General Information

Blackboard Learning System (BLS) Vista is a learning management system (LMS) that enables UMMS faculty to create and manage web-based learning, and to post course materials electronically.

General Strengths & Weaknesses

Generally, all UMMS users agree on three major strengths of the LMS: 1) flexibility of access and submission with regard to assignments and exams; 2) one-stop access to all course materials; 3) easy to consistently communicate with an entire class.

Perceived weaknesses are the concern that students use online access as rationale for not attending lectures and laboratories; and registration-based access precludes review and preview for non-current students. Also cited were difficult navigation ("*cumbersome*"); slow and not searchable; "*clunky*"; time-intensive course development; pre- and post-testing not linkable; and functions are not intuitive and or are not comprehensively covered by training.

Types of BLS Vista Features Included in this *e*Portfolio

Assignment Tool
Exam Tool
Discussion Board
Media Library
Group Management
CHAT

LInC Technology Survey

Purpose Statement
Results

Contact UMMS HelpDesk with specific questions about BLS Vista tools
Contact UMassOnline Worcester Support with specific questions about BLS Vista access
Contact Colleen Burnham with general questions about the use of BLS Vista tools.