New Canvas Features- Fall 2018

There are many new and exciting features that will be available to use in Canvas this Fall 2018. Some of the features are immediately available while a few of them are feature options and are available for instructors to enable for desired courses. This document entails the new features, a short description, how it will change the user’s experience, and links to more information. They are organized below by scope of impact.

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Anonymous and Moderated Grading

Canvas Release: Anonymous and Moderated Grading

Anonymous Moderated Grading involves up to two feature options: Anonymous Grading and Moderated Grading. These features can be enabled individually or together to provide multiple options in the assignments page.

Moderated Grading

In moderated grading, anyone with assignment creation permissions specify an assignment submission to be reviewed by one or multiple graders, review the grades, and select which grade should be set as the final grade for each student. For each moderated submission, the user set as the moderator is the only user who can specify the final grade for each assignment.

Anonymous Grading

In anonymous grading, graders cannot identify students associated with each submission that helps remove grading bias. When anonymous grading is enabled in a course, content creators can create assignments with the option to hide student names from graders. This option can be edited and changed at any time by the final grader or an admin. Any edits made to the assignment will be tracked. Auditing tools will be added to help with accountability in a future release.

Anonymous Moderated Grading

When anonymous grading and moderated grading are both enabled, content creators can create assignments that hide student names from graders and include moderated options. All options for both anonymous grading and moderated grading are displayed for the assignment.

When the moderated grading option for graders to view each other’s comments is enabled, the Anonymous Grading options list also includes a second checkbox option: Graders cannot view each other’s names. This option allows graders to view comments from other graders but not view the name associated with each comment.

Changes:

This is a feature option that can be turned on by the instructor at the course level and has no impact if not enabled. Once either of these options are enabled in a course, instructors will have these additional assignment options (see below).
Non-scoring Rubrics

Canvas Release: Non-scoring Rubrics
Canvas Guide on Non-scoring rubrics

Non-scoring rubrics contain rating criterions without point values. Unlike regular rubrics, non-scoring rubrics are not used for grading. If you have added a non-scoring rubric to an assignment, you can assess the rubric in SpeedGrader.

Changes:
This is a feature option that can be enabled at the course level by instructors. This will have no impact on existing rubrics, but instructors will now have the option to remove points from rubrics they have already created and use them in SpeedGrader without it having a point value assigned to them.
Office 365

**Canvas Guide on Office 365 integration**

Student and Instructors can upload a file from your Microsoft OneDrive for an assignment. Like other file upload submissions, files uploaded from Office 365 are uploaded into your Canvas user files submissions folder.

Notes:
- When Office 365 files are uploaded as a submission, later changes made to the file in OneDrive will not be updated in the submission.
- Canvas will require you to authorize access to your OneDrive account.

Turning on Microsoft 365 in a course will also enable it as an option for students to use in the collaboration tab of a course. Click the link below for more information on collaborations.

**Canvas Guide on Collaborations**

**Changes:**
This does not change the main content or assignments, but adds an additional option to see and submit files directly from Microsoft OneDrive. This also provides the Ppt, Excel, and Word options under the Collaboration Tab in a course.
Duplicating Modules

Canvas Guide on Duplicating Modules

You can duplicate assignments, graded discussions, and pages within a module. When a module is copied, the word Copy is added to the end of the item name.

Duplicating a module defaults the copied module to an unpublished status. Assignment duplication, page duplication, and discussion duplication are currently supported in modules. Please note the exceptions associated with each item type.

Items duplicated in the Modules page follow the same behavior as a new item created in a module. The item displays in the Modules page but is also visible in the item’s respective index page. All assignments, pages, and graded discussions within the copied module also include the word Copy at the end of the module item name.

Limitations

- Currently external links, external tools, classic quizzes, headers, and files cannot be duplicated.
- If applicable, the Modules page displays any Blueprint Course icons after the page is refreshed.
- The content in a Mastery Path module can be duplicated, but the duplicate will not retain the Mastery Path.

Only Quizzes.Next quizzes are supported for copying within modules. If a module contains a quiz created by the classic Canvas quiz tool, the option to copy a module does not display in the module menu. Modules can be copied by removing the classic quiz from the module.

