We recommend that you register for the IBM Cloud account after class. Often doing it all at once, through a single gateway prompts the security settings for IBM Cloud to delay or fail to verify your account thinking that it is a hack.

**Step by step instructions**

**Obtain an IBM Cloud account**

1. Open the IBM Academic Initiative website:  
   [https://ibm.com/academic](https://ibm.com/academic).
2. Click **Create an IBM Cloud account**.
3. Fill out the pages with the requested information. Note that you must use a valid [.dartmouth.edu](https://dartmouth.edu) email address, because IBM Cloud sends you an email to verify your account AND it must be a .edu account from a participating school.
4. Click **Submit**.
Make it into an Academic Initiative account

5. Enter your info in the green areas.
6. Make the selections shown in blue.
7. Read about the IBM Badge program and indicate if you’re interested in it.
8. Click to Continue
Finish the Academic Initiative id info

9. After entering and submitting the information requested, IBM will send you a confirmation email.

Note: You can only have one IBM Academic Initiative Cloud account for any one email address.
10. Check your email and get the activation code.

Use this code to activate your IBMid:

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→ Copy this code.
→ Return to the sign-up form.
→ Paste it into the form.

Your code is valid for 30 minutes.

Do not reply to this automated email.
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11. Return to the signup form, enter your confirmation code, and proceed.

12. Check out the privacy information page.

13. Click Proceed.
Congratulations!

14. Congratulations! You did it!

15. When the Academic Initiative page reappears, you should be logged in under your new IBM Cloud id. Click the person icon on the upper right to verify this.

You are now to all set use IBM’s Cloud tools, which include all of the Watson Cognitive Computing tools!