NUIT Tech Talk:
Goodbye, Blackboard and Hello, Canvas!

June 4, 2015
Blackboard’s Days Are Numbered...

canvas is now!

Time left to retrieve Blackboard course materials*

AUGUST 31
88 DAYS
13 HOURS
36 MINUTES
11 SECONDS
Final count, Spring quarter 2015
Data from 4/28/2015

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Where do I find my summer and fall courses?

Canvas!

http://canvas.northwestern.edu

Look for Courses in the upper navigation bar.
When will I find my courses?

• Summer courses available NOW
• Fall courses available when “pushed” by Registrar. (3,900 available now)
  – If you don’t see a course, check with department contact who arranges course schedules
  – If you don’t see a course in which you are an instructor or TA, check that you are assigned as the instructor by the department and the information appears in CAESAR
What should I save from Blackboard?

- **Grade material** from the last year’s courses (after Summer 2014)
- Faculty responsibility to keep material that helped form student’s final grade for 1 year after course concluded.
- **Course material** that instructors may want for use in Canvas
- Don’t forget unusual/infrequently taught courses
Logistics for Phasing Out Blackboard

• Who should save grade material?
  – Instructors using Blackboard during Fall 2014, Winter 2015, Spring 2015

• What to save?
  – Any material that went to forming a student’s final grade (assignments, exams, discussion entries)

• Where to save grade material?
  – Secure device
Logistics for Phasing Out Blackboard

• When to save?
  – Before August 31, 2015

• How to save grade material?
  – Follow instructions in Canvas Learning Center

• How long should grade material be kept?
  – One year from end of class
Questions on finding your Canvas course or saving grade material from Blackboard
Logistics for Phasing Out Blackboard

• Who should save course material?
  – Instructors with material in Blackboard not yet moved to Canvas

• What to save?
  – Documents, assignments

• What not to save?
  – Discussion boards
Logistics for Phasing Out Blackboard

• Where to save?
  – Your computer or Canvas prep site

• When to save course material?
  – Before August 31, 2015

• How to save course material?
  – Request a prep site for holding course material
  – Follow instructions in Canvas Learning Center
Logistics for Phasing Out Blackboard

• Then what?
  – Copy course material from one Canvas course to another
Spring and Summer Quarters

- Spring quarter was the last time for regular classes to be taught in Blackboard
- We expect all summer quarter classes to be taught on Canvas
- Blackboard will be available for retrieval purposes only
Tips For Setting Up A Canvas Course

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

• If you need further assistance after attending a workshop, request a 45-minute consultation session.  
  https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/consultation-in-person

• If you have a quick question, stop by our drop-in consultation sessions held weekly (in both Evanston and Chicago).  
  http://lmsblog.it.northwestern.edu/workshop-signup/?workshop=officehours

• View our online support toolkit here:  
  https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/instructor-toolkit-overview
Contact for more questions:

consultant@northwestern.edu
Northwestern issue: 847-491-4357 (1-HELP)
Canvas issue: 855-680-0126
Canvas free verse

Your blank Canvas awaits a masterpiece.
Express yourself!

Canvas? What?
Blackboard? When?
Get into Canvas before the end!

Above all, have fun!