Blackboard is a resource provided by the University of Maine System that makes it easy for faculty members to manage electronic course material for their classes. The Web-based system has easy-to-use built in tools for posting course material such as syllabi and handouts, e-mailing students, entering grades electronically, and linking to web sites including library reserve materials. Instructors can invite student responses in a Discussion Board and set up student discussion groups. The course roster (including e-mail addresses) of a Blackboard site is automatically maintained from the MaineStreet class list. USM and University College staff regularly offer workshops in Blackboard for faculty and students in the early weeks of each semester and are also available to provide faculty one-on-one assistance in developing Blackboard sites and to answer questions. For more information, please contact Computing Service at 780-4453.