NUIT Tech Talk

Canvas is Here! Northwestern’s New Learning Management System

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Why Canvas?

- 18 month LMS review process
- Spring 2014 recommendation to move to Canvas
Canvas is...

- Intuitive
- Flexible
- Dynamic and Cloud-based
- Engaging
- Reliable
- Efficient
As a university, Northwestern's transition to Canvas will steadily progress during the 2014-2015 academic year.

**SUMMER 2014**
- GOAL: 15% of all summer course sites on Canvas
- All summer course sites in Law on Canvas
- Support systems and workshop offerings established
- Schools finalize transition plans

**FALL 2014**
- GOAL: 25-50% of all fall course sites on Canvas
- All fall course sites appear in both Blackboard and Canvas
- All new faculty learn Canvas
- Programs and units begin transition to Canvas
- Individual faculty can opt-in

**WINTER 2015**
- GOAL: 75% of all winter course sites on Canvas
- Transition support of school-based custom course sites begins

**SPRING 2015**
- GOAL: 100% of all spring course sites on Canvas
- All active academic course sites in Canvas
- Transition support of community-based custom course sites begins*

**SUMMER 2015**
- GOAL: Phase out Blackboard
- Blackboard data archived
- All active course sites in Canvas
- Blackboard shutdown on August 31

*Plans for support of community-based custom course sites have not been confirmed.
Canvas is Here!

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*represents increase of 660 (40%) course sites from Fall 2013
At Every School

Fall 2014 preliminary count by school

- Combined or no category
- School of Continuing Studies
- Weinberg College of Arts and Science
- Northwestern in Qatar
- Bienen School of Music
- Feinberg School of Medicine
- McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- School of Education and Social Policy
- Law School
- School of Communications
- Medill School of Journalism
- Kellogg Graduate School of Management

Both
Blackboard
Canvas
What Can You Do To Start In Canvas?

To make your move to Canvas as successful as possible, we have a variety of resources to support you:

• Take a workshop! 90-minute overviews are offered regularly. [http://lmsblog.it.northwestern.edu/workshop-signup/?workshop=canvas1](http://lmsblog.it.northwestern.edu/workshop-signup/?workshop=canvas1)

• Take a virtual workshop! A 60-minute demonstration is geared toward faculty who can’t make it to the Evanston or Chicago campuses. [http://lmsblog.it.northwestern.edu/workshop-signup/?workshop=virtual](http://lmsblog.it.northwestern.edu/workshop-signup/?workshop=virtual)

• Organize a workshop for your department. We’ll come to you! [https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/request-a-workshop](https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/request-a-workshop)
But Wait, There’s More!

• After you’ve attended a workshop and need further assistance, request a 45-minute consultation session. [https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/consultation-in-person](https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/consultation-in-person)

• After you’ve attended a workshop, if you have a quick question, stop by our drop-in consultation sessions held weekly in Evanston and Chicago. [http://lmsblog.it.northwestern.edu/workshop-signup/?workshop=officehours](http://lmsblog.it.northwestern.edu/workshop-signup/?workshop=officehours)

• View our online support toolkit. [https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/instructor-toolkit-overview](https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/instructor-toolkit-overview)
What’s The Schedule?

• School by school transition plan: [www.it.northwestern.edu/about/it-projects/learning-management/timeline.html](http://www.it.northwestern.edu/about/it-projects/learning-management/timeline.html)

• Some of you – especially those in SPS – are in schools or programs that have a set transition schedule; if your school has told you when you’re moving to Canvas, you should be all set.
What Happens to Blackboard?

• Blackboard retires on August 31, 2015
• Save your material
• Move your material to Canvas
  – Here’s how:
    https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/instructor-toolkit-overview
Canvas Features

In screen sharing mode, we’ll explore:

• Finding Canvas (http://canvas.northwestern.edu)
• Finding your course
• Adding material
• Organizing your course by modules
• Speed Grader
• Getting help
Canvas Deeper Dive

• Adding learning apps
• Customizing the home page
• Exploring new tools
Q and A

• Visit the Canvas page on the NUIT website for many of the resources we’ve mentioned and much more.
  – www.it.northwestern.edu/education/learning-management/

• How to Get Canvas Support
  – Northwestern has contracted with Instructure to provide 24/7/365 support for general questions relating to getting started, how to use Canvas features, and basic troubleshooting assistance. Canvas Help Guides and Canvas Video Catalog are also available.
  – Phone: 855-680-0126
  – Email: support@instructure.com
  – Start a Live Chat
  – For Northwestern NetID-related issues, users should continue to contact the IT Support Center at (847) 491-4357 (1-HELP) or consultant@northwestern.edu.