Get the latest updates on educational technology, including Brightspace, TopHat and more.

Set up your [Brightspace Community](#) account. This is a great resource for troubleshooting and design tips.

You can schedule Zoom sessions for you students directly through the Brightspace interface? Zoom is integrated with Brightspace, so the meeting link will post directly to the Brightspace course calendar when schedules via Brightspace. Questions? Please reach out to [OEI](#) if you are interested in learning more about this platform.

The Office of Educational Improvement has been busy working to set up a Virtual Reality Hardware and VR use in medical education.

Our efforts are focused on the [Acadicus Platform](#) for medical education. This platform allows an instructor to create a sense for communication or critical thinking practice. Instructors can also create recording to discuss procedures and processes. There is a library of created VR scenes that can be used for training.

Please reach out to [OEI](#) if you are interested in learning more about this platform.

- Video: [How to get your course shell ready](#)
- Video: [December 2021 Release notes](#)
- Video series [Gradebook set up and management](#)
- Video: [Evaluate and Assess with Rubrics](#)

strongly recommends that all users access Brightspace Learning Environment with the latest version of a supported browser.

To improve the functionality of the Audio/Video player in Brightspace Learning Environment, multi-bitrate streaming, and search functionality are now available.

Multi-bitrate streaming allows high-definition videos to be played at standard definition to reduce the bandwidth necessary for users to watch videos.

The new search functionality allows users to locate key words in video captions and quickly navigate to those sections.

Released in Brightspace Platform March 2021/20.21.3 Release Notes, this release updates the date and time picker in Brightspace Learning Environment to include the following usability changes:

The button is renamed to Today. The Today button continues to set the date and the time based on the context. For example, choosing Today for an End Date sets the current date and sets the time to 11:59 PM.

Added a Now button that sets the current date and time. The Today and Now buttons only appear when a date and time are required. When only a date is required, only the Today button appears and functions the same as the Now button.

The Today, Now, and Clear buttons are center aligned in the date and time picker.

This release adds a link to the Content Reports page for courses using the new Content experience (Lessons). To access, open the settings menu by clicking the gear symbol next to +New Unit, and click View Reports.

Please reach out to OEI if you are interested in learning more about class polling, review and homework setup, and other features of the Tophat system.