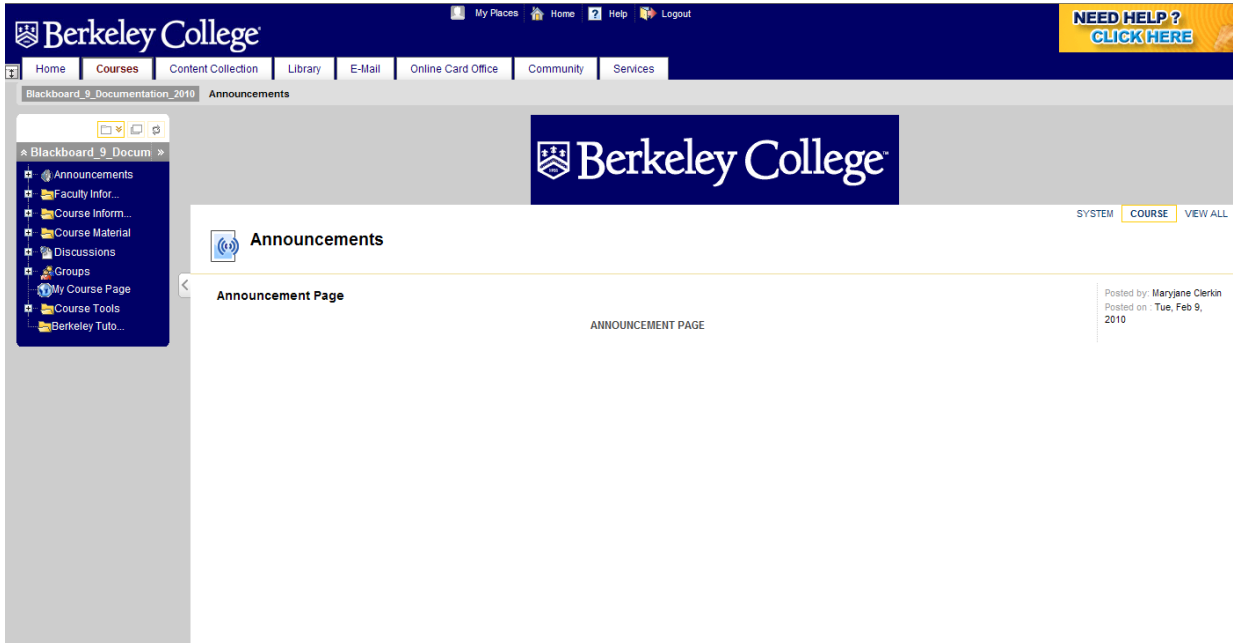
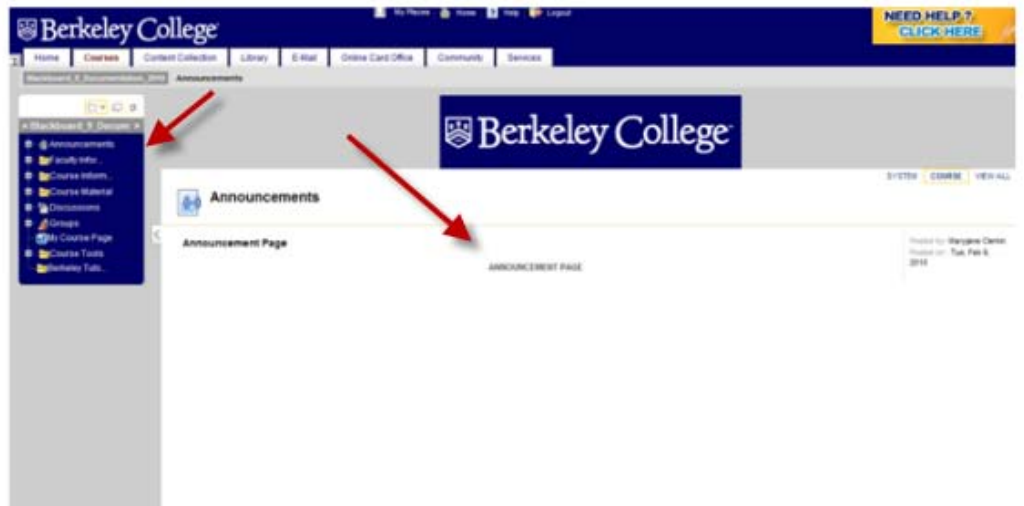


# The Blackboard 9 Interface

There is a Course Menu on the left of the course. The Announcement page is on the right. The information below will give you an overview of the new features that you will find when you access your Blackboard 9 course.



