



## UTA CANVAS NEWS 08 - June 10, 2019

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### CANVAS UPDATES

- We successfully migrated approximately 1,000 courses from Blackboard to Canvas per faculty requests, plus 277 AP courses. We have one more non-AP group to migrate of approximately 300 before the end of summer which is our deadline for migration.
- We had more than 9,000 enrollments in Canvas for the May 13 and May 20 summer class starts; and we are closely monitoring the June 3rd start which included the summer 1st 5 week and 11 week summer classes.
- The college/school deans are reviewing a proposal for faculty to enter all grades in Canvas for Fall 2019. Grades are a critical element in student success efforts and Canvas can accommodate entering F grades, which faculty used to have to enter into MyMav. Posting of syllabi will also occur through Canvas, and syllabi will migrate to Digital Measures/Mentis allowing UTA to be in compliance with Texas [House Bill 2504](#).
- Arc, Canvas' video tool, is being renamed [Canvas Studio](#). Instructure is in the process of changing the name of the tool (product is the same) as part of their company's new branding and marketing initiative. ARC allows faculty to easily create videos, add videos from other sources, insert quizzes into videos and [close caption](#) them with the click of a button. Students can also create videos, [insert comments](#) or ask questions.
- An Ally working group is forming committees in preparations for a visit from [Ally](#), to begin planning for accessibility training for faculty. An Ally team will be on campus the first week in August for a two-day session to engage the campus in implementing this tool. Contact [canvasteam@uta.edu](mailto:canvasteam@uta.edu) if you'd like to participate.

➤ Incoming freshmen and transfer students are receiving information on Canvas at each of the summer orientations. Many of our incoming freshmen are familiar with this LMS platform as many of our feeders Independent School Districts (ISDs) use Canvas, including Mansfield, Grand Prairie, Arlington, and Crowley. Starting in early August, information tables as well as posters, email communication and digital screens will provide additional information to students in preparation for the August 21 start of Fall classes. For more information on communication please contact Erin Townsend at [erin@uta.edu](mailto:erin@uta.edu).



### CANVAS TRAINING

- 📖 CDE offered 36 training sessions in May with 91 in-person attendees and 127 online attendees; 19 sessions are scheduled for June. Sessions are also being scheduled by unit with a minimum attendance of 20. Please remember that staff and GTAs should also receive Canvas training.
- 📖 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](mailto:canvasteam@uta.edu).
- 📖 A Canvas trainer will return to campus September 10 & 11 to conduct additional training to the campus community. Sessions will focus on more advanced use of the LMS, including the Gradebook, use of Groups and Inbox.
- 📖 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 to date the following organizations have started creating non-academic content in Canvas:
  - Business Affairs
  - CAPP
  - Compliance Training
  - UTA Fort Worth
  - IRB
  - TRIO Student Support Services
  - Testing Services

Apartment and Residence Life and UTA Library have students actively participating in their courses. Those interested in developing non-academic content in Canvas can register [here](#).

### COLLEGE/SCHOOL CHAMPION REMINDERS



#### Key Tasks

- Instructors are not permitted to manually add or remove students to live courses in Canvas. If students are added manually, they will not be synced with MyMav which causes many institutional compliance issues, including grades not posting at the end of the semester.
- Please remind your faculty to 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.
- Please share [this survey link](#) with any faculty who have finished teaching a course in Canvas and encourage them to share their feedback.

### CANVAS CONTACT INFORMATION

- Transition Website: [canvas.uta.edu](http://canvas.uta.edu)
- Transition Team: [canvasteam@uta.edu](mailto:canvasteam@uta.edu)
- Canvas Newsletters are archived at [canvas.uta.edu](http://canvas.uta.edu).

### CANVAS FEATURE OF THE MONTH

#### Canvas Catalog

[Canvas Catalog](#) allows UTA to create a non-academic customized course registration system, payment gateway, and learning platform. UTA plans to use it for advertising and scheduling internal training offerings, external training including that offered for summer camps, and UTA Continuing Education courses. Canvas Catalog is native to Canvas. System intergration is now occuring and Catalog is expected to be offered in Fall 2019.

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

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