Changes:

This has no immediate impact on created content in modules but adds an additional option to duplicate modules that have been created. There are restrictions as to what can be duplicated.
Library Guides

UAB Article on Library Guides

Instructors can now embed UAB Library Guides in a Canvas course for students to use. Instructors can manually select which library guide and embed in a module or Canvas page or instructors can have Canvas automatically curate which library guide to have available in their course based off the meta data in their course name.

Changes:
Instructors can enable the Library Guides navigation tab in their course and the library content displayed in that tab will automatically be curated. By default, each guide will be directed to a default Library Guide. If the course has a specific curated guide it will be displayed in its place. If you would like to know more about specific course library guides, please contact Dana Hettich or Delores Carlito.

Instructors can now also embed specific library content anywhere the rich text editor is available and directly into modules.
New Gradebook Feature
Click here to access the UAB specific website and instructional guide

Canvas Guides on New Gradebook

Canvas has released a new feature that allows instructors to view an improved version of the Gradebook. While some of the features of the existing Gradebook remain the same, new features and enhancements are being added. These new features can make grading more flexible and intuitive, elevating the Gradebook’s overall user experience.

Changes:
All functionality with the current Gradebook is included in the New Gradebook with the following exceptions:

- Assignment Details—this feature is being addressed as part of Canvas Studio Priority: Analytics 2
- Hide Student Names—this feature is being addressed as part of Canvas Studio Priority: Anonymous & Moderated Marking
- Treat Ungraded as 0—this feature will be modified in a future release of the New Gradebook that will include more viewing options for total grades.

New Features (pictured below)
- Late Policies
- Submission Status Colors
- New Filters and Viewing options
- Grade Detail Tray

Schedule

Fall 2018
The New Gradebook is an optional feature available to instructors during the Fall Semester of 2018. Instructors can turn on this feature on a course by course basis.

You cannot switch back to the “old” Gradebook if you enable late policies or manually adjust the labels in the New Gradebook.

Spring 2019
The New Gradebook will be turned on for all courses starting in the spring of 2019. The New Gradebook will completely replace the old gradebook and no longer be an optional feature.
Zoom
https://www.uab.edu/elearning/faculty/zoom

Zoom provides users the ability to seamlessly create video conferences and instantly record and add to Kaltura media space inside Canvas. Now instructors can use Zoom inside of Canvas to meet with their class virtually, record lectures, offer virtual office hours and publish recorded lectures from their Kaltura account.

Changes:
The new installment of Zoom provides a Zoom navigation tab (see below) where students can click to join zoom meetings that the instructor has scheduled. Previously students did not have this tab. With this new installment, scheduled zoom meetings will not show up on the student’s calendar but will be accessible through the Zoom tab found in the navigation bar on the left of the course. To schedule a meeting with a class, instructors should schedule through the Zoom tab in the desired course.

Schedule
Fall 2018
If you are currently using GoToMeeting and Virtual classroom those services will continue to be offered through the fall of 2018, along with Zoom. Full support and training will be available to those transitioning to Zoom.

Spring 2019
UAB will fully transition to Zoom in the Spring 2019 and GoToMeeting(Virtual Classroom) will be replaced by the Zoom tool in Canvas. More details will be available at that time.
Student Dashboard Option-List view

Canvas Guide on Using Student Dashboard- List View

The Dashboard List View displays all course To Do items in an agenda view to help students easily manage tasks across all courses. The To Do list contains graded as well as any non-graded To Do items the instructor designates for a course To Do list. You can also add and view personal To-Do items in the Dashboard.

Changes

Students: This has no impact on the standard Card or Recent Activity view that students mainly use. The new List View is a new additional viewing option that can be chosen by students if desired.

Instructors: There is now a new option for instructors to add Canvas pages and non-graded discussions to students To-Do List. This option coincided with the option to Lock Modules based off pre-requisites and requirements. Click the link below for more information.

Canvas Release: Student Dashboard- List View
Canvas Release: List View and Mark as Done Module Requirements