Components of Blackboard Interface (Screen)

A. Page Header: The area at the top of the page that contains the tabs, the global navigation menu, and Logout. The tabs you see in the page header depend on your school's licenses. The global navigation menu, always present in the top right corner of the page, is the entry point to My Blackboard and also provides one-click access to your courses, organizations, settings, and help.

B. Tabs: Blackboard Learn includes two common sets of tabs, discussed in the following tables.

C. Content Frame: Displays the selected tool or content area. By default, when you enter a course, the Home Page appears. You select the first page called the course entry point.

D. Course Menu: The access point for all course content. You decide which links are available here.

E. Control Panel: The central access point for course management functions. You can manage the course style, course tools, and users from this area. Students do not see the Control Panel.

F. Action Bar: Rows at the top of the page containing page-level actions such as Build Content, Search, Delete, and Upload. The functions on the action bar change depending on where you are in your course. The action bar can contain multiple rows of functions such as on the main Grade Center page.
G. Edit Mode: When Edit Mode is ON, all the instructor functions appear, such as Build Content on the action bar in a content area or the appearance of contextual menus. When Edit Mode is OFF, you are viewing the page in student view. The Edit Mode function appears to users with a role of instructor, teaching assistant, course builder, and administrator.

H. Breadcrumbs: As items and links are viewed in a content area, use the breadcrumbs to navigate to previous pages. Breadcrumbs trace the path to and from each item. Breadcrumbs, not the browser back button, are the best way to navigate backwards.