



## UTA CANVAS NEWS 02 - DECEMBER 3, 2018

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### WELCOME



Welcome to the Canvas Newsletter for key stakeholders. This communication tool will provide you with additional information and details on UTA's conversion to Canvas. The newsletter will be archived at [canvas.uta.edu](https://canvas.uta.edu). Questions can be sent to [canvasteam@uta.edu](mailto:canvasteam@uta.edu).

### CANVAS UPDATE

- ▶ The Canvas configuration is progressing well. Currently the team is preparing to import data related to Account Structure, Users, Sections, Group Categories, Group Memberships, and Enrollment from MyMav into the Canvas Production Environment. In addition, third-party tool integration is ongoing with 13 integrations fully setup and 4 pending for purchasing. For a detailed list, please contact the transition team at [canvasteam@uta.edu](mailto:canvasteam@uta.edu).
- ▶ Colleges/schools have identified small cohorts of courses that will test and pilot Canvas in Spring 2019. Faculty teaching pilot courses are now in Canvas training courses led by their college/school champions building a cohort of Canvas experts within each college/school. Plans for adding additional faculty to the Canvas Training Course are underway to allow faculty to take advantage of the holidays to learn this new LMS.
- ▶ After a two-day workshop with Canvas trainers, CDE is finalizing a UTA Canvas course template that will provide students with a consistent learning experience. Template creation will be completed shortly and integrated prior to course migration.
- ▶ Training to support the conversion of courses chosen for the Spring 2019 pilot and beyond is underway. CDE will provide Open Lab hours to canvas pilot faculty every Friday from 2- 4 pm in Nedderman 315. The Canvas training schedule for faculty teaching in summer will be rolled out in early February. Faculty on the LMS (Blackboard) are asked to complete the [pre-migration checklist](#) to prepare their course for migration to Canvas.

### CANVAS COURSE PILOT- SPRING 2019

In order to prepare for a smooth LMS transition campus-wide, our college champions and selected faculty will pilot their courses in Canvas during Spring 2019 (January – May) with the purpose of:

- ▶ Test and validate system integration and third-party tools as they are available.
- ▶ Test course migration processes (pre-migration, migration, and post-migration).
- ▶ Review and test course templates.
- ▶ Champions and early adopters to provide feedback to the Canvas Team as issues or areas of improvement are identified.
- ▶ Ensure Canvas is stable and is ready for campus-wide deployment.

### COLLEGE/SCHOOL CHAMPION REMINDERS



#### Key Dates for January Pilot

- 12/7-Complete [pre-migration checklist](#)
- 12/18-Complete pilot course(s) migration

### CANVAS CONTACT INFORMATION

- Transition Website: [canvas.uta.edu](https://canvas.uta.edu)
- Transition Team: [canvasteam@uta.edu](mailto:canvasteam@uta.edu)
- Training Team: [cdetraining@uta.edu](mailto:cdetraining@uta.edu)
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Canvas Newsletters will be archived at [canvas.uta.edu](https://canvas.uta.edu).

### CANVAS FEATURE OF THE MONTH

#### SpeedGrader

You can now [annotate images in SpeedGrader](#) using the [DocViewer annotation tools](#).

#### Word Counter

The [Rich Content Editor now displays a word counter](#) when you're typing in the editor window. This helps you know how many words you've typed in a discussion, page, or assignment text entry.

*For announcements, updates, helpful tips and ideas for enhancing teaching and learning with Canvas AT UTA, visit the Canvas webpage:*

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