How to Access and Log into Blackboard

There are multiple ways to get to Blackboard. The easiest is to go to an NIU website, like niu.edu. Every NIU webpage has a "Quick Links" dropdown menu at the top of the page, which contains a link to Blackboard along with many other commonly-used resources. Open the Quick Links menu, and then select "Blackboard."

To log into Blackboard, you will use your NIU Account ID. If you are a faculty or teaching staff, you will use your A-ID. If you are a graduate teaching assistant, you actually have two IDs. Because you are a student, you have a Z-ID, but because you are also a TA, you have a staff ID as well, which probably starts with the letter "A." We recommend that you use your A-ID for teaching, to keep your two roles separate, and to avoid confusion for you and your students.

Type in your NIU Account ID and password, and then click the "Login" button. If you need assistance with your Account ID or password, contact the IT Service Desk at 815-753-8100, or ServiceDesk@niu.edu.

It is also possible to log into Blackboard by using the "Blackboard" or "Blackboard Instructor" apps, which are available for most smartphones and tablets. The app is free for NIU faculty, staff, and students. The app does not include all of the features available in Blackboard, because of the limitations of mobile devices, but it is an excellent way to stay up-to-date with your courses on-the-go! Go to niu.edu/blackboard/mobile for more information.