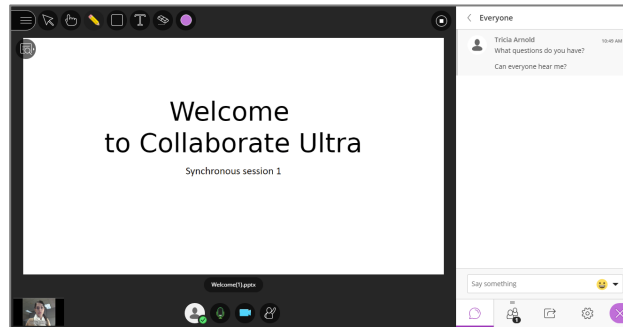


Interact with Students in Blackboard

Synchronous Tools (live)

Blackboard Collaborate Ultra:

Real-time video conferencing tool with file and desktop sharing capabilities.



Asynchronous Tools (not live)

Announcements: Post notices for students on the course home page.

Send Email: Send email messages to individuals or groups of students enrolled in a course.

Discussion Board: Facilitate threaded discussions in which students post and respond to messages in a forum.

Wikis: Collaborative workspace where students can create and modify content together.



Blogs: Students share reflections and ideas intended for the entire class.

Journals: Students share reflections and ideas intended only for the instructor.

VoiceThread: A collaborative tool which facilitates online discussion around multimedia. Students create and share multimedia presentations, and then others can comment on it using audio, video, and text.

Make a tool available to students

On the Course Menu

1. Click the plus symbol  in the top left of the *Course Menu* and select **Tool Link**.
2. Enter a **Name** and click the **Type** drop-down menu  to select a tool like *Blogs*.
3. Check **Available to Users**.
4. Click **Submit**.

In a Content Area

1. In the *Course Menu*, click on the **Content Area** in which you want to add the tool (e.g., *Electronic Reserves*, *Weekly Sessions*, etc.).
2. In the action bar, click **Tools** and choose the tool from the menu.
3. Complete the fields on the page and click **Submit**.

