

Understanding CLIPs and Blackboard

	Unique to CLIPs	Features in Both	Unique to Blackboard (Bb)
Grade book and Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (eGradebook) Drop lowest score(s) in various types of assessments Provide feedback to student about assessment Unique numbers can be grouped into families and still retain unique identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Download to & upload from spreadsheet application Upload test info from scantron sheets Submit final grades to registrar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform student of cumulative grade in course at anytime Associated (combined) classes lose unique number identity "Self-assessments" can be left out of grade book calculations Can handle extra credit calculations Can copy single assessment to another course Can accept unlimited assessment attempts w/multi-scoring options Assessment Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quiz/exam/survey creation Upload/download assessment files
Class Material Upload	Not available		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All file formats, Unlimited number of files, No file size limit Students can upload to instructor files being assessed Copy materials to other courses/semesters
Class Rosters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official class rosters with full names regardless of directory info restriction Photo rosters Multiple student record fields can be made viewable Rosters are searchable and downloadable Students opt in to student-viewable roster of names and email addresses 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If student restricts directory information, JDoe# appears on roster Roster fields are name, eid, and email address Complete roster viewable by students in class (names only)
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opens about 1 month before first registration period for semester Restricted to instructors, instructor-authorized assistants, and students 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opens after first registration period for semester Guest (auditor) access possible with guest eid
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses University Group Email System (nonattachment-capable) Instructor's email address is updateable for each class 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attachment-capable Can email whole class, groups, or select users Spell check is available Return receipts are available
Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor's office location, phone number, and email from mainframe Class location map Catalog description of course Final exam information Final grade due date Link to Nat Sci's Absence/Failing Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use CLIPs to associate (combine) Bb classes Can use CLIPs to authorize Bb assistants (TAs) Final grade online submission to registrar's office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor must supply administrative and contact info Early Warning Sys-Poor grades, past due date, last course access
Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study Buddy - Housing and Food-sponsored classmate study groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class material upload (above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chat Searchable, gradable, thread-subscribable discussion board Copy disc. board, course cartridge materials, rules to other courses Student grouping