

Blackboard Learn to Ultra: Blog & Wiki Alternatives

As the university transitions from Learn to Ultra, the blog and wiki assignment features will no longer be available within the LMS. This document provides a brief overview of alternatives for each of these tools should you wish to continue utilizing these assignments within the classroom.

Blog Tool Alternatives

Discussions Feature (<i>Within Blackboard Ultra</i>)	Consider transitioning blog assignments to a weekly discussion board. Individual blog posts will be replaced with discussion threads, and comments with replies/posts.
Journal Feature (<i>Within Blackboard Ultra</i>)	For assignments where the intent of the blog is to be privately viewed between the student and instructor, consider transitioning these assignments to a weekly journal entry.
<u>EduBlogs</u>	Website where instructors can create a blog for their classroom and invite their students to participate. Edublogs includes the following highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blog can be set to public or private• Tools and features specifically for educators• Free account option for educators

Wiki Tool Alternatives

Microsoft Office 365	Instructors can create an editable Word document within their Microsoft Office 365 account and share a link to that document (with editing privileges) to students within the assignments' Blackboard description. Students can also access MS Office 365 through their Montco Connect homepage.
<u>Padlet</u>	Website in which instructors (or students) can create boards with different visual layout styles. Instructors can create a board and invite students to edit or add information to that board. This tool is also great for classroom introductions, timeline projects, micro-blogging, etc.