1. When you access your Blackboard 9 course, you will see the Blackboard Interface. You will see the **Course Menu** on the left. You will see the **Announcement Page** on the right.



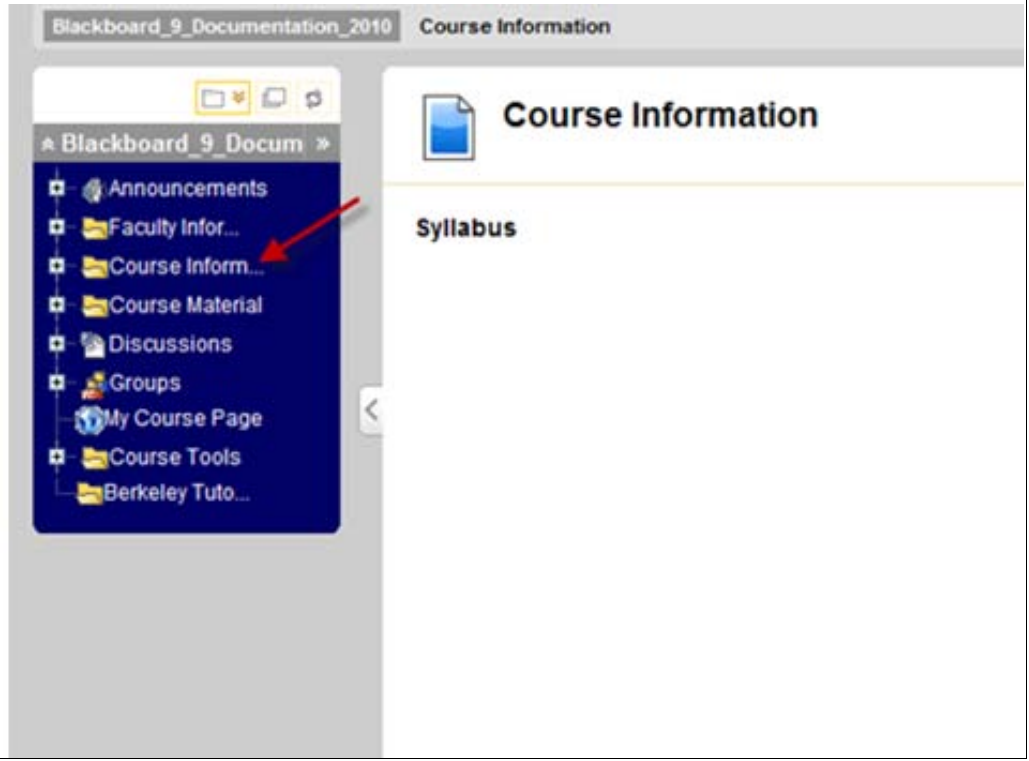
2. The Course Menu will **always** appear on the **left**. Content will always appear on the **right**.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for 'Blackboard\_9\_Documentation\_2010'. On the left, a dark blue Course Menu is expanded, listing various tools: Announcements, Faculty Information, Course Information, Course Material, Discussions, Groups, My Course Page, Course Tools, and Berkeley Tutorial. A red arrow points to the Course Menu. On the right, the 'Announcements' section is active, displaying a blue speaker icon and the text 'Announcements'. Below this, a yellow folder icon is labeled 'Announcement Page', with a red arrow pointing to it.

