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Canvas is Now!
Northwestern's Learning Management System

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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
- Goal Completed

**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
- Goal Completed

**WINTER 2015**
- GOAL: 75% of all winter course sites on Canvas
  - Transition support of school-based custom course sites begins
- 70% of winter course sites on Canvas

**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!

Winter 2015 active course sites, counted on February 16, 2015

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*represents increase of 23% in number of course sites from Winter 2014
What Should Be Saved From Blackboard?

• **Grade material** from the last year’s courses (after Summer 2014)

• Faculty responsibility to keep material that helped to 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?

• 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 Aug. 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 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?
  – Own computer files or Canvas prep site

• When to save course material?
  – Before Aug. 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 will be 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
Questions on saving material, timeline
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 constantly.  
  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!

- After you’ve attended a workshop, if you 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 both 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 here: [https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/instructor-toolkit-overview](https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/1580/pages/instructor-toolkit-overview)
Blackboard to Canvas Transfer

In screen sharing mode, we’ll explore:
- Blackboard course (before)
- Blackboard material in Canvas (after)
Q and A

KEEP CALM
WE'RE
HERE TO
HELP
A Pair of Canvas Haiku

The season is now!
Pandas, pandas, everywhere...
A new home beckons.

(Is Les James, 2015)

Is this really real?
Why was I not consulted?
Hey, this ain't so bad.

(Mike Dice, 2015)