

Defense Security Cooperation University

Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) Learning Management System

In June 2021, the Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) is transitioning to the Cornerstone OnDemand learning management system to support our students' learning experience.

Read on to understand important features, dates, and information that may impact you.

What is Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD)?

Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) is a learning/student management system that will provide DSCU's students with a single interface to manage their learning experience, including course registration and completion and access to student records.

Why is DSCU deploying Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD)?

Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) will improve the student experience, especially to maximize efficiency and flexibility for the online learner. The single point of entry reduces time spent logging in as well as the time to manually request certificates and other student records. Upon registration in the CSOD learning management system, students will be able to access online courses immediately. This feature supports maximum flexibility to meet the needs of DSCU students, while maintaining continuity with Blackboard for both student and faculty learning experience..

What is the benefit to students of Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD)?

Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) offers a one-stop-shop student experience, allowing students to access course information, register for courses, complete courses, and access their student record via a single sign-in system interface. Upon registration in the CSOD learning management system, students will be able to access online courses immediately in Blackboard. This feature supports maximum flexibility to meet the needs of DSCU students, while maintaining continuity with Blackboard for both student and faculty learning experience.

When will Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) be deployed?

Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) will be officially deployed June 30. The transition begins with a blackout period of June 12-30, wherein students will be unable to register for courses regardless of modality (i.e., online or in person), but will be able to access Blackboard, via their Blackboard ID and password, to complete courses previously registered for. No new students will be added in Blackboard between June 12 and June 30. Students enrolled in online courses prior to June 12 can continue those courses to completion and will receive credit upon completion; however, courses must be completed in Blackboard by June 30. After June 30, students will register for all courses via Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD). Using their CSOD CAC-enabled login, students will be able to access and complete courses as well as to access their student record, including accessing and downloading certificates instead of having to request those records from the Registrar.

What will be different for student users after Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) is deployed?

Once Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) is deployed, DSCU students will use CSOD as the single point of entry to manage their learning experience. Rather than having to access multiple systems with separate logins to register, access courses, and view student records, students will be able to complete all of these actions via CSOD login.

Does Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) replace Blackboard?

No. Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD) is the single point of entry system that manages the learning experience, inclusive of Blackboard, where the student will continue to take classes.

Will I need to create a new login and password to access Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD)?

Yes. Following the blackout period (June 12-30) students will need to register in Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD). That ID and password will become the only one you will use for systems access regarding DSCU School of SC Studies courses.

Can I complete an online course in Blackboard during the blackout period?

If a student is registered for an online course prior to June 12th, they will be able to continue the course through completion in Blackboard using their current login credentials, but the course MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO JUNE 30. If the course is not completed by June 30 all progress will be lost and the course will have to be started over from the beginning by registering through Cornerstone OnDemand (CSOD). Completing online courses prior to June 12 will ensure credit is received promptly for completing the course. Blackboard class completions between June 12 and June 30 will be updated manually in CSOD, potentially delaying the recording of credit. Students are encouraged to complete online classes before 12 June, if possible.