

Getting Started With Your Online Interactive Course



In order to prepare for your upcoming Online Interactive Course (OIC) you can now **find important details about your course on the Web** available 24x7 on the GSC Website and the college’s portal, MyGranite. Please follow these **4 steps** to get started:

STEP 1: Go to the OIC Quick Links page (<http://bbresources.granite.edu/info>) and select the link for the **Online Courses Schedule**. Each course listed has a link to the following information regarding your OIC:

- Syllabus including textbook/other resources & purchase information, schedule for required academic sessions if any & other resources.
- Faculty bio & contact information.
- **Important Note:** Students are responsible for having their textbooks and other resources prior to the start of class. Please choose your shipping option accordingly.

STEP 2: If you have not already logged into MyGranite, the GSC portal, **set up your MyGranite account now:**

- Go to <http://blackboard.granite.edu>
- Click on the tab labeled “Login Help” at the top of the page.
(For printable step-by-step instructions to create your user account, go to the GSC Need Assistance module on this tab. Click on the Blackboard Login Instructions.)
- Click on the “New User” link
- Follow the on-screen directions to find your GSC username and create your password.
- Return to the MyGranite tab and click on the login button and enter your new account information.

STEP 3: Participate in a free Blackboard Orientation session either face-to-face or online. It is recommended that any student new to Blackboard attend one of the orientation sessions listed below.

Date	Location	Times	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>You must set up your new portal account prior to attending an orientation. See step #2 above.</p> </div>
Tuesday, 8/31	Claremont	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	
Wednesday, 9/8	Concord	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	
Wednesday, 9/8	Conway	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	
Wednesday, 9/8	Rochester	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	
Ongoing	Online with audio!	http://bbresources.granite.edu/info	

Pre-registration is required for **all** sessions by going to the following website:
<http://bbresources.granite.edu/info/>


These sessions will only be held if students have pre-registered.

STEP 4: You must log into your OIC no later than the Monday start date. OICs will be available to all registered students by **5:00 PM** on the **Wednesday** before classes start

OTHER RESOURCES ON MYGRANITE :

You will be able to access several other resources on MyGranite at <http://blackboard.granite.edu> including:

The screenshot shows the MyGranite website interface for Granite State College. At the top, there are navigation links for My Places, Home, Help, and Logout. Below this is a header with the MyGranite logo and a 'Login Help' tab, which is circled with a '2'. A main navigation bar contains tabs for MyGranite, MyCourses & Orgs (circled with a '5'), WebROCK, MyResources, GSC Library, and Faculty Center (circled with a '4'). The main content area features a Blackboard logo and a message about system upgrades. Below this are several sections: 'GSC Tools' with links for GSC Email (circled with a '1'), Blackboard Orientations, Technical Assistance, and MyGranite Feedback; 'GSC - Announcements' featuring a photo of Dr. Todd Leach (circled with a '3') and news about GSC Commencement 2010 and Direct Lending; 'GSC - MyGranite System Notices' with a notice about weekly system maintenance; 'GSC - ID Number' with information about new nine-digit IDs; and 'GSC - Student Notices' with an important notice about summer course registration. A 'GSC - Student Quick Links' section is also present at the bottom right.

1. Your new **GSC email account**. This email account will be used for official GSC communications.
2. **WebRock** services including grades, financial aid information, online registration, e-payments, online transcript requests at no cost
3. Important **GSC announcements** & communications
4. **MyGranite Help site**  (<http://bbresources.granite.edu/techassist/help.htm>): Online Help Request form, Login & Password info, Browser settings & information, GSC Email info, FAQs for students
5. Access your OIC via the **Courses and Orgs tab**. OICs will be available to all registered students by **5:00 PM on the Wednesday before class start**. Until then, you may see a message indicating that you are not currently enrolled in any courses.

Check your browser settings now! See Browser Test on Login Help tab.

You are **must log into** your OIC no later than the **Monday start date**.

For Help – Contact the GSC Technical Assistance Center Online:

 <http://bbresources.granite.edu/techassist/help.htm>

Or call: (888) 372-4270 (toll-free U.S.)

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Extended hours Monday – Thursday until 7:00 pm beginning the week prior to the start of classes until the week after the start of classes.