

Tech Snacks: Canvas Update

Transition Timeline from Brightspace to Canvas

April 2024

- faculty can request sandbox access
- OTLE will ask which past courses you want migrated

May 2024

- workshops with OTLE (2-4 days)

June/July 2024

- integration work with Banner and single-sign-on
- “real” course shells provisioned for Spring 2025

August 2024

- course migration complete

October to December 2024

- continued trainings on specific Canvas topics

January 2025

- teaching in Canvas begins

Faculty Accounts

Faculty are more than welcome to request sandboxes now and play around with Canvas. Contact Jason or Brittany to initiate the process. Expect an email from “MSU-Northern OTLE” from the email address “notifications@instructure.com” – it’s not spam! Once you create your password, let us know and we will add you to your sandbox course and the faculty training course.

Upcoming Workshops

Three options are available for now: May 6-9, May 13-16, May 20-23

Part 1: Monday & Tuesday

“Growing with Canvas” – an asynchronous training that is a prerequisite for part 2
6 hours, location of your choice (can also be started ahead of time)

Part 2: Wednesday & Thursday

Hands-on “deeper dive” workshop with OTLE to rebuild one of your courses from scratch
10-12 hours, Cowan Hall

Sign-up begins next week. Seats are limited to 15 per session.

Migration

Around mid-April, OTLE will ask you which current/past course shells you would like migrated. We will need this information by late June, so please make sure to let us know before you leave for the summer.

Please note:

- You may take up to one version of each unique course you have taught in the last three years (e.g. WRIT 101; WRIT 350; LIT 212).
- If your course is substantially different when offered in summer or offered in a different modality, you may also count that as a “unique” course.
- You don't have to have courses migrated. If you have courses that need substantial rebuilding anyway, we'd love to help you rebuild them from scratch in Canvas and save the migration cost.
- If your content is minimal (syllabus and announcements only; primarily publisher LTI), please don't include it in the migration request list, as each course costs an average of \$25 to migrate. These courses can be quickly and easily run through a manual export-import process.
- We will have one migration “run” in July/August and another in mid-December of 2024. If you are going to be teaching a course in Brightspace this fall and you will want it migrated once the semester is over, don't choose an older version of that course to migrate for the first run (when we ask for your list this April). You can only choose that unique course once.

When it's time to let us know your courses, we'll ask you to do the following:

1. Go into the course shell you'd like to have migrated.
2. Go to the “Edit Course” tab and then to “Course Offering Information”.
3. Most of the way down the page you'll see “Course Offering Path”. We need the entire folder name after “enforced”, without the slashes. With the example below, we would need:

756346-CAPP_120_901_202370



Things to Look Forward to

Calendar: link to Outlook calendar; students can set up appointments; click and drag items

Canvas Commons

Modular structure: Pages; horizontal navigation

App: one for teachers, one for students; activities can be completed within the app

Notifications: students can customize by class

Template: shared rubrics, etc. within a department