

Instructor Getting Started Resources

Below are some general questions and answers about Canvas, the Teacher role, and links to resources to help you be comfortable with Canvas.

To learn more, visit the [Instructor Guide](#).

Introduction

What is Canvas?

Canvas is a Learning Management System. To learn more about Canvas terminology and definitions, visit [How does Canvas define the terms used to describe its features and functions?](#)

Because Canvas is a web-based system, it doesn't need to be installed on your computer. However, you'll want to make sure that your [computer and web browser meet the basic requirements to run Canvas](#).

What is the Instructor/Teacher role?

In Canvas, the [Teacher role](#) is used to enroll users responsible for course creation, instruction, and management. Teachers are also referred to as instructors in Canvas. In general, users with the Teacher role have permissions that allow them to moderate a course, view course data, and direct daily course communications. However, these permissions may vary among institutions.

Canvas for Elementary

[Canvas for Elementary](#) is a Canvas setting that displays a simplified interface and experience designed for young learners. Your institution may have this enabled for your course(s).

Course Structure Resources

- [Resources from Instructure's Instructional Design Team](#)
- [Canvas Enrollment Status Comparison](#)
- [Canvas Course States Comparison](#)

Additional Resources

- [Getting Started with Canvas in 10 Steps \(Faculty\)](#)
- [Teacher Quick Start Guide](#)

Flowcharts

For a visual representation of how to get started with Canvas as an instructor, view the [Getting Started with Canvas as an Instructor Flowchart](#).

For a visual representation of what students can view and access course content, view the [Student Course Visibility and Participation Flowchart](#).

Videos

You can [watch videos](#) designed for instructors.

Canvas Guides

The [Canvas Instructor Guide](#) has over 600 articles that each answer a question that relates to using the Canvas interface as an instructor. Each article also includes Next and Previous links so you can easily navigate to related content.

User Account Setup

Before you can do anything in Canvas, you'll need an account and the [URL for your institution's Canvas website](#). View the articles below for help with setting up your account, logging in, and managing your user settings.

- [How do I sign up for a new Free-for-Teacher Canvas account as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I accept an invitation to join a Canvas course as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I log in to Canvas?](#)
- [How do I change the settings in my user account?](#)

Use QR Code to Log In

There's a very simple way to log in to the Canvas Teacher app. In the web version of Canvas, if you click the Account link in the Global Navigation menu, you'll see a QR for Mobile Login link. After

opening the Canvas Teacher app on your mobile device, scan that code. You will be instantly logged-in, without having to worry about connecting to your institution and retyping your information.

- [How do I view a QR code to log in to the Canvas mobile apps as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I log in to the Canvas Teacher app on my iOS device with a QR code?](#)
- [How do I log in to the Canvas Teacher app on my Android Device with a QR code?](#)

Canvas Overview

Canvas has four main areas: Canvas Dashboard, sidebar, Global Navigation menu, and course interface. The video below is an overview of Canvas navigation and account settings for Instructors.

<https://embed.app.guide.com/playbooks/p7Lm8jQBu8Qty9zuuWLWH2>

The articles below show you how to navigate Canvas and use a few of the tools that link across all your courses.

- [How do I use the Dashboard as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I use the Global Navigation Menu?](#)
- [How do I view all my Canvas courses?](#)
- [How do I use the Course Home Page as an instructor?](#)
- [How does Canvas work as a supplement to face-to-face courses?](#)
- [How do I embed a Guides article inside a Canvas course?](#)
- [How do I manage my Canvas notification settings?](#)
- [How do I use the Inbox?](#)
- [How do I use the Calendar?](#)
- [How do I get help with Canvas?](#)

Course Setup

Canvas provides several tools that allow you to create a course and add content for your students. View the articles below for information on setting up your Canvas course.

- [How do I use the Course Setup Checklist?](#)
- [How do I use the Canvas course setup tutorial as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I add a section to a course as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I set details for a course?](#)
- [How do I use course settings?](#)
- [How do I publish a course?](#)

Course Basics

Each course includes various features where you can share course content, hold discussions, assign coursework, grade student submissions, and much more. View the articles below for some of the basics of Canvas courses.

- [How do I create an assignment?](#)
- [How do I assign an assignment to everyone in a course?](#)
- [How do I use the Course Navigation Menu as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I use the Syllabus as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I create a discussion as an instructor?](#)
- [How do I use Files?](#)
- [How do I use the Gradebook?](#)
- [How do I add a module?](#)
- [How do I create a new page in a course?](#)
- [How do I add users to a course?](#)
- [How do I edit user roles in a course?](#)
- [How do I create a quiz with individual questions?](#) (Classic Quizzes)
- [How do I create a quiz using New Quizzes?](#)
- [How do I add and modify text in the Rich Content Editor?](#)
- [How do I get to SpeedGrader from an assignment, quiz, or graded discussion?](#)
- [How do I use SpeedGrader?](#)

Learn more about Canvas features in the [Canvas Basics Guide](#).

Canvas on Mobile Devices

Visit the [Canvas Teacher Android Guide](#) or the [Canvas Teacher iOS Guide](#) to learn more.

- [How can I use Canvas on my mobile device as an instructor?](#)
- [What is the Canvas Teacher app?](#)
- [Mobile App Design | Course Evaluation Checklist](#)

Canvas Teacher App

Canvas also has a free mobile app available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) that is specifically tailored to instructors. View information about the Teacher app below.

- [How do I download the Teacher app on my iOS device?](#)
- [How do I log in to the Teacher app on my iOS device with a Canvas URL?](#)
- [How do I log in to the Teacher app on my iOS device with a QR code?](#)
- [How do I use the Teacher app on my iOS device?](#)
- [How do I download the Teacher app on my Android device?](#)
- [How do I log in to the Teacher app on my Android device with a Canvas URL?](#)
- [How do I log in to the Teacher app on my Android device with a QR code?](#)
- [How do I use the Teacher app on my Android device?](#)

Canvas Feature Options Functionality

- [Canvas Feature Options](#)
- [External Apps \(LTI\)](#)

Canvas Instructor Resource Documents

[Resource documents](#) offer visualizations of information as well as deep dives into various feature or data areas in Canvas. Below are commonly accessed resource documents.

- [Canvas Enrollment Status Comparison](#)

- [Canvas Course States Comparison](#)
- [Course Content Distribution Comparison](#)

Additional Resources

- [Higher Ed Canvas Users Group](#)
- [K12 Users Group](#)
- [Resources from Instructure's Instructional Design Team](#)
- [Canvas Course Evaluation Checklist v3.0](#)
- [SIS Error Code Dictionary](#)
- [Canvas Troubleshooting Guide](#)
- [Back to School](#) (K12)
- [Back to Campus](#) (Higher Education)

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