

Ottawa University



+4,000 Students



Multiple Campuses

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Scaffold Migration

Ottawa University Seamlessly Migrates Courses from Blackboard Classic to Blackboard Ultra Using Scaffold Migration

OVERVIEW

With a network of campuses located throughout the U.S., Ottawa University is headquartered in Ottawa, Kansas. Comprised of over 4,000 students, Ottawa University provides both undergraduate and graduate-level curriculum in both an in-person and online format.

Historically, Ottawa has long depended on Blackboard as its learning management system (LMS). In order to stay up to date with Blackboard's functionalities, Ottawa faced a platform upgrade to Blackboard Ultra.

CHALLENGE

Rather than simply updating its current software and processes, Blackboard Ultra required a complete course migration.



Full Course Migration



Outdated Content



Programmatic Modernization

Like many educational institutions, Ottawa was impacted by the global pandemic early in its engagement with K16 Solutions—adding another level of difficulty and shifting of priorities to support its online learning environment.



SOLUTION

Though the global pandemic interrupted the initial timeline, K16 Solutions and Ottawa were able to collaborate on an internal timeline that allowed the school to support its students and faculty while facilitating a background migration.

Objectives & Expectations

Working alongside an internal team, Ottawa and K16 Solutions engaged in an iterative, consistent collaboration process to determine the best course of action.

Successful & Accurate Course Migration

Before the migration, Ottawa had an existing library of courses that relied on an accurate migration, avoiding the need to rebuild and redesign course content.

Slow Migration to Welcome Updated User Experience

Rather than migrating all courses at once, Ottawa and K16 Solutions took a steady approach to update courses—introducing a new user experience through a measured approach.



RESULTS

Prioritizing the student and faculty experience in a new, modern platform, Ottawa and K16 Solutions have successfully migrated courses to the new LMS with ready-to-teach accuracy. From tests and quizzes to assignments and more, Scaffold Migration continues to migrate courses and modules completely intact.

As they migrate more courses, K16 Solutions is able to collaborate with Ottawa to QA course content and accessibility to ensure successful data transfer.

ONGOING SUPPORT

As part of an ongoing migration process, K16 Solutions and Ottawa continue to steadily migrate courses according to institutional specifications. With continued success throughout its migration, K16 Solutions has been able to ensure both improved user experience and programmatic modernization.

- ✓ Steady, campus-wide introduction of new LMS experience
- ✓ Iterative QA process that allows for a ready-to-teach course content after migration
- ✓ Modernized LMS environment to support an online and mobile user experience
- ✓ 1:1 migration process to keep course content and modules set-up intact throughout data transfer