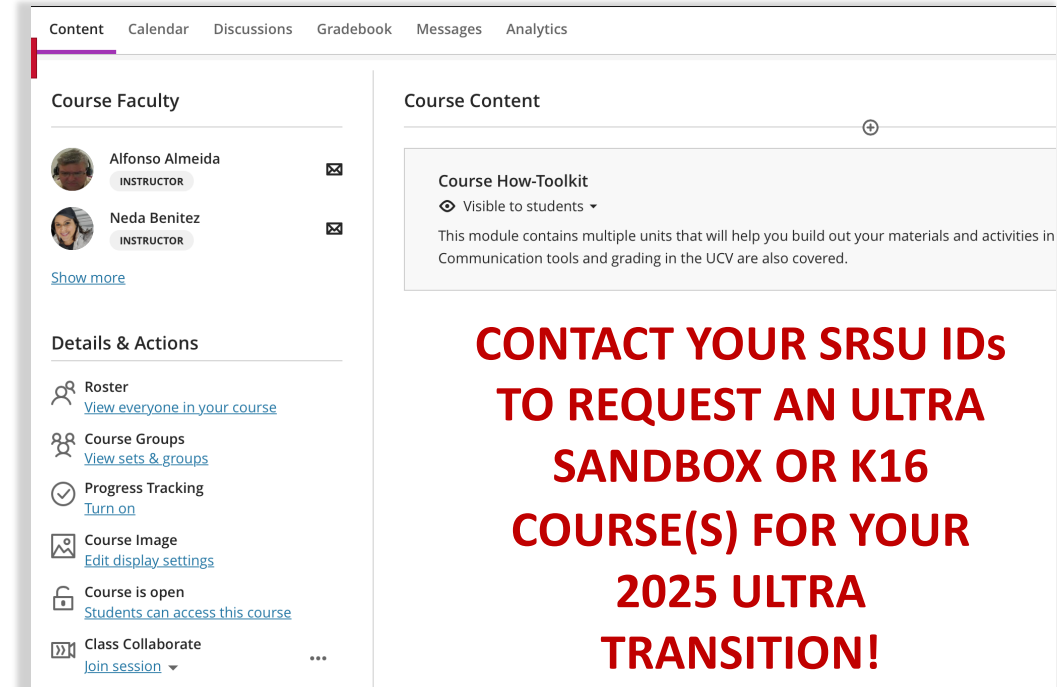
For Org courses, we can transition your OCV Org Site to an Ultra Org site immediately upon request.

Ultra Course/Org Conversion Support:

Rachel Scherer - rachel.scherer@shsu.edu

Tim Parsons - tim.parsons@sulross.edu

Rachel Carvajal (Grad Bb Instructors) - rachel.carvajal@sulross.edu



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

SRSU Ultra Training & Support:

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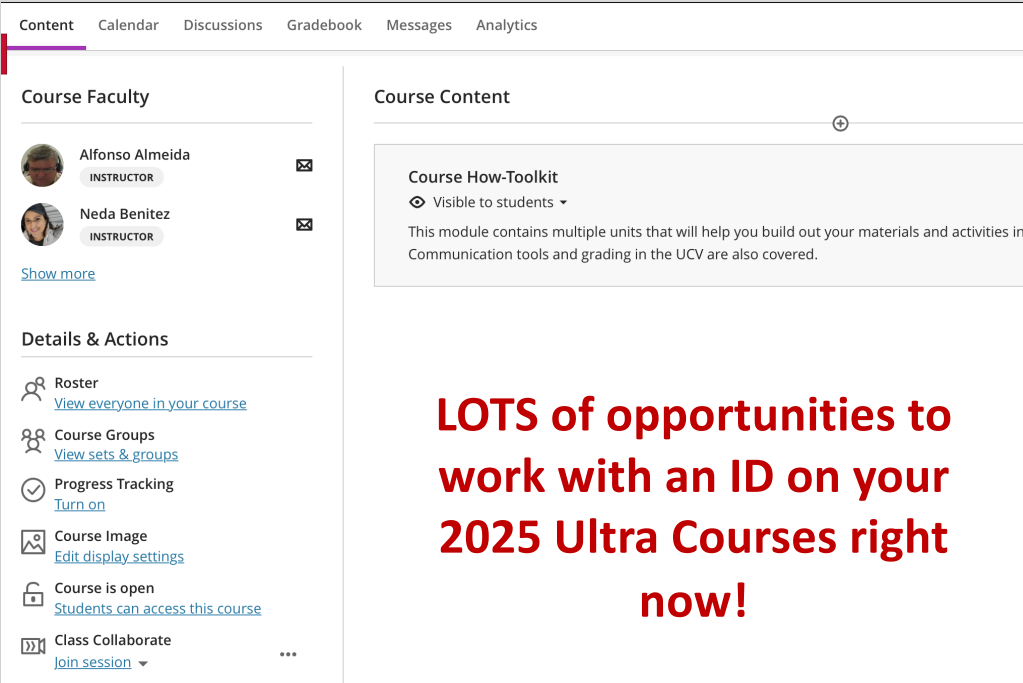
AVAILABLE TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

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
2025 Ultra Courses right
now!**

SRSU Ultra Training & Support:

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

AVAILABLE SOON TO ALL SRSU FACULTY:

Spring 2025 Cohorts Announced in Late Nov/Early Dec!

Spring 25 Ultra Redesign & Certification – Two 5-week Cohorts

- Is fully-online, asynchronous, and will work with your teaching schedule
- A newly redesigned SRSU online course in Blackboard Ultra that you can start using in summer/fall 2025.
- A TSUS-SRSU certification
- **\$500 completion stipend & 25 professional development hours for 2025

Spring 25 Using Generative AI in Teaching & Learning Cohorts

- Two 5-week Cohorts

- Is fully-online, asynchronous, and will work with your teaching schedule
- Explore how AI can enhance instructional methods, foster personalized learning experiences, and contribute to the development of critical thinking skills in students.
- A TSUS-SRSU certification

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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 all ULTRA session recordings from both events!

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The screenshot displays the Blackboard Ultra Organization Site for SRSU. The header features a banner with campus images and the SR logo. The main content is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Organization Faculty", lists Rachel Carvajal and Tim Parsons as Organization Leaders, with a "Show more" link. Below this is a "Details & Actions" section with links for Roster, Progress Tracking, Class Collaborate, and Attendance. The right column, titled "Organization Content", shows folders for "Faculty & Staff Services_" and "Ultra Webinar Recordings". At the bottom right, there is a "Blackboard Ultra Quick Start Resources" section with a "Quick Start Resources" icon.

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THANK YOU!

