

TUTORIAL

BLACKBOARD COURSE AVAILABILITY

Online Courses

Courses that are less than three academic years old reside online (blackboard.pace.edu).

Archived Courses

Courses that are older than three academic years, but less than seven years old, are archived and not visible within blackboard.pace.edu. Archived courses may be retrieved temporarily by contacting ITS. The course ID and length of time (generally restores are limited to one month of access) for which access is desired must be specified. Archived courses will remain on the archive server for three years before being deleted permanently.

Deleted Courses

Courses older than six years will be deleted permanently. Once deleted, it is not possible to restore a course unless the instructor has a local course export/archive file.

Rotational Schedule

As an example, in 2014, at the end of the Fall Semester, courses from the 2014 Fall Semester back to and including the 2012 Spring Semester are online. Courses from the 2011 Fall Semester back to and including the 2009 Spring Semester are archived. Courses from the 2008 Fall Semester and older are deleted permanently. The rotation continues at the end of each semester, adding a new semester's courses online, moving the oldest online semester's courses to the archive server, and deleting the oldest archived semester's courses. See the below table for an example schedule by semester.

Example Schedule of Online, Archived and Deleted Blackboard Courses for Semesters Ending Fall 2014 through Spring 2017

At the End of This Semester	Courses Available Online	Archived Courses	Deleted Courses
Fall 2014	Spring 2012 – Fall 2014	Spring 2009 – Fall 2011	Fall 2008 and older
Spring 2015	Fall 2012 – Spring 2015	Fall 2009 – Spring 2012	Spring 2009 and older
Fall 2015	Spring 2013 – Fall 2015	Spring 2010 – Fall 2012	Fall 2009 and older
Spring 2016	Fall 2013 – Spring 2016	Fall 2010 – Spring 2013	Spring 2010 and older
Fall 2016	Spring 2014 – Fall 2016	Spring 2011 – Fall 2013	Fall 2010 and older
Spring 2017	Fall 2014 – Spring 2017	Fall 2011 – Spring 2014	Spring 2011 and older