3. The **Faculty Information** section provides you with your **instructor's contact information**.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface for 'Blackboard\_9\_Documentation\_2010'. On the left, the Course Menu is expanded, with 'Faculty Information' highlighted. A red arrow points from this menu item to the 'Contacts' section on the right. The 'Contacts' section features a blue profile icon and the text 'Contacts'. Below this, a yellow folder icon is labeled 'Contact Information from your Instructor'.

4. The **Course Information** page presents you with the **Syllabus** of your course.



5. **The Course Material** section includes all of the course material in each of the weeks of the course.

The screenshot displays the Blackboard interface for a course. On the left, a dark blue sidebar menu is open, showing a list of course sections: Announcements, Faculty Inform..., Course Inform..., Course Material, Discussions, Groups, My Course Page, Course Tools, and Berkeley Tuto... A red arrow points from the 'Course Material' item in the sidebar to the 'Week 1' link in the main content area. The main content area is titled 'Course Material' and features a list of 12 weeks, each represented by a blue underlined text link: [Week 1](#), [Week 2](#), [Week 3](#), [Week 4](#), [Week 5](#), [Week 6](#), [Week 7](#), [Week 8](#), [Week 9](#), [Week 10](#), [Week 11](#), and [Week 12](#). A left-pointing arrow is visible between the sidebar and the week list.

6. Each week you will see a **Weekly Introduction, Lectures, Required Resources, Discussion, and Assignments.**



## Week 1



Weekly Introduction



Lectures



Required Resources



Discussion



Assignments

7. The **Weekly Introduction** provides information about what you can expect in the week. It may contain, for example, the **weekly objectives** of that week.



**Weekly Introduction** ←

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**Week Objectives**

8. **Lectures** include any lectures or notes your instructor has posted for you.



**Lectures** ←

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**Lectures**









**Notes**


9. **Required Resources** provides you with information about the required Text, Links, PowerPoint Slides, Audio, Videos, Simulations, or any other resources your instructor would like you to have.

 **Required Resources** ←






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-  **Text**
-  **Links**
-  **PowerPoint Slides**
-  **Audio**
-  **Videos**
-  **Simulations**

10. By clicking on the **Discussion** link, you will be able to access each week's discussion.

 **Week 1**

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-  **Weekly Introduction**
-  **Lectures**
-  **Required Resources**
-  **Discussion** ←
-  **Assignments**

11. By clicking on Discussion, you will be linked to the **Discussion Board** and the weekly discussions.

**Discussion Board**

Forums are made up of individual discussion threads that can be organized around a particular subject. Create Forums to organize discussions. [More Help](#)

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	forum	Description	Total Posts	Unread Posts	Total Participants
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Discussion Week 1</a>	Welcome to the Discussion for Week 1. Please introduce yourself this first week to your fellow students.	1	1	1

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12. The **Assignments** section includes all of the assignments for each week. This may include a writing assignment, a research report, a graded homework assignment, or even a course blog. You will find the assignments that your instructor has posted here.

