

Blackboard Learn™9.1

Using Themes in a Course Shell

Blackboard Learn™ 9.1 provides a variety of themes to add style and visual interest to a course shell. Using themes also provides a consistent look, feel and professional appearance.

Color creates an emotional response in your students. You can use colors and associated emotional responses to help you make a theme selection that is compatible with your course topic.

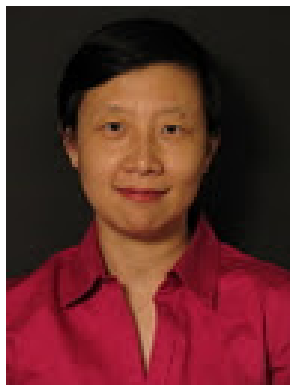
Learning Objectives

In this lesson, you will learn how to do the following:

1. Choose a theme for a course shell.
2. Identify colors and associated emotional interpretations.

Helpful Tips

- ✓ Applying themes does not change the structure of a course.
- ✓ Selected themes will be visible to all students in your course.



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“Using Blackboard Learn™ Themes represents the power of creativity that we have in the class. It gets the students’ attention.”

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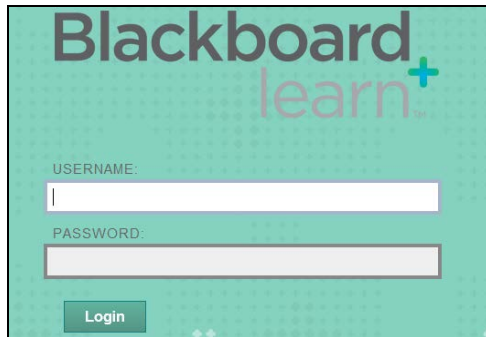
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Instructional Steps

To add a theme to your course shell, follow the steps below.

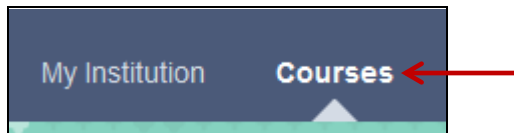
Step 1

Login to Blackboard Learn™ 9.1.



Step 2


From the right side of the header bar, navigate to the course that you would like to apply a theme.



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Step 3

On the right side of the header bar, next to the Edit Mode toggle, select the  icon.



Be sure that edit mode is **ON**.

Step 4

To view themes, scroll through the list. Click the theme that you want to apply.



You can apply various themes to view their effect upon your course. You do not have to save the theme. The theme chosen will be applied to your course.

Did you know?

Blackboard Learn™ 9.1 offers more than 50 theme choices.

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Identifying Colors and Interpreting Emotional Responses

Color can be used to set the tone for your online course presence. As the color wheel demonstrates, colors can invoke emotional responses from your students. This information can be valuable to you as you choose colors and themes for your course shell.



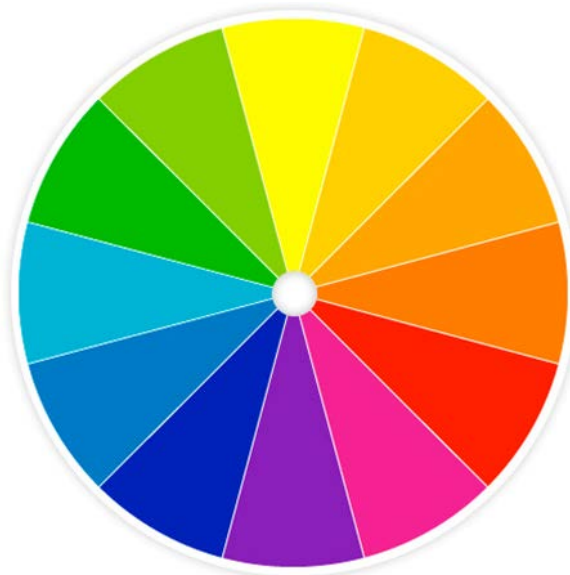
Be aware of color symbolism in cultures other than your own. Visit this site to learn more: <http://www.empower-yourself-with-color-psychology.com/cultural-color.html>.

Green

Communication
Social
Nature
Harmony
Balance

Blue

Honesty
Dependability
Calmness
Strength
Kindness



Yellow

Creativity
Fun
Logic
Intellect
Balance

Orange

Productivity
Creativity
Optimism
Enthusiasm
Friendly

Violet

Imagination
Artistic
Happiness
Meditation
Intuition

Red

Passion
Excitement
Energy
Stability
Vitality



Watch a step-by-step instructional demonstration of this lesson at: <http://www.uca.edu/idc>.