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CANVAS UPDATES

- ▶ We have wrapped up White Glove migration for summer course offerings. In addition, all Academic Partnership (AP) courses set to start May 13 and 20 have been migrated, and faculty will have access to webinars to answer any last minute sessions this Friday and next week.
- ▶ Testing of the syllabus upload from Canvas into Digital Measures began May 8. As a result of this integration, faculty will be uploading their syllabus to Canvas this summer and it will migrate to their Digital Measures profile, connect with the appropriate course and appear in Mentis. Posting of the syllabus through Mentis allows UTA to be in compliance with Texas [House Bill 2504](#).
- ▶ Grade integration with MyMav and Canvas is in production. The gradebook columns (4th week, 8th week, Final) for Spring grades are now available in Canvas and pilot faculty will be entering final grades in Canvas, including justification for F grades. Training is being provided for pilot faculty ahead of final grade posting which is May 14 at 12 noon.
- ▶ Canvas training staff met with UTA Orientation leaders to provide information and training on Canvas, as well as video options to share with incoming freshmen and transfer students this summer.
- ▶ A working group is meeting in late May to discuss preparations for [Ally](#), a program that provides an accessibility scan of faculty courses, as well as suggestions and options for ensuring that course material responds to ADA best practices. An Ally team will be on campus in Fall for a two-day data session to engage the campus in implementing this tool. Contact canvasteam@uta.edu if you'd like to participate.

▶ Posters, table tents and digital signage appeared across campus in April, as well as e-Shorthorn advertising, informing students, faculty and staff of UTA's move to Canvas. Students were encouraged to download the Canvas app and begin engaging with its many features. Digital screens across campus also featured ads. Another campaign will launch in August in preparation for fall semester when all courses will be offered in Canvas.



CANVAS TRAINING

- 📄 The CDE Training team created a UTA-branded student [Canvas training course](#) that faculty can integrate into their courses or students can take on their own. The Canvas team is working with UNIV instructors to ensure that students are introduced to Canvas at the start of Fall semester.
- 📄 CDE offered 54 training sessions in April, and more than 30 are scheduled for May including a number of online sessions. Champions are strongly encourage to remind faculty to take advantage of these various options: the online "Growing with Canvas" course, sessions offered through CDE's [training site](#), or departments can request group training this summer by sending details to canvasteam@uta.edu.
- 📄 Training on using ARC is now being offered. This video tool allows for close-captioning of videos with an ~85% accuracy rate; allows students and faculty to insert comments and quizzes in videos; and allows for use of a variety of languages. See the training schedule in canvas.uta.edu for more information.
- 📄 Training also continues for non-academic users of the LMS to bring their training courses or their Blackboard organizations into Canvas. Training is offered by OIT and those interested can register [here](#).

COLLEGE/SCHOOL CHAMPION REMINDERS



Key Tasks

- it is very important that faculty respond quickly to Canvas after their course is migrated to request any changes or to sign off. Faculty have 5 days from the time they are informed that their course is migrated to request any changes. Please monitor the Canvas Migration google doc to ensure that your faculty are responding on time.
- White Glove Group 3 is being finalized by Rick McCreary. If you have not sent your completed excel sheets to him, with **complete** course URLs, please do so ASAP.
- Distribute guidelines for requesting and creating new courses in Canvas to your college faculty. The process is in your Champions *Files* folder in Teams.
- Encourage faculty to register for upcoming [training](#) sessions.
- We welcome your ideas for topics for the next round of training sessions by Canvas in the Fall. Please forward your suggestions to canvasteam@uta.edu

CANVAS CONTACT INFORMATION

- Transition Website: canvas.uta.edu
- Transition Team: canvasteam@uta.edu
- Canvas Newsletters are archived at canvas.uta.edu.

CANVAS FEATURE OF THE MONTH

Canvas E-portfolio

Canvas [e-Portfolios](#) are a way of storing and sharing work from your Canvas courses or other activities. E-portfolios are located in your Canvas account and not in any particular course allowing faculty or students to create and maintain an unlimited number of e-Portfolios separate from courses. [Students](#), advisors for organizations, and staff can also use portfolios and make them public, allowing users to share materials such as writing samples; or e-Portfolios can be set to private, allowing users to share their work with only those authorized to view it. E-Portfolios are stored in Canvas and remain active as long as the user has an active account with the University.

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

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