

Updates and reminders for Blackboard closure, Canvas sites (Winter, Spring, and Summer)

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Dear Colleagues,

As the end of the fall semester approaches, I am writing with updates and reminders about the Blackboard shutdown and our continuing migration to Canvas.

Blackboard: The Final Countdown

I can now confirm that Blackboard access for faculty, staff, and students will end on Friday, May 20, 2022. At this time, it looks as though a long-term archive of existing Blackboard courses likely will not be feasible (mainly due to changes Blackboard has made in recent years to move away from offering an archiving service).

This means **if you wish to preserve course materials** from existing Blackboard courses **you should either (1) obtain those materials yourself** (download individual files from old courses or follow the instructions [here](#) to export the whole course in a way that can later be imported into Canvas) **or (2) request that a past Blackboard course be migrated to Canvas** (by completing [this Google form](#)). Over the next few months, I will share regular updates and reminders, to ensure you have ample warning before Blackboard closes down permanently.

Canvas: Winter Session and Spring Semester Course Migration Support

Winter Session and Spring semester course shells are available in Canvas. As a reminder, if you want assistance migrating a course from Blackboard, complete [this Google form](#). If you do not see your Winter or Spring courses in Canvas, check with your department/program to make sure you have been linked to the appropriate course(s) in CourseLeaf (CLSS). You will only see in Canvas courses for which you have been assigned as an instructor in CLSS.

Canvas: Summer Course Shell Availability

Summer course shells will be loaded into Canvas in mid-February. If you would like to migrate a summer course from Blackboard earlier than that, complete [this Google form](#), and the Course Migration Team can create a Sandbox in your account specifically for that content.

Finally, for those seeking Canvas training, there are still virtual sessions scheduled for December and January. Information about available training (including links to the registration forms) may be found [here](#).

Wishing you a smooth end-of-semester,
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