

## Making Sure Your Device and Browser Will Work with Blackboard and Logging into Blackboard

**Caution:** If you want to use **your own** laptop or tablet, you **must** do step 1 about the “Computer Requirements.”

1. Use the “Computer Requirements” link before you log in. If you are in WCJC’s Computer Lab, skip this step.
2. Log into Blackboard. You’ll need your Banner ID (@##### twice).
3. Do change your password.

**Tips:** If your browser is not listed in the lower right hand corner, then you need to try another one. In 2016 Fall, the recommendation is not Firefox, but Chrome.

The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the Blackboard Learn login page for Wharton County Junior College. The page has a red header with the college logo and name. Below the header, there are three main sections: Blackboard Login, Student Help Desk, and Additional Information. The Blackboard Login section includes a login form with fields for Username and Password, and a Login button. The Student Help Desk section provides contact information and links to resources. The Additional Information section includes links for faculty and downloadable resources. Several red and blue callout boxes with arrows point to specific elements on the page, providing tips and instructions.

**Save this URL in case the WCJC site is down (rare) and Blackboard is still up.**

**Tip: An 8-week course is hard. Be sure you match online learning. If you have never taken an online class, consider this useful self-test.**

**Read this and this.**

**Tip: If you are on a public computer, logout when you are done. Blackboard stays open.**

**Use the "Computer Requirements" link before you login. Having a new device or that your device worked last term won't protect you. Your device and your current browser must match Blackboard. Students are not seeing links, not see all quiz questions, and so on. Check first!**

**If you need to download a browser, use these links. In general, Firefox seems safest.**

**Additional Information:**  
[Distance Education Department Is Online Learning Right for You?](#)  
[WCJC B&N Bookstore](#)  
[DE Student Handbook](#)

**For Faculty**

**Downloadable Resources**  
[Download Firefox](#)  
[Download Chrome](#)  
[Download LockDown Browser](#)  
[LockDown Browser User Guide](#)

**Announcements:**

## Taking the Blackboard Acknowledgement Quiz

When you come in the course, you will see the Blackboard Acknowledgement Quiz. Click on it.

It will then show you a folder called Getting Started and you will find:

- a) Turnitin Assignment to submit your Course Plan.  
Do not forget that you also must give me a print of that plan to get credit.
- b) The Measuring Yourself link on evidence.  
Use the tutorial being sure to do each of the 5 questions.  
Also write on a piece of notebook paper which habit(s) you need to work on.  
Also bring that paper to me on or before the computer lab.

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