

# Ultra Transition Communication and Action

## 2023

- ITC Meetings – a request for willing faculty to participate in the first Ultra pilot in Summer 2023 and Fall 2023.
- Ultra Pilot began Summer 2023 with 3 participants
  - Sandboxes created and met with faculty to convert content and train.
- Fall 2023- Pilot
  - A meeting was scheduled with each participant to assist with the conversion of content, train on the use and support provided throughout semester.

## 2024:

- ITC Meetings:
  - Calls were made to join the pilot program and sign-up information shared.
  - Informed on multiple occasions that we CCSU is converting to Ultra in either Fall 2025 or Spring 2026.
  - Presented demos of different features of Ultra at several ITC meetings. Topics included conversion process, AI Design Assistant and the new features of Ultra.
- Online Learning Committee Meetings–
  - Calls were made to join the pilot program and sign-up information shared.
  - Informed on multiple occasions that we CCSU is converting to Ultra in either Fall 2025 or Spring 2026.
- CTI Board Meetings –
  - Calls were made to join the pilot program and sign-up information shared.
  - Informed on multiple occasions that we CCSU is converting to Ultra in either Fall 2025 or Spring 2026.
- Online Teaching Faculty – invitation through email to convert an online course to Ultra for the Spring 2024 semester.
- Champion program – invitation help the CTI promote Ultra with faculty testimonials
- Anthology Online Workshop #1- Transitioning Original Courses to Ultra with Bea Ibanez from Anthology, 12/18/2024.
  - Faculty were notified via email through Academic Affairs, and ITC.
  - Workshop recording was posted on the Bb Institution Page (entry point), will be removed during spring break 2025 to make way for the Ultra-transition timeline.
- Developed documentation and videos on the basics of Ultra for CCSU Knowledgebase

## 2025:

- Anthology Workshop #2 - Empowering Instructors with the AI Design Assistant 1/13/25
  - Workshop recording was posted on the Bb Institution Page (entry point), will be removed during spring break 2025 to make way for the Ultra-transition timeline
- Ultra Pilot Brunch 1/19/25 – invitation to all faculty who participated or expressed an interest in participating to discuss the Ultra transition, questions, comments, etc.
- Began weekly Introduction to Bb Ultra workshops for faculty in January 2025.
  - Workshops available 2-3 times a week.
- Ultra Transition knowledgebase web page created January 2025:  
<https://ccsu.makekb.com/entry/216/>
- ITC Meetings February and March:
  - Approved timeline was presented

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- Call for pilot participants
- Info to sign-up for sandbox was provided
- URL provided for the Ultra Transition knowledgebase page.
- March 2025 – started transition only workshops focused on the options on how to transition content from Bb Original to Ultra.
- School Visits to communication transitions plans and strategies
  - School of Business – March 11, 2024
  - School of Education – March 14, 2025
  - College of Liberal Arts – April 1, 2025
  - School Of Engineering – April 7, 2025
  - College of Health - pending
- Blackboard Institution page – developed module to advertise the Ultra transition process and available resources.
- Champion program – invitation to exemplary pilot participants to showcase their transition process.
  - Assist with the creation of videos to be shared with faculty
  - Encourage champions to speak with their department/schools on the benefits of the ultra-transition
  - serve as an additional resource for school faculty
- Anthology Workshop #3 - Transitioning Original Courses to Ultra with Bea Ibanez from Anthology
  - A repeat of the 12/18/2024 workshop
  - Will be recorded and posted on the Bb Institution page for replay.

## Pilot Information:

- Targeted email invitations and verbal presentations are made throughout semesters to communicate the transition and encourage participation in the pilot program.
- Individual sessions are scheduled for each pilot participant to transition their content and learn Ultra basics.
- Each participant is provided individualized support throughout the pilot.
- Updated faculty by email of upcoming release notes and roadmap details.
- Met to discuss questions and concerns of pilot participants throughout the semester.
- Approximately 35 faculty participants have been trained and dozens of courses manually converted.

## Pilot Statistics:

Term	Participation
Fall 2023:	3 faculty, 3 courses
Spring 2024	5 Faculty, 8 courses
Summer 2024:	12 Faculty, 12 courses
Fall 2024:	27 Faculty, 27 courses
Winter 2024-2025:	5 Faculty, 3 courses
Spring 2025:	26 Faculty, 49 courses
All	85 Sandboxes created