Basic Blackboard Customizations

You can always hide/show/rename any menu items and can add new ones, such as:

Content Area, Module Page, Blank Page, Tool Link, Web Link, Course Link, Subheader, Divider

Course Management Sidebar → Customization → Teaching Style

Select Course Entry Point = change the home page (for example, to Announcements page)

Select Course Theme = change the look / background of the entire shell

Select Menu Style = change the background and text color of your navigation menu

Select Banner = add a course header image (best formatted as 480 x 80 pixels)

Upload an image from your computer, can be cropped after upload

Explore Course Menu Options under Course Structures

The default menu is Blackboard Learn - Default

Home Page
Information
Content
Discussions
Groups
Tools
Help

Note when you hover over one, you see its default navigation menu of existing Blackboard tools (and remember, these can always be altered)

1. Activity-Based
   a. Activity
      [Activities, Conversations, Live Chat | Stay on Track, Tips&Resources, Tools | Game Plan, Instructor Info | My Grades, Help]

   b. Case study
      [Case Studies, Brainstorm | Apply the Theory, Blog About It, References | Agenda, Course Overview, My Instructor | My Grades, Tools, Help]

   c. Conference Session
      [Announcements, Session Information, Your Presenter | Session Materials, Resources & Links, Participation | Research, Session Plans | Tools, Help]

d. Constructivism
[Learning Hub, Weekly Planner, Knowledge Base | Share, Reflect, Chat | Groups, Course Overview, My Coach | My Grades, Tools, Help]

e. Expedition-Based
[Explorations, My Trip Journal, Stay on Track | Storytelling, Base Camp, Fireside Chat | Trip Resources, Roadmap, Leader Information | My Grades, Tools, Help]

f. Experiential Learning
[Action Plans, Collaborate | Round Table, Our Blogs, My Reactions | Groups, Resources, Tools | Course Organizer, Getting Started, My Facilitator | My Grades, Help]

g. Lab Format
[Lab Supplies, Resources | Hypotheses, My Conclusions, Lab Groups, Glossary | New and Due, Methods, Leader Info | My Grades, Tools, Help]

h. Project Format
[Projects, Materials | Teams, Solutions, My Ideas, Connect Live | Planner, Overview, Project Advisor, My Grades | Tools, Help]

2. Organized around Communication
   a. Cooperative Learning (Groups / Teams)
   [Learning Activities, Resources | Our Wiki, Idea Share, My Reflections, Chat, Teams | What's New, Course Info, My Coach | My Grades, Tools, Help]

   b. Guided Discussion
   [Discuss It!, Let's Meet, My Journal | Group Think, References, Dashboard | Course Overview, My Facilitator | My Grades, Tools, Help]

   c. Social Learning
   [The Hub, Wikis | What Do You Think? Blogs, Social Circles, Let's Talk | New Today, Course Basics, My Facilitator | Tools, My Grades, Help]

   d. Web 2.0
   [Discuss, Share, Meet | Course Central, Our Wiki | Recent Activity, Intro Materials, Course Mentor | My Grades, Tools, Help

3. Organized by Content
   a. Chapter
   [Chapters, Organizer | Discuss, Blogs, Chat | Resources, Glossary, Syllabus, Instructor | Grades, Tools, Help]

b. Lecture
[Lectures, Questions & Answers | My Reactions, Meeting Center, Resources | Intro Materials, Stay on Track, My Instructor | My Grades, Tools, Help

c. Lesson
[Lessons, Our Conversations, My Reflections | Glossary, Resources | What's New, Course Basics, Instructor Details | My Grades, Tools, Help]

d. Module
[Modules, Study Teams, Resources | Discuss, Collaborate | My Grades, Requirements, My Instructor | New Today, Tools, Help]

e. Subject
[Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies | Talk About It, My Journal, Study Aids | Syllabus, Teacher Info, My Planner, Announcements | My Grades, Tools, Help]

f. Topic
[Hot Topics, Deadlines | The Buzz, Editorials, Reflection | Additional Sources, Overview, Instructor Details | My Progress, Tools, Help]

g. Unit
[Unit A, Unit B, Unit C, Unit D | Course Dialogue, Collaborate, Blog It, Socialize | New And Due, Study Aids, Course Basics, Instructor Info | My Grades, Tools, Help]

h. Science-Focused
[Units, Research and Tips | Discoveries, Lab Wiki, Experiment Journal, Live Chat | Terminology, Methods, My Instructor | Updates, My Grades, Tools, Help]

i. Traditional
[Home Page, Course Information, My Instructor | Content, Assignments, Tests & Quizzes, Discussion Board, Chat | My Grades, Tools, Instructor Alerts, Help]

4. Organized by Time
    a. Daily
    [Today's Buzz, Daily Work | Discuss, Log It, Email, Meet | Startup, Updates, Resources | Instructor, Grades | Tools, Help]

    b. Weekly
    [Current Week, Planner | Course Dialogue, Ideas to Share, Weekly Journal | Syllabus, Previous Weeks, Going Further | My Instructor, My Grades | Tools, Help]