

## ACADEMIC CONTINUITY TEAM

Dear Faculty,

ACT hopes you are continuing to grow in your knowledge and skills around remote teaching! Are you interested in how to use some of those Blackboard features, like the Gradebook? Are you concerned that some of your students may be struggling academically? Please read on for more on ACT training and resources, for visit the ACT [website](#).

Thank you for your continued hard work in this unprecedented time!

### Workshops

ACT is offering several workshops next week on technology and student support:

- **Blackboard Ultra: Course Gradebook Webinar**--Learn the ins and outs of this important blackboard feature in Ultra, including setting up and managing grades. Monday, April 13th, 10:30A-11:30A. [RSVP here](#).
- **Blackboard Original: Course Gradebook Webinar**--Learn the ins and outs of this important blackboard feature in Original, including setting up and managing grades. Wednesday, April 15th, 1:30P-2:30P. [RSVP here](#). *Not sure if you have a Blackboard Original or Ultra course? Click [here](#) for a guide.*

**Academic Student Support for Remote Learning**--We know that some of your students may be struggling academically right now, and that you want to help them. Becky Varian, Center for Student Progress Director, will present ways we can support students, and what resources are available to help. Thursday, April 16th, 4P-5P. [RSVP here](#)

### Resources and Tips

- **Blackboard Ultra Gradbook training videos**--can't make the Ultra gradebook training? Just need a quick run through? Check out these short videos! (Bb Original version coming soon)
  - [Bb Ultra Gradebook: Navigation](#)
  - [Bb Ultra Gradebook: Setting up Total Points Grading](#)
  - [Bb Ultra Gradebook: Weighted Percentages](#)
- **Maag Library expanded resources:** There has been a HUGE increase in the content available through publishers during this time. Visit the [Expanded Vendor Content](#) tab on the [Maag Library Guide to Online Services](#) to see details. Useful for both faculty and student research.
- **Microsoft Office Suite available for students!** Did you know that students (and employees) can download all the latest MS Office programs, for free? Click [here](#) for a short how-to video and guide to share with your students.
- **Faculty-made how-to videos:** YSU faculty have been busy creating and sharing videos on technology tools that worked for them! See the videos [here](#), and we hope they serve as a springboard to learning more about what resources YSU has that can help you in your teaching.

- A good read: [\*What I Am Learning About My Students During an Impossible Semester\*](#), by Jim Lang, from ChronicleVitae

**Coming Soon:** Workshops and resources the coming weeks will include topics to help you finish out your semester, such as *assessing speeches online* and *reflecting on your remote class*. We will also begin holding sessions to help you prepare for summer session online courses, with *technology courses*, *course design best practices*, and *open consult times*.

**Tell us what you need!** Please click the [survey button](#) to tell ACT what kind of workshops, resources, or support we can provide.

## ACT Use

This past week, ACT had 325+ website page views and 110+ consults! Please visit our [website](#) for more information on our workshops, resources, or to connect with ACT staff.

Thank you!

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