BLACKBOARD COURSE MENU ON MOBILE DEVICES

Blackboard ensures the accessibility of online courses for mobile device users through the implementation of a responsive web design. The most visible Blackboard feature utilizing the responsive web design standard is the course menu. Upon loading a course with the mobile device in the portrait (tall) orientation, the menu will automatically collapse to allow the user full access to the page content. The following figures illustrate how the course menu would be expanded or collapsed when the mobile device is in the portrait or landscape orientation.

Portrait Orientation (vertical)

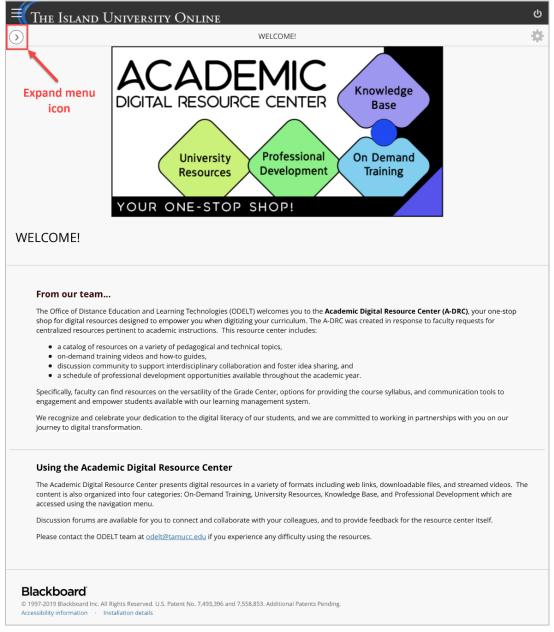


Fig 1: Blackboard course menu collapsed

To expand the menu simply click the right arrow button located in the top left corner of the screen, just below the Island University Online header.

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Note: The menu expand button is situated on the page's header which is an active hyperlinked element, illustrated in Fig 2.



Fig 2: Blackboard course's page header

If clicked, the user will be taken to their Blackboard account's landing page. Therefore, the user should take care to click the menu expand button only. Using a stylus or Apple Pencil works best for this purpose.

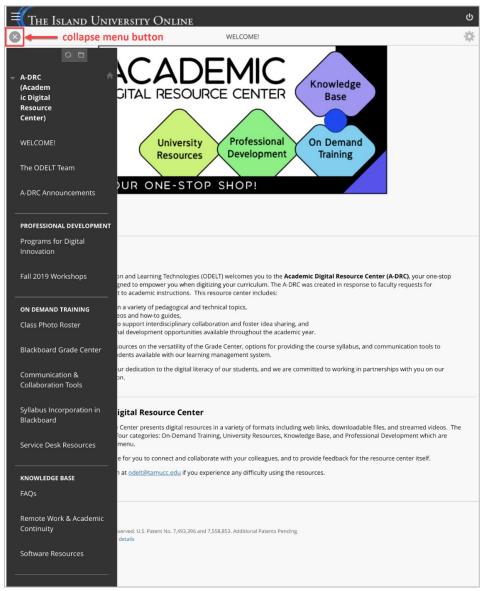


Fig 3: Blackboard course menu collapsed

To collapse the course menu while the mobile device is in portrait orientation, click the menu collapse button located in the top left corner just above the course menu.

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Landscape Orientation (horizontal)

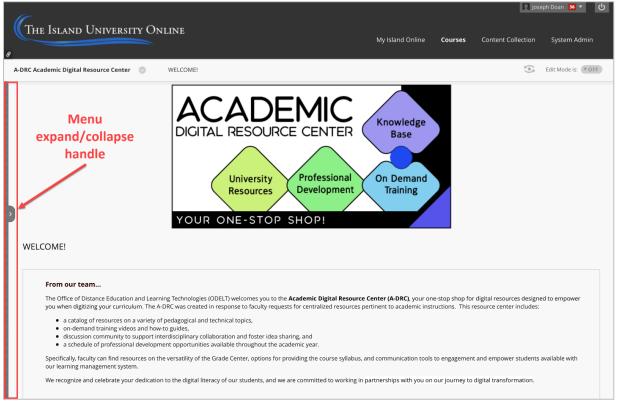


Fig 4: Collapsed course menu in horizontal orientation

When the mobile device is in the landscape (horizontal) orientation and the course menu is hidden, you can hover the mouse pointer over the left edge of the page to display and the menu handle will appear. Click anywhere on the handle to expand the course menu.

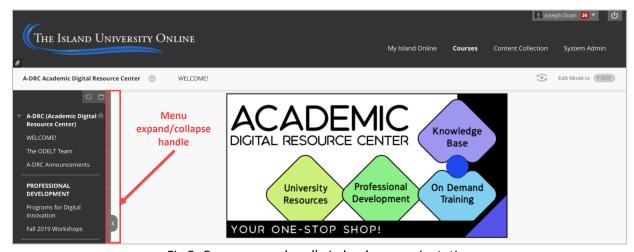


Fig 5: Course menu handle in landscape orientation

When the mobile device is in the landscape orientation and the menu is visible, hover the mouse pointer over the left edge of the course menu to reveal the menu handle. Click anywhere on the handle to collapse the menu.

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