Online Classes at City College

Resources and Strategies
Blackboard

On Blackboard you will be able to:

▪ See your courses (syllabi and assignments)
▪ Do discussion boards
▪ See your grades
▪ See announcements from your professors
▪ Meet with your class (Collaborate)

*Remember, you can access Blackboard and other platforms by ccny.cuny.edu and clicking on Login*
Blackboard Home Page

On your homepage you will be able to see:
• Courses you’ve enrolled in (when professor makes it available)
• Link to the online Bookstore (professors will add the books you need for class here)

On the top right corner, there is a dropdown menu next to your name. From here you can go to:
• Announcements from your professors
• Your Grades
• Calendar (shows when assignments are due)
On the course home page, you can see announcements, tasks and alerts specific to the course.

Menu on the left side:
- For things not on this menu, click on Tools (this is where Collaborate is).
Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

• The professor may use the Course room or create a meeting for each session
Blackboard Collaborate Ultra (cont)

- Chat
- Raise hand
- Join by phone
  - Click on settings and “Use your phone for audio”
Zoom

- Similar to Collaborate
- Features
  - Chat
  - Reactions
  - Virtual Background
CUNY Commons

- Commons is a tool that allows professors and students to create websites
  - https://commons.gc.cuny.edu/
  - Register using you CCNY email!
- Used by some professors to create a course website
Strategies for Online Classes

• Communicate with your classmates!
  • There are plenty of apps (Whatsapp, Slack, etc.) you can use to create groups with your classmates
• Communicate with you professors
  • Ask questions
  • Use their office hours
• Tutoring
  • CCNY offers tutoring for various subjects (Math, Chemistry, Biology)
  • Use the Writing Center!

• Manage your time
  • Use a planner or a calendar to keep track of all your assignments and their due dates
    • You can add events to the Blackboard calendar or import it to your own
• Keep a regular sleep schedule