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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. In WCJC's Computer Lab, skip this step: Use the "Computer Requirements" link before you log in.
2. Log into Blackboard. You'll need your Banner ID (@##### twice).
3. Do change your password.

Tip: If your browser is not listed in the lower right hand corner, then you need to try another one.

The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the Blackboard login page for Wharton County Junior College. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://wcjc.blackboard.com/>. The page features the college's logo and a navigation menu with options like 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favorites', and 'Tools'. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Blackboard Login', 'Student Help Desk', and 'Additional Information'. The 'Blackboard Login' section includes a 'Login Help' link, instructions on default usernames and password changes, and input fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:'. The 'Student Help Desk' section provides contact information for IT support, including a phone number and hours, and lists resources like 'Computer Requirements', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Blackboard How-To Videos'. The 'Additional Information' section contains links for 'Distance Education Department', 'WCJC B&N Bookstore', and 'DE Student Handbook', along with a 'For Faculty' section and 'Downloadable Resources' for Firefox, Chrome, and LockDown Browser. Several red and blue callout boxes with arrows point to specific elements on the page, providing additional instructions and tips.

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.

Downloadable Resources

- [Download Firefox](#)
- [Download Chrome](#)
- [Download LockDown Browser](#)
- [LockDown Browser User Guide](#)

Announcements:

What You May Need on this Screen and How to Enter Your Blackboard Course and Stay on the “Path”

The **green** and **yellow** arrows identify 2 things you may need.

The **blue** box identifies the Course List, the only way to enter your course in Blackboard and stay on the “path.”

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for Wharton County Junior College. The top navigation bar includes 'My Institution', 'Courses', 'Community', and 'Services'. The user is logged in as 'Connie Bibus 329'. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Tools' (with links like Announcements, Calendar, Tasks, My Grades, Send Email, Personal Information, Goals, Browse NBC Learn, NBC Learn Playlist, Course Materials, and Course Materials Hub), 'My Announcements' (showing no announcements in the last 7 days), 'My Courses', and 'Course List' (showing courses where you are a student). Three callouts are present: a green box pointing to the 'My Announcements' section with text: 'Generally, announcements are done at the beginning of the class. You will see announcements here for such things as how to determine your current letter grade at the end of a Unit.'; a yellow box pointing to the 'Send Email' link in the 'Tools' section with text: 'You may use this email because it goes to my WCJC email address. You will, however, need to modify the subject line so I can recognize what you need.'; and a blue box pointing to the 'Course List' section with text: 'This is a “pathway” course and it is set up to help you if you follow the “path.” For success in this “pathway” course, come in this way only: 1. Look for your History course in the Course List. 2. Click on it. Blackboard automatically displays the Learning Units & All Assignments page on the right.'

What You See Next

On the Learning Units & All Assignments, on the right side of the screen, you see labels for all of the parts of the course listed in your Course Schedule.

What You Do and See – Once you have the password to the quiz.

1. Take the Blackboard Acknowledgement Quiz on the Learning Units & All Assignments page. Blackboard displays the Getting Started Section and Unit 1.
2. Your professor briefly tells you about two of the 3 things in Getting Started. The 3rd thing (Good Habits for Evidence form) I will introduce in the next class meeting. I will also cover how each Unit and each Chapter is organized.

What You Watch As a Demonstration and Then Do

1. Your professor shows you the instructions for Registration of InQuizitive and where you go after you do that and leaves the instructions visible.
2. Leaving the instructions visible, a student volunteer stays in Blackboard and follows those steps as a demonstration.
3. Once registered, the student immediately clicks **in Blackboard in this order**:
 - On Unit 1
 - Chapter 1
 - Chapter 1 InQuizitive
4. To complete the process, the student answers questions in Chapter 1 InQuizitive.
Caution: If you are successful, the InQuizitive points will be visible in the Chapter 1 InQuizitive grade

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