

BLACKBOARD MAINTENANCE

JANUARY 4, 2017 - JANUARY 7, 2017

The San Jacinto College Blackboard system will be unavailable during the period of January 4, 2017 at 5:00 pm through January 7, 2017 at 11:59 pm for system maintenance. During this maintenance window the following actions will be taken:

01

Upgrade Blackboard operating system. This upgrade will affect back end processes and will not change existing Blackboard functionality for users.

02

Enable the new Blackboard VoiceThread features for users. Information and training will be available to faculty during College Community Week.

03

Provide users access to the new Feedback Studio provided by Turnitin. Information and training will be available to faculty during College Community Week.

04

Remove all course sites prior to 201620 with the exception of those marked to retain for accreditation purposes. Faculty will continue to have access to all courses in Blackboard for the prior 12 month period.

Faculty should take time to archive copies for each of your courses. This process will create a permanent record of the course, including all content and user interactions. Archived copies of courses should be kept in a secure file location. You may find this [End of Semester Checklist](#) handy for details on archiving your course(s).

Be sure to watch the following locations for future updates and information on the Blackboard upgrade plan and training opportunities.

- San Jac Email
- San Jac EdTech Connect Newsletter
- San Jac EdTech blog <http://www.sanjac.edu/edtech>
- San Jac EdTech Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SanJacEdTech>

DISTANCE LEARNING CERTIFICATION

All faculty assigned to teach a Distance Learning course must complete ACAdemic Learning prior to their assigned semester. Dates are now available through Summer 2017. Registration is available through the [Cornerstone System](#).

SPRING 2017

Section 1: January 30 - March 10, 2017
Section 2: February 20 - April 7, 2017
Section 3: March 27 - May 5, 2017

SUMMER 2017

Section 1: May 22 - June 30, 2017
Section 2: June 12 - July 21, 2017
Section 3: June 26 - August 4, 2017