

Canvas Update | Supported Course Migration, Faculty Training, and Non-Banner Canvas Sites

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are getting some down time this summer . . . or at least some “less than always on” time.

I am writing with updates and reminders for key aspects of support for faculty in the University’s transition to Canvas, including information for those who manage active non-Banner/non-course sites in Blackboard.

Supported Course Migration Now Available

Support for moving courses from Blackboard to Canvas is now available. We have a team of Course Migration Assistants in place who can provide support for moving fall 2021 courses from Blackboard to Canvas. **Want help with migrating your courses? Complete [this Google form](#).** (You must be signed into MySLU to access this form.) If you haven’t used Canvas before, we recommend you do some initial training sessions before you decide whether to migrate courses from Blackboard or build in Canvas from scratch. For migration support, the current priority is formal courses being offered in fall 2021. Migration support is not available for non-Banner sites at this time. *Reminder: we may not be able to support requests submitted after August 1.*

Training Reminders for Faculty/Instructors

Canvas training continues, and faculty who have not used Canvas before are strongly encouraged to attend live/virtual training sessions. You have access to a self-paced introductory course, [Growing with Canvas](#), inside of Canvas. This is also where you will also find live training sessions. Additionally, we continue to offer a robust schedule of live (virtual) training sessions. Go to <https://www.slu.edu/ctl/canvas.php> for training schedules and registration links. Canvas is a complex tool and can do a lot of interesting things, but it does involve a learning curve, as any new system does. Faculty who have participated in training have indicated the sessions are extremely helpful.

Moving an Non-Banner Blackboard Site

Programs that have a Blackboard Organization or a non-Banner “course” site and wish to create those same sites in Canvas should complete [this Google form](#). (You must be signed into MySLU to access this form.) This will allow us to create a Canvas site for your program and allow you to begin building out the site and moving Blackboard content as you desire. Currently, migration assistance is not available for these sites, so the person who administers the existing Blackboard site will be responsible for building out the Canvas site.

As the summer continues, I’ll write again with periodic reminders and additional information.

Best,
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