The **Global Navigation Panel** is new for Blackboard Learn Service Pack 12. If there have been any changes, notifications, or updates to your courses since your last login, you will see a red box with the number of alerts. To expand the panel, click the small triangle. A drop-down window, split into two different menus, will appear with the **My Blackboard** Menu on the left and the **User** Menu on the right. Below is a diagram of the Global Navigation Panel followed by brief descriptions of each component.

**Instructor View of the Global Navigation Panel**

- **My Blackboard Menu**
  - Profile
  - My Blackboard Home
  - Posts
  - Updates
  - Retention Center
  - Calendar
  - People

- **Global Navigation Menu**
  - Log out

- **User Menu**
  - UAMS Blackboard Home Page
  - Blackboard Help
Global Navigation And My Blackboard Overview

My Blackboard Menu

- **Profile**: Enables you to define your personal identity to share with those in your academic network. This icon image is replaced when your avatar is updated.

- **Blackboard Home**: Displays highlights of what is new since the user last accessed Blackboard. For example, it displays an overview of the items that are due or have recently been graded.

- **Posts**: The page displays recent post contributions to discussion boards, blogs, wikis and journals in the courses.

- **Updates**: Review a list of notifications alerting you to important events and information like notifications, achievements, announcements, and course evaluations.

- **Retention Center**: For instructors only. Displays which students are at-risk in each course you’re teaching.

- **My Grades**: For students only. This appears in the student view instead of the Retention Center (instructor view).

- **My Calendar**: View the events and due dates from all of your courses.

- **People**: Find and interact with peers, classmates, and instructors who have a profile.

User Menu

- **Courses**: A quick access to your most recently visited courses.

- **Settings**: Modify your notification settings and personal information here.

- **Home**: Link to the My Institution page.

- **Help**: Link to help.blackboard.com where you can select Instructor or Student information.