Participating in a Blackboard Collaborate Session

Tips on Participating in a Session

**Preparation**

- Find a comfortable place with no distractions.
- Before your first session watch this [Collaborate Overview Video](#) (00:02:12).
- Plug in your webcam and microphone, if they are not built into your computer. For best results, use headphones with a built-in microphone.
- Visit the Blackboard Collaborate Ultra [help site](#) for participants to learn more about the user experience.

**In Session**

- Be sure to join the session 5 – 10 minutes prior to the start.
- [Setup your audio and video](#) when you first join a session.
- [Call into the session via telephone](#) if your audio is not working well.
- Participate in the session by responding to polls and providing feedback to the moderator.
- Raise your hand by clicking the hand icon when you have a question or a comment.
- Use Chat to send text messages to other participants and the moderator during the session.
- Remember that running other applications on your computer can slow your connection to the session.

**Participate from a Mobile Device**

You can participate in a Blackboard Collaborate Ultra session directly from your mobile device (Apple, Android, or Windows) with the [free Bb Student app](#). Within the app, you are able to fully interact during the session:

- Join live classes or meetings
- Share audio and video
- Interact via text chat
- View content shared by the instructor
- Use whiteboard tools
- Use emoticons, hand raising, polls, breakout rooms

When participating from a mobile device, you will have the best experience over Wi-Fi. Devices running operating systems prior to iOS 8.4 and Android 4.4 can experience rapid battery drain, so it is recommended that you are fully charged or plugged in.