Beginning of Semester Tips
The beginning of the semester involves many Blackboard activities related to your courses, so we would like to review some of the tips that you may find useful at this time.

Making Your Course Available
Courses are set as unavailable to students when they are created, to allow instructors time to update the content before students see the course. Prior to, or on the first day of class, make your course available to students. Instructions on how to make your course available can be found by clicking on the following link: Course Availability

Welcome Students to your Course
Create an announcement for students to see when they log in to Blackboard. Check the Email Announcement setting to send a copy of the announcement as an email to students at the same time, for double the impact. Instructions on how to make an announcement can be found by clicking on the following link: Making an Announcement

Copy Content from another Course
Quickly copy the content and setting of an entire course into a new course, or selectively copy specific areas. The Course Copy option is one of the most convenient and useful features of Blackboard, and usually involves just a couple of clicks of your mouse and then less than five minutes to complete. Instructions on how to copy content from another course can be found by clicking on the following link: Copy Courses

Be a Student in Your Own Course
Two features allow you to “see” your course as a student, and to “act” as a student. Now you can see and complete work, and also view the My Grades window. The Edit Mode indicator in the upper right of the screen is a toggle button to view content as your students do. The Student Preview “eye” icon in the upper right of the Blackboard screen is toggled to display an orange bar at the top as a reminder of your Student Preview User role (the Student Preview icon appears next to the Edit Mode indicator). Instructions on how to use student preview can be found by clicking on the following link: Student Preview

Academic Technology
You may wish to meet with an instructional designer or IDDL staff member to learn about incorporating other technologies within your course to promote interaction and increase student engagement. To learn more, please visit: Academic Technologies

Add a Tegrity Link in Your Menu
You can request a Tegrity link/button in your course menu. To request the Tegrity link/button, click on the following link: Tegrity Information

Yuja – NEW!
Yuja is a video platform that allows users to host video content and record video lectures that can be used as part of curriculum deployment. To learn more about this new platform, please visit the following link and click on the Yuja tab: Yuja

Use the UND Course Checklist
Use the checklist to make sure your course is ready for your students. Find the checklists at the following link: Course Checklists