

Canvas Updates | Fall Semester Start, Third-Party Integrations, Faculty Training and Support

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Dear Colleagues,

As we near the start of the fall semester -- and our first full term using Canvas -- I write with a few updates and reminders about the Canvas implementation:

- **Canvas training and Q&A sessions for instructors:** There are still seats available in the live/virtual Q&A sessions we're holding with Canvas trainers. You are welcome to sign up, even if you haven't participated in other live training sessions yet. To reserve a spot in an August session, click [here](#). To reserve a spot in a September session, click [here](#). You can learn more about other Canvas training opportunities and resources [here](#). Recordings from the 60+ training sessions we've held this summer may be found in the online course, [Growing with Canvas](#) (which all instructors should be enrolled in within Canvas).
- **Canvas resources for students:** If you want to link to a quick-start guide for students in your courses, try [this](#). [This more comprehensive student Canvas guide](#) is also a great resource you can share with your students.
- **Third-party tools/integrations used in Blackboard:** If you used a third-party tool (also called an "integration" or "LTI") that was linked in Blackboard and want to explore making the tool available in Canvas, fill out [this Google form](#). Several tools have already been added to Canvas; you can see which third-party tools are already integrated into Canvas by following the instructions in [this Canvas guide](#). *Note: we are currently prioritizing third-party tools that were already integrated into Blackboard. We are developing a formal process to allow faculty to recommend new LTIs/integrations for consideration.*
- **Blackboard reminders:** With the end of summer classes yesterday, no more SLU courses may be offered in Blackboard. Faculty will continue to have access to two years' worth of past courses (from spring 2019-summer 2021) in Blackboard until June 2022, when the Blackboard contract ends.
- **Required University-wide syllabus statements are available in the Canvas Commons:** The required University-wide syllabus statements on academic honesty, disability accommodations, Title IX, face masks, and in-person attendance/participation have been added to a new module in the [Canvas Commons](#). This makes it easy to import those statements right into your own Canvas courses, should you wish to do so. This module appears in the Canvas Commons as featured content, so you will see it as soon as you click into the Commons. Learn more about importing Commons content into your courses [here](#).

- **Remember to publish your Canvas course when you're ready for students to be able to view it.** If you need more information on how to publish your course, [this Canvas guide](#) can help.
- **Need help in Canvas? Access support in multiple ways:** You can call 314-977-4000 and press option 3 to go directly to Canvas support. Alternatively, you can access live chat support with Canvas [here](#).

Thank you for investing your time this summer learning and preparing your fall courses in Canvas. I know this is a labor-intensive process, but I know you'll be glad you did it.

Best wishes for a smooth start to the academic year.

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