Cullen College of Engineering

Information Systems and Services & Instructional Technologies

UNIVERSITY of **HOUSTON**

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Blackboard Learn Course Management System

All Engineering courses and organizations using a course management system will be found on **Blackboard Learn**.

Blackboard Learn - three login options:

Login: accessUH.uh.edu (single-point authentication for several UH online services)

uh.edu/blackboard (includes Student Help links)

elearning.uh.edu (direct access to Blackboard Learn)

Bb Learn Username: same as your CougarNet ID

Bb Learn Password: same as your CougarNet Password

Need Assistance with BbLearn? Contact UIT Support Center at 713-743-1411, support@uh.edu, or Live Chat at uh.edu/infotech/livechat

Have a class at the Energy Research Park?

COUGAR LINE – the new UH campus shuttle service is a quick and easy means of transportation between the Energy Research Park (ERP) and the main campus, and it is free to all members of the UH community.

The ERP Loop stops in the front of the University Center, in the ERP parking lot, and at the Eastwood Transit Center. There is also an ERP Express shuttle that runs directly between the ERP and the University Center. To see all of the Cougar Line routes, go to uh.edu/pts/cougarline.htm.

Riders can check shuttle arrival times by using *COUGAR TRAX* – a real-time GPS tracking system designed to show you when the next UH shuttle will be at a specific shuttle stop. Cougar Trax can be accessed on either your desktop at uh.edu/cougartraxpublic, or on your mobile phone at uh.edu/cougartraxmobile

Access UH

AccessUH allows you to use your CougarNet ID or PeopleSoft ID to access many online services without logging into each one separately, including *my*UH (PeopleSoft), PASS, and Blackboard Learn. Access to services is based on your role with the university.

AccessUH Login: accessUH.uh.edu

Username: same as your **CougarNet or PeopleSoft UserID**

Password: same as your **CougarNet or PeopleSoft Password**

Don't know your Usernames or Passwords? Go to accessUH.uh.edu **or** uh.edu/password

Free Printing On Campus

There are 3 locations on campus where Engineering students can print for free!

- ECC & EERC labs give you the equivalent of a total of 1,000 single-sided b&w copies per semester.
- Technology Commons *(Room 56, M.D. Anderson Library)* offers approx. 500 free b&w copies per semester.
- M.D. Anderson Library offers the equivalent of approx. 500 single-sided b&w copies per semester.

Color printing is available at all 3 locations for 10¢ -20¢/page.

You need a valid Cougar Card to access the print system at each location.

Software Application Training

The university offers over 2,800 self-paced online courses through SkillPort eLearning. Check out uh.skillport.com for more information.

Engineering Computer Labs

ECC Hours of Operation
(W129 Engineering Building 2)
Mon-Thu: 8:00AM - 11:00PM
Fri: 8:00AM -10:00PM
Sat-Sun: 12PM-7PM

ECC Front Desk
713-743-4241

ECC Website
http://ecc.egr.uh.edu

Labor Day
(September 1)
ECC & EERC labs closed

Thanksgiving Holiday
(November 26-29)
Reduced Lab Hours
(schedule will be posted in labs)

Last Day Fall Semester
(December 18)
Official Closing-Fall Semester

EERC Hours of Operation*
(*Building 594*)
Mon-Thu: 10:00AM - 5:30PM
Fri: 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Sat-Sun: Closed

*The EERC schedule varies due to classes taught in the lab. A copy of the schedule is available at the ECC Front Desk and on EERC door.

EERC Front Desk:
713-743-0673

EERC Website:
http://eerc.egr.uh.edu

New Student? Plan to attend *UH Engineering Computing Essentials*

The *UH Engineering Computing Essentials Orientation* is offered for free to any Engineering student on Wed, Sep 3, from 11AM-12PM, and Thurs, Sep 4, from 2PM-3PM in the ECC (Engineering Building 2, Room W129). Please note that this orientation is scheduled each semester during regular class time for students enrolled in BIOE/CHEE/CIVE/INDE 1331. Topics covered in this "hands-on" orientation include:

- Introduction to the Engineering Complex
- Computing Resources Available to Engineering Students
    - Computer Labs
    - Free Printing on Campus
- User Accounts
    - CougarNet
    - Email
    - UNIX (Email & Personal Web page)
- Network Applications
- User Profile and Data Storage
- Network Security – Free Anti-virus Software
- Blackboard Learn
- Wireless and Remote Network Access
- Software Training Opportunities
- Discount Software Purchasing
- Engineering Events

Linux/UNIX Workshops - Introductory & Intermediate Levels

The *Introduction to Linux Workshop* is offered for free to any Engineering student on Wed, Sep 3, from 2PM-4PM, and Thurs, Sep 4, from 10AM-12PM. An *Intermediate Linux Workshop* is offered on Fri, Sep 5, from 10AM-12PM. All workshops are "hands-on" and scheduled in the ECC (Engineering Building 2, Room W129). Topics covered:

Introduction to Linux Workshop	Intermediate Linux Workshop
• Linux/UNIX Systems Overview	• Input, Output & Pipes
• Interoperability with Windows	• Compiling UNIX Software Packages
• Linux/UNIX Accounts-Email & Personal Web Page	• Symbolic & Hard Links
• File Systems, Permissions	• Setting Environment Variables
• System Commands and Applications	• File Transfers & Processes

Email Alias: How to Update Your Destination Email Account

Your email alias is a pointer that directs email messages to your preferred "destination" email account. UH uses the email alias to send important information such as emergency closings. Colleges and departments also send official and time-sensitive information to students via the email alias. Make sure the email account you have designated as your destination email account is valid and one you check often. Also note that the Engineering Dean's Office requires the use of your alias on all correspondence. To change your destination email account, follow the steps listed below.

Login to AccessUH
myUH, Blackboard, and more

STEP 1: Login to accessUH.uh.edu.
STEP 2: Once logged in, select *my*UH/UH Self-Service.
STEP 3: Select Campus Personal Information; then click on Email Addresses.
STEP 4: Follow instructions to update your "Destination" email address. You must have at least one address designated "Destination" (under Email Type) to receive UH email.
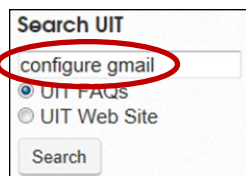STEP 5: Click "SAVE". Your UH email alias is now set up to forward emails to this address. Click "Sign Out".

How to Configure your Gmail/Yahoo/Hotmail account so the "Send From" address is your UH alias.

UIT has provided instructions on how to configure your Gmail, Yahoo, or Hotmail account so your UH Alias will appear as the "Send From" address.

Search UIT
configure gmail
● UIT FAQs
○ UIT Web Site
Search

Go to uh.edu/infotech > Search UIT FAQs and type in one of the following:
"configure gmail"
"configure yahoo"
"configure hotmail"
If you need assistance configuring your account, please contact the UIT Support Center at 713-743-1411.

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