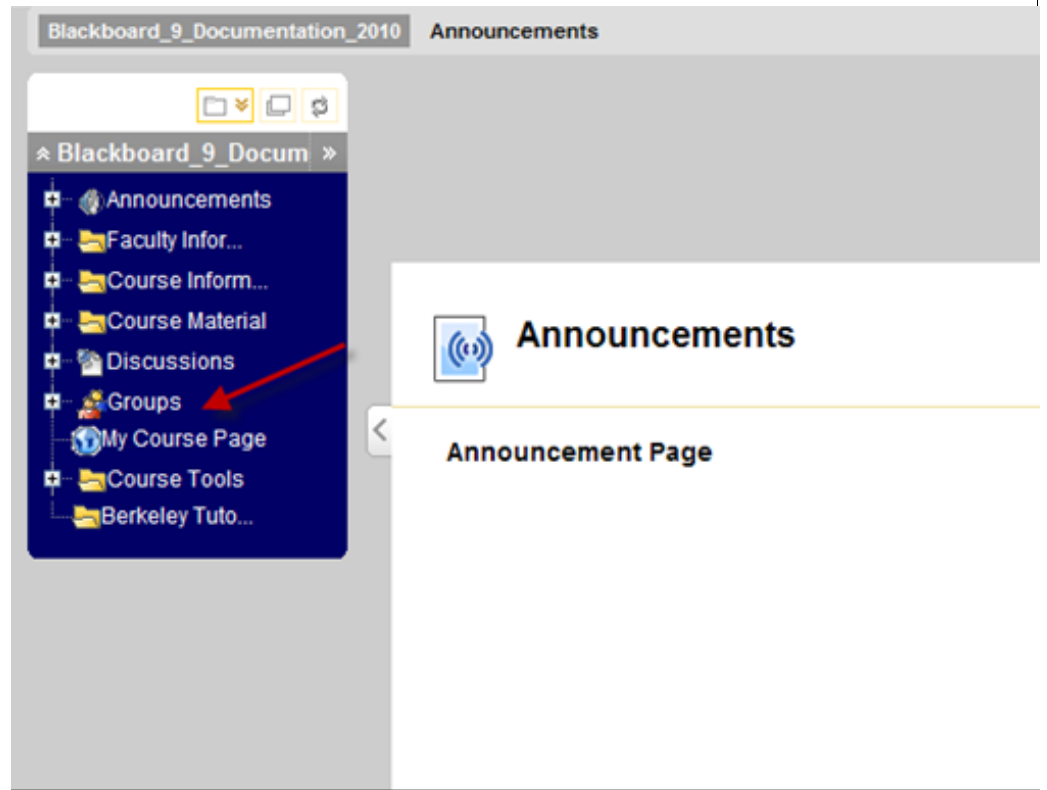
Blackboard 9 Documentation 2010 Course Material > Week 1 > Assignments

### Assignments

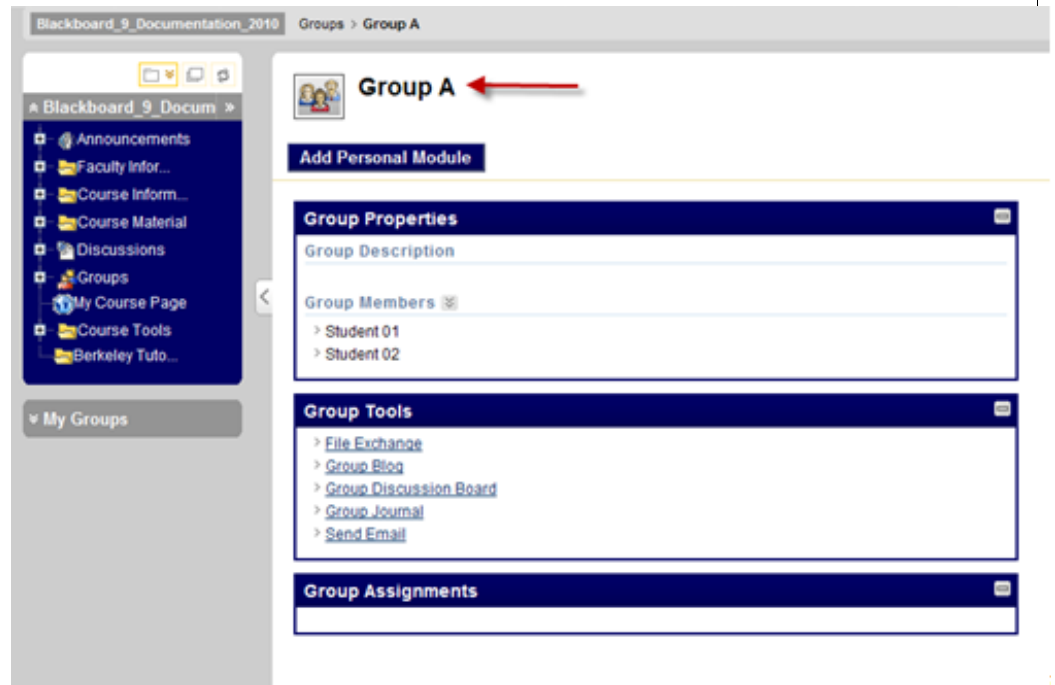
**Essay 1**  
This required essay for Week 1.

