

## Blackboard Collaborate Ultra vs. Zoom

### Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

**Advantages:**

- No download needed; runs completely in browser
- Easy to use
- Popup Notifications
- Deep integration with Blackboard
- Course Collaborate Ultra Room created by default
- Link to Bb attendance tool
- Presenter role allows for advanced functionality
- Files can be shared with breakout rooms

**Disadvantages:**

- only 4 videos on screen at once
- only 5 active microphones
- No local save option for recordings

### Zoom

**Advantages:**

- Up to 49 video channels on screen
- Better audio controls; more open microphones
- Whiteboard and chat conversations can be saved.
- Automatic captioning of recordings
- Can change start and end of cloud recordings
- Can turn off participant video

**Disadvantages:**

- Requires application download for meeting hosting and advanced functions
- Complicated settings and configuration in portal and app
- Can be steep learning curve