

Student Getting Started Resources

Below are some general questions and answers about Canvas, the Student role, and links to resources to help you be comfortable with Canvas. Visit the [Student Guides](#) to learn more.

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](#).

Canvas also has a [free mobile app](#) available for iOS and Android that is specifically tailored to students. You can learn more about [how the mobile app features compare](#) to Canvas on the web.

What is the Student role?

In Canvas, the [Student role](#) is most commonly used to enroll users who will participate in a course for course credit. Users enrolled as students can view course content and participate in course assignments and communications. Students cannot view and participate in a course until it is published and the course has started.

Canvas for Elementary

[Canvas for Elementary](#) is a Canvas setting that displays a simplified interface and experience designed for younger learners.

Canvas Guides

The [Canvas Student Guide](#) has over 200 articles that each answer a question that relates to using the Canvas interface as a student. Each article also includes Next and Previous links so you can easily navigate to related content.

Student Videos

You can also watch [videos for students](#).

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 and managing your user settings.

- [How do I accept an email invitation to join a Canvas course?](#)
- [How do I sign up for a Canvas account with a join code or secret URL as a student?](#)
- [How do I edit my profile in my user account?](#)
- [How do I change the settings in my user account?](#)

Logging in to Canvas

You can access Canvas through a URL for your institution. Learn more in the article below.

- [How do I log in to Canvas?](#)

Logging in to the Canvas Student App

After you download the Canvas Student mobile app to your [Android](#) or [iOS](#) device, you can log in to the app using a QR code or a URL. If you are already logged in to Canvas on the Web, using the QR code instantly logs you in to the app.

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

You can also log into the Canvas Student mobile app without a QR code:

- [How do I log in to the Student app on my iOS device with a Canvas URL?](#)

- [How do I log in to the Student app on my Android device with a Canvas URL?](#)

Canvas Overview

Once you log into Canvas, take a minute to familiarize yourself with the Canvas user interface.

<https://embed.app.guidde.com/playbooks/bzcagbJGT4RWRX5MP4Heeb>

Embed this Video

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 Global Navigation Menu?](#)
- [How do I use the Dashboard as a student?](#)
- [How do I use the Inbox?](#)
- [How do I use the Calendar?](#)
- [How do I use Files?](#)
- [How do I add and modify text in the Rich Content Editor?](#)

Course Basics

Within a Canvas course, you can submit assignments, participate in discussions, view grades, and collaborate with other students. What is available in your course depends on what has been implemented by your instructor. View the articles below for some of the basics of Canvas courses.

- [How do I use the Course Home Page as a student?](#)
- [How do I view Assignments as a student?](#)
- [How do I submit an online assignment?](#)
- [How do I view my grades in a current course?](#)
- [How do I reply to a discussion as a student?](#)
- [How do I take a quiz?](#) (Classic Quizzes)
- [How do I take a quiz in New Quizzes?](#)
- [How do I view Collaborations as a student?](#)
- [How do I use Conferences in a course as a student?](#)

- [How do I view Pages as a student?](#)

Learn more about Canvas features and other basic topics in the [Canvas Basics Guide](#).

Learn more about using Canvas as a student in the [Canvas Student Guide](#).

Canvas Student App

View information about the [Canvas Student mobile app](#) in the articles below.

- [How do I use the Student app on my Android device?](#)
- [How do I use the Student app on my iOS device?](#)
- [How do I view Assignments in the Student app on my Android device?](#)
- [How do I view Assignments in the Student app on my iOS device?](#)

Visit the Canvas Student mobile app guides to learn more.

- [Canvas Student Android Guide](#)
- [Canvas Student iOS Guide](#)
- [Canvas for Elementary Student Android Guide](#)
- [Canvas for Elementary Student iOS Guide](#)

Additional Resources for Students

- [Getting Started with Canvas in 10 Steps \(Students\)](#)
- [Canvas for Elementary Student Guides](#)
- [Troubleshooting for Students](#)

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