**Graded Homework Assignment 1**  
This is your first graded homework assignment which covers the reading material assigned in your text this week.

13. By clicking on **Groups**, you will be able to access any groups your instructor may have set up.

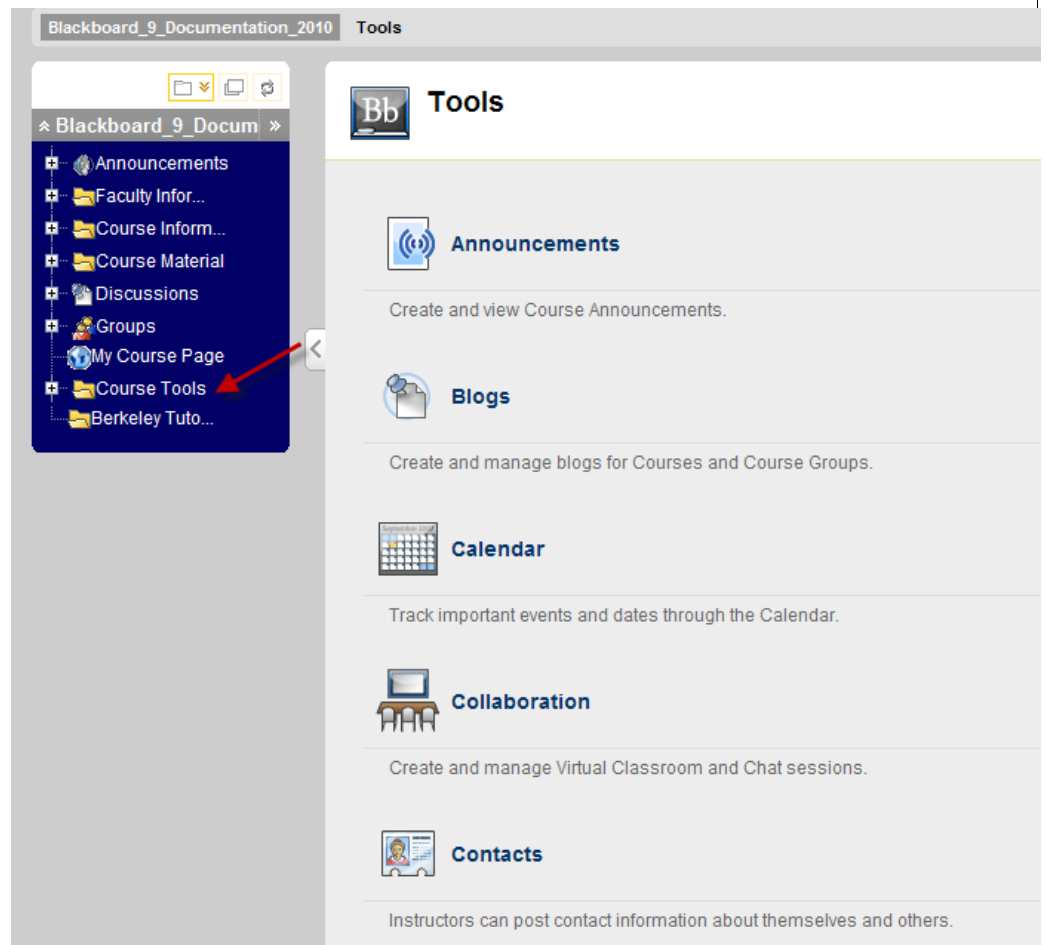


14. If any **group** work is included in your course, your instructor will alert you to any groups that have been created, as well as your designated group.



