Campus Pack Blogs

A Blog is a website that is designed to be frequently updated by an individual. Blogs are intended to be a sort of public journal with entries written by an individual, though the entries can be viewed, and sometimes commented upon, by other authorized users, such as fellow classmates. Instructors can view and comment upon all Blogs and Blog entries in their own courses. Entries in a Blog are usually displayed on a single page, stacked vertically, and in reverse-chronological order.

In Ohio University’s Blackboard courses, both “Blogs” and “Campus Pack Blogs” are listed in the menus. These instructions refer to Campus Pack Blogs.

Creating a Blog:

1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Select the course within which you wish to work.
3. In a Content Area, click on the Tools button and select Campus Pack Blog from the drop-down menu.
4. On the Create Blog page, enter the Blog’s title, description, and deployment (Single Copy, One Per Group, or One Per Person), which controls how many Blogs are created, and who has access to each, with this one action.
5. Next, click to check the box for “Create Grade Book Entry” if you wish to grade the Blog(s). If you do select this option, also enter an Entry Name for the resulting column, as well as Points Possible. Finally, click to check the box to display the grade to students.
6. Click Add to submit.

Recycle/Delete Course Blogs:

1. Login to Blackboard 9.1.
2. Select the course within which you wish to work.
3. Navigate to the Blog from which you wish to remove content and click the View link to enter.
4. Click the Settings button, located at the furthest right of the Blog, to expand the menu, then select Recycle.
5. On the Recycle Blog page, select the radio button for the option that covers the content you wish to delete from the Blog.
   a. All Content to fully delete everything contained within the Blog.
   b. Delete Content by Role to choose only content added by certain types of users (e.g. students).
   c. Delete Content by User to choose only content added by a specific user(s).
6. Click the Recycle button to proceed with the deletion, or Cancel to abort the process.