Quick Guide - MyAberdeen: Ultra Base Navigation (for students)

Ultra Base Navigation

Under each side menu, there is a “Help for current page” icon (question mark symbol) at the bottom right corner. This will take you to helpful guides on how to get the best out of the Ultra Experience.

Key Resources

The first thing in the Base Navigation is the Key Resources tab, which is the go-to page for your academic community. Here you can find some videos and useful links to resources such as absence reporting, Primo, IT help, Student email and other relevant content related to our institution. You can also find a link to a feedback form where you can provide us with feedback on MyAberdeen.

More on Key Resources (please note it is referred to as Institution Page in the Blackboard Help pages).

Your profile

By clicking your name, you can access your profile where you can view and edit your details. By selecting Global Notification Settings, you can edit your stream, email and push notifications – this can also be done via the Activity Stream (see below). An automatic digest of all the notifications will be emailed to you at 6.30am. If you wish, you can also upload a profile picture from here.

More on Profile.

Activity Stream

In your activity stream, you can scroll through your educational news feed, which includes reminders about new content, assignments due and recent grades and feedback. By clicking an item, you can jump directly into course actions. These items are also divided by priority and urgency. By clicking on the cog icon on the top-right-hand side of your screen you can edit your stream, email and push notifications. This will determine what you see in your Activity Stream, what notification you will receive by email and what notifications you see if you use the Blackboard Mobile app.

More on Activity Stream.

Courses

On the Courses page, you can access all your courses. They are divided into your current, upcoming and past courses, which makes it easier for you to access the most relevant courses faster.

In 2019, five schools (Psychology, Law, Education, Business and LLMVC) switched to a new fully-responsive look in the course environment so all or part of your courses may use the Ultra Course View. These will display a coloured accent bar in your course list.

Once you click on a course, you will be taken into the course area, where you can access materials, lecture recordings, and assessments.

More on Courses.

There is also new functionality when downloading documents. Thanks to Ally, provided your tutor hasn’t disabled Alternative formats for copyright reasons, you can download your files in five alternative formats, such as audio, ePub and Electronic Braille. When downloading the Alternative formats, you must agree to
the terms of use which includes the fact that the files are for personal use only and must not be re-posted on the web or re-distributed to others.

More on Ally.

Organisations

There are different types of organisations from academic to special interests. Organisations work like courses; for example, they have content, discussions, and messages. One of the organisations is Achieve (or Achieve+), which offers resources to develop your Graduate Attributes.

More on Organisations.

Calendar

In your calendar, you can see your upcoming due dates (depending on your course instructor). You can also add your own events by clicking the top right corner (+).

More on Calendar.

Messages

Messages is a new function where you and your instructors can send messages to each other or other students within your courses. Messages activity remains inside the system, which means you do not get an email about them unless you set up the notifications to do so or the “send email” option is ticked when writing the message.

More on Messages.

Grades

In the Grades page, you will be able to view your grades and possible feedback once your lecturer has uploaded them.

More on Grades.

Tools

In Tools, you have access to the Content Collection, where you can store, share and publish digital content, and Portfolios, which allow you to showcase your skills by creating a collection of artefacts.

More on Tools.

Further Resources

- Toolkit resource on MyAberdeen
- Quick Guide: Ultra Course View
- Quick Guide: Alternative formats on MyAberdeen
- Quick Guides: Top tips for MyAberdeen