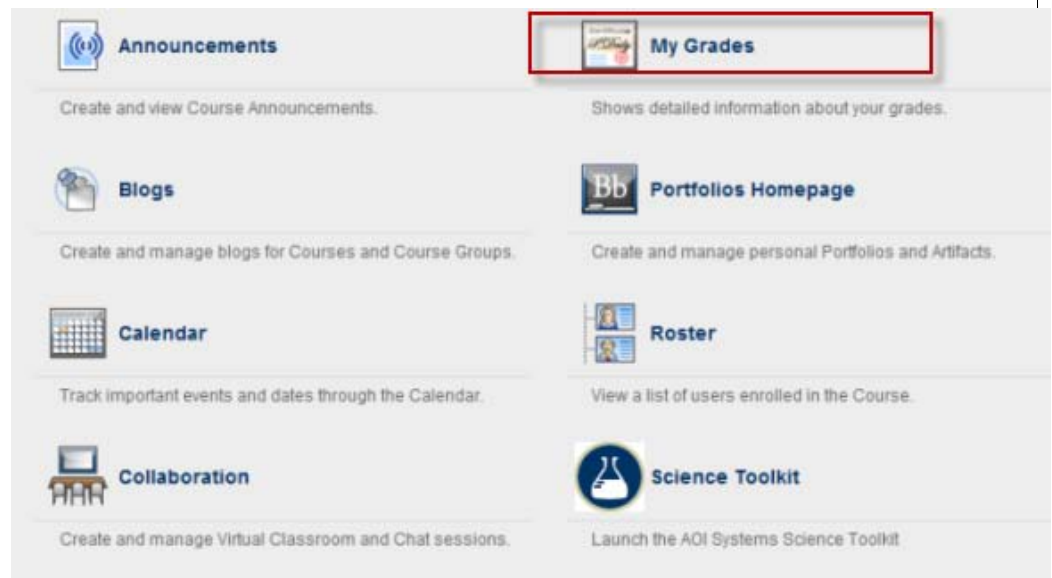
### 15. Course Tools

contain many tools that you will be using in your course.



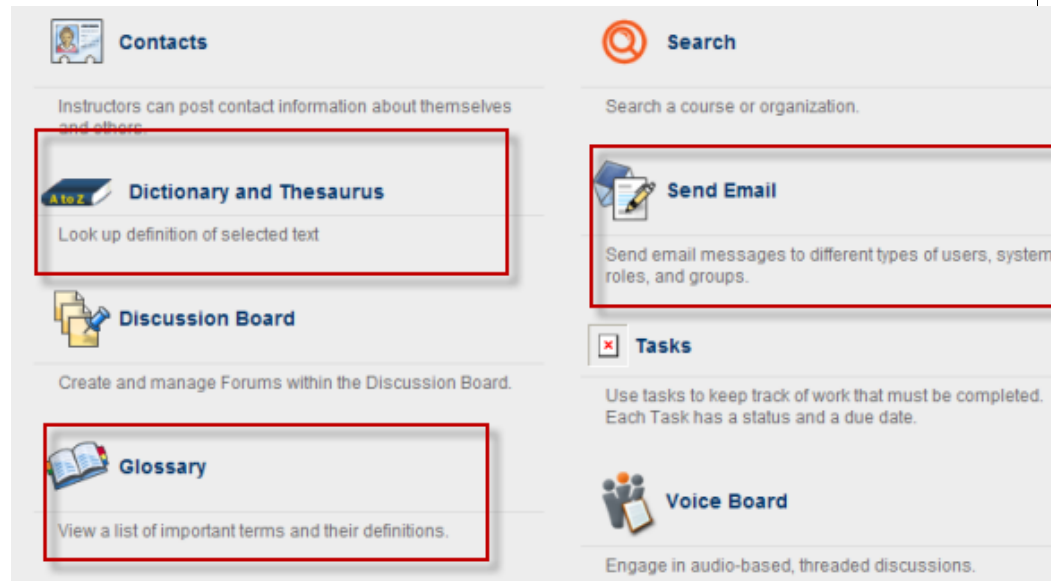
The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface. At the top, there is a header with "Blackboard\_9\_Documentation\_2010" and "Tools". Below the header is a navigation menu with a blue background and white text. The menu items are: Announcements, Faculty Inform..., Course Inform..., Course Material, Discussions, Groups, My Course Page, Course Tools (highlighted with a red arrow), and Berkeley Tuto... To the right of the menu is a "Tools" section with a "Bb" logo and the title "Tools". Below the title are several tool cards: "Announcements" (with a speaker icon), "Blogs" (with a document icon), "Calendar" (with a calendar icon), "Collaboration" (with a computer and chairs icon), and "Contacts" (with a person icon). Each card has a brief description of the tool's function.

