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Stay Connected with UIC While on the Go!

Wondering when the bus is coming, or looking for somewhere to eat on campus? Find out with a quick click when you download the UIC Mobile app, which is free for Apple and Android devices, at uicmobile.uic.edu.

The app, which launched in time for the fall 2014 semester, lets students, faculty, staff, alumni, and prospective students stay connected with UIC while on the go.

Version 1.0 of the app features:

- Searchable campus map
- Real-time UIC bus tracking
- Campus directory
- Emergency information
- Schedules and grades
- Events calendar
- Library catalog information
- Athletics news and schedules
- Dining options
- UIC Facebook and Twitter feeds
- Campus photos
- UIC YouTube videos

Stay tuned - a group of students, staff and faculty will continue to meet throughout the year to discuss new or enhanced features for version 2.0 of the app. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let us know at uicmobile.uic.edu.

Maps	Bus Tracker	Directory	Emergency Info
Courses	Schedule & Grades	Calendar	Libraries
News	Athletics	Dining	Links
Social	Photos	Video	Bookstore

Get Equipped to Succeed!

Did you know that ACCC loans equipment to students, staff, and faculty for free? We have a wide-range of tools to help you complete your next project including laptops, iPads, audio recorders, headsets, digital cameras, camcorders, and much more. For more information on reserving equipment, please visit: accc.uic.edu/service/equipment-lending.

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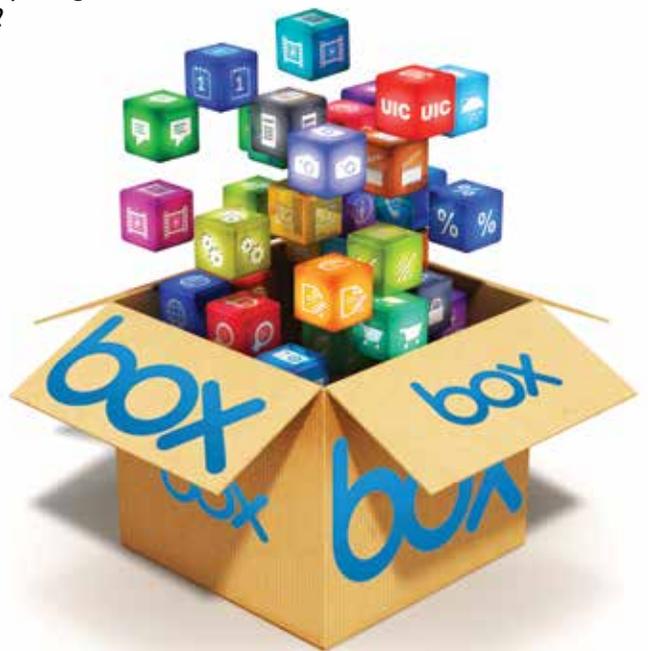# Collaborate Using your Free UIC Box Account

More than 36,000 University of Illinois students, faculty, and staff are already using Box to collaborate with anyone, anywhere, anytime. Are you one of them?

Use Box to:

- Store projects online, then access them from any device - laptop, tablet or smartphone.
- Send files, pictures, or videos by emailing a link to your colleagues, even those outside of the university.
- Eliminate email clutter and save space on your hard drive.
- Quickly create shared workspaces and password-protect shared links.
- Receive instant notifications on revisions, comments and updates.

Best of all, Box is free for everyone at UIC and you get 50GB of storage. Sign up today at uofi.box.com.

Looking for more information? Check out Box Help (support.box.com) for videos, tips and tricks or email us at consult@uic.edu.

New Feature Preview for Blackboard Learn Upgrade

In the past year, the use of Blackboard at UIC has soared with over 26,000 students enrolled in 2,000 classes, taught by 1,500 instructors. We expect to see the increase in Blackboard use continue to rise with some of the exciting new features that will be part of the annual Blackboard Learn upgrade to be performed on Friday, December 19th, 2014.

Here's a preview of the top four features that will be available in the new release that are aimed at improving classroom efficiency:

- **New Student Preview**
  Currently, instructors are able to view their class in Student Preview, but this feature will be greatly improved to maximize lesson planning. This is probably the most anticipated feature as it provides the capability for an instructor to see a class exactly how a student would see it. While in student preview mode, the teacher can interact with the class as if he/she were a student.
- **Anonymous/Delegated Grading**
  Grading will be easier than ever for instructors with large courses (100+ students). When creating assignments, instructors can choose to enable Anonymous Grading, which will hide student names when viewing and grading submissions, or Delegated Grading, which will automate the grading process for the instructor and TAs. This will allow instructors to improve reliability and remove any bias in grading.
- **New Authoring Canvas for Portfolios**
  This new release will offer the ability for students to convert course assignments into assignment artifacts that are available beyond the student's access to the course. The new function also offers the ability for instructors to formally require a portfolio as a submission to a course assignment.
- **Deeper SafeAssign Integration**
  SafeAssign will more seamlessly integrate with Blackboard Learn assignments, which means separate SafeAssignments no longer have to be created. This updated feature will also include an updated originality report and the ability to handle multiple attempts and drafts.

If you haven't utilized the many features of Blackboard like uploading assignments, posting lectures, or streamlining your grading process, you're not too late! The Instructional Technology Lab will be holding faculty workshops on how to use Blackboard tools. For more information, see accc.uic.edu/service/itl or email blackboard@uic.edu with any questions.

UIC IT Security Program Rollout

The UIC IT Security Program that was approved earlier this year by the IT Governance Council (ITGC), the Provost, and the Chancellors and Vice Chancellors Committee, will soon be rolling out across campus. This comprehensive program, developed by a subcommittee of the ITGC Infrastructure and Security Committee, includes security policy, standards, and guidelines that address data security issues in all campus units.

The program is multi-faceted and addresses data security issues such as data classification, access control, disaster planning, security awareness, as well as system and network security.

The subcommittee is in the process of contacting the college deans to request the designation of their Unit Information Security Officer (UISO) who will be responsible for managing the program within their Unit.

Once the UISOs are assigned, the three-year rollout timeline will begin. The program will be managed jointly by the UIC IT Security Program Committee and the UIC Chief Information Security and Privacy Officer, Ed Zawacki. The program, along with all of its associated documentation, can be viewed at:
security.publish.uic.edu/it-security-program

New ITGC Leadership

Welcome to the new IT Governance Council (ITGC) co-chair, Michael A. Pagano, Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. His two-year term started in August 2014. He'll be joining Terri Weaver, Dean of the College of Nursing, who started in 2011 and has provided guidance on the IT strategic plan and other ITGC initiatives. Together, they will work with the ITGC committees to increase change and collaboration in IT at UIC. For more information on IT Governance at UIC, please visit itgc.uic.edu.

Single Email System Provides Better Service

In an effort to improve email service, collaboration and scheduling at UIC, we are converting to a single email system.

In the coming months, we will begin converting all faculty and staff to a single email system using Microsoft Exchange email in the cloud, known as Office 365. Faculty and staff that are already using Exchange will not need to make any changes. For those of you receiving email through UIC Webmail or other mail systems at UIC, we will help you convert to Exchange.

For students, the single email system will continue to be UIC Gmail. However, we are requiring all students to retrieve their "@uic.edu" email via UIC Gmail. This change will provide a better, more reliable service and will help us guarantee that email is delivered. We started the process of helping students convert to UIC Gmail in September and expect to finish the transition later this fall.

Just like with the students, converting faculty and staff to a single email system will allow us to provide better service, better support, and the ability to guarantee the delivery of outgoing messages. If you have any questions about these upcoming improvements, please contact us at consult@uic.edu.