Blackboard Collaborate is software for virtual classroom sessions. Students can ask questions and interact with instructor and classmates using chat rooms, audio, and video camera.

**Computer Requirements**
- DSL/Cable internet connection (we cannot guarantee dial-up connections)
- Have audio capabilities on your computer: sound card with speakers and a microphone, or headset
- Java Webstart - Visit the Collaborate First Time User to run the Java software check

**Preparing for the Collaborate Sessions:**
- View Participant Online Orientation or Participant Quick Reference Guide or both
- Make sure your speakers and microphone are plugged in and working!
- Visit the Collaborate Live! Configuration Room to test your connection and configure your audio
- For more information, visit: [http://support.blackboardcollaborate.com](http://support.blackboardcollaborate.com)

**To Join the Collaborate Sessions:**

*Note: You can join the session 15 – 30 min prior to the start time.*

1. In your course page in Canvas, click on "Blackboard Collaborate" on the left menu (see screenshot below).
2. Under All Sessions (or Upcoming Sessions), click on the session you need to join.
3. Allow Java
4. Once you are in the session, you will be able to see the session similar to the below screenshot.