

The purpose of this release form is to provide permission to instructors to merge in Blackboard different courses and/or different course sections shells. The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), passed in 1974, is the federal law designed to protect the privacy of education records. This release relates to FERPA in that some of the content included in Blackboard shells is considered private and personally identifiable information for students under FERPA, which means your permission is required to merge the courses or sections.

Please complete the following information, with the understanding you are not required to approve the course merge. You must select one option for each course below in which a merge has been requested by faculty.

**Course One**

- ☐ As a student enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction), I have read the course syllabus and I consent to being in the merged Blackboard shell with students in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction).
- ☐ As a student enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction), I have read the course syllabus and I **do not** consent to being in the merged Blackboard shell with students in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction).

**Course Two**

- ☐ As a student enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction), I have read the course syllabus and I consent to being in the merged Blackboard shell with students in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction).
- ☐ As a student enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction), I have read the course syllabus and I **do not** consent to being in the merged Blackboard shell with students in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction).

**Course Three**

- ☐ As a student enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction), I have read the course syllabus and I consent to being in the merged Blackboard shell with students in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction).
- ☐ As a student enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction), I have read the course syllabus and I **do not** consent to being in the merged Blackboard shell with students in \_\_\_\_\_ (subject, catalog number (class number) and mode of instruction).

Term \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_