Initial Blackboard Login Instructions for Incoming Students

Congratulations on your selection to attend National Defense University! The NDU experience is designed to provide you with the opportunity to enhance the knowledge, skills and dispositions for leadership in a complex and dynamic environment. NDU has created an introduction to the NDU experience that can be accessed via NDU’s Learning Management System (Blackboard). Once you have logged into Blackboard, the introduction will appear as "NDU-Academic Preparation for New Students" in your "My Courses" section. Please take a few minutes to complete the initial Blackboard login process, and browse the available resources.

Navigate to https://ndu.blackboard.com in your web browser and completing the following steps:

1. Click on the “Forgot Your Password?” link as indicated in the picture below. [Note: Your browser must be set to allow pop-up windows.]

![Image of Blackboard login screen showing the "Forgot Your Password?" link.]

2. On the "Lost Password" page, use Option 2 ("Email Address Option") to enter your First Name, Last Name and Email address to receive a temporary password. [Note: Email address must be the email address supplied on your nomination package.]

![Image of Blackboard login screen showing the "Lost Password" page and the "Email Address Option".]

3. Go to your Email account and follow the instructions received from Blackboard to create your personal password. [Note: Your email may require switching to HTML from plain text.]
4. Create a secure personal password using a combination of lowercase and uppercase letters, numbers and/or symbols, and click on the "Submit" button.

5. To complete your initial login enter your username and new personal password. [Note: Username format is FirstName.MI.LastName]

If you have difficulty accessing Blackboard, please contact the NDU Helpdesk at (202) 685-3824.

If you have questions, you may use the Ask a Question button inside of the NDU-Academic Preparation for New Students.