## Advanced digital initiatives

### GIS and Data Services

GIS and Data Services provides a suite of services. This lab offers workshops for KU students, staff, and faculty, as well as support for instruction. In addition, the Data Services team provides consultation on visualizing data, statistical analysis, and data management.

### Government Information and Scholar Services

Government Information and Scholar Services provides a suite of services to support research and digital scholarship at KU. This includes providing access to government information, as well as consultation on research and data visualization.

### New Scholar Services Program Launched

On July 1, KU Libraries, in partnership with KU IT, will launch the Scholar Services Program to support KU students, faculty, and staff with their research and digital scholarship needs. This new Information Services program will help students, faculty, and staff with their research and digital scholarship needs.

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Blackboard Survival Guide

What’s BH?
Blackboard (Bb) is the software used at KU that allows you to view course materials online, send and receive messages, submit, grade, communicate, participate in online discussions, and lots of other wonderful stuff. You should check it frequently for updates about what your instructor requires you to do. You may also need to become familiar with it right away. This article will introduce you to some of the most popular Bb tools.

Customizing the Look of Bb
To customize the look of the Bb page, make it look more familiar to you! Click Modify Layout at the upper left of the page. This will bring you to the Bb customization page. Click the Customize the Look tab to personalize your Bb site and make it more meaningful to you. Click Modify Layout to change the color scheme and arrangement of modules on the My KU site. This is a great way to arrange your course-related information (My Announcements, My Calendar, etc.).

Getting Help with Bb
If you are new to the course or you don’t navigate buttons on the left side. These may seem very confusing at first, but you will become familiar with them in time. It’s a good idea to click through these options to see what your instructor or TA has posted.

Using Bb to Organize Your Life
Blackboard has a personal calendar you can use to keep track of appointments, due dates for assignments, or important deadlines. In your My KU page, click Add the bottom right of the My KU area to see this feature. To check out your Tasks, where you can create due lists, keep track of your progress, and prioritize the things you need to get done.

Navigating in Bb
Once you’re in a course site, you’ll see a navigation button called Using Blackboard. Here you’ll find lots of helpful state-of-the-art information for using Bb. Note, but all courses will include this button.

Click the Course Tools button to the navigation bar, and you’ll see a detailed list of options.

Click the Help button on the top of the page. This will bring up Bb’s Help section, which is devoted to Blackboard for Students; links to the Bb Help Center; and instructions on the most popular Bb tools.

If you are having problems logging in, call the Help Desk at 864-6880. If you are logged in but having trouble using Blackboard, call an our IT helpdesk number at 864-0410.

First Year Research Essentials
First Year Research Essentials is a series of workshops designed to support college-level academic research from the library in a hands-on, supportive environment. These workshops are designed especially for first-year students. Make the most of this opportunity to grow your research skills for your academic work and for your career beyond KU.

Learning the tools you need to succeed in college – Free!

Tech skills are just like the muscles in your body; you need to work them regularly to build strength and stamina. This Fall, the KU Libraries is offering a series of workshops designed to help you gain the skills you need to perform college-level academic research from the library. These workshops are designed especially for first-year students. Visit www.lib.ku.edu/workshops for more information and registration.

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