16. By clicking on the Tools section, for example, you will be able to access your **grades** in the course.

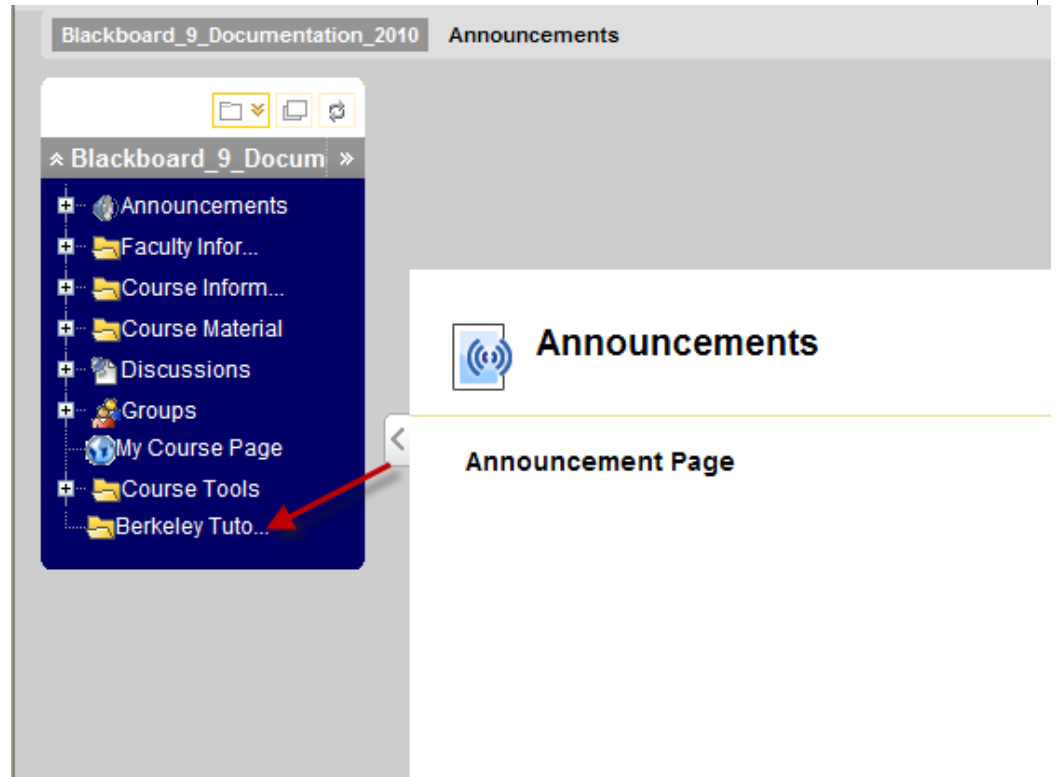


The screenshot shows the Blackboard interface with the "Tools" section expanded. The "My Grades" tool card is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The "My Grades" card has a red-bordered icon and the text "My Grades" in bold. Below the icon is the description: "Shows detailed information about your grades." Other tool cards visible include "Announcements", "Blogs", "Calendar", "Collaboration", "Portfolios Homepage", "Roster", and "Science Toolkit". Each card has a brief description of its function.

17. You will also be able to send **Email** and use the **Dictionary** and **Thesaurus**. If your instructor has added material in the **Glossary**, you will be able to access the items in the Glossary as well. The Tools section allows you quick access to many areas of your course.



18. Clicking on the **Berkeley Tutoring** folder will bring you to the **ASC**, the Academic Support Center.



19. The **Academic Support Center** will provide you with many helpful sites. You may request tutoring, as well as access many academic resources.

