Blackboard to Canvas Tool Equivalency Chart

The information and equivalency chart on this page can help instructors and teaching assistants find steps to accomplish tasks in UVACanvas that they used to do in McIntire's instance of Blackboard.

Note: If you are looking to use a tool from Blackboard that is not mentioned below, please [contact the Learning Technology Services (LTS) Team](#) to request assistance.

💡 **Tip:** Before getting started, see the following articles to familiarize yourself with UVACanvas:

- **Visit your sites:** [How do I use the Global Navigation Menu as an instructor? (opens new window)](#)
- **Access tools in a site:** [How do I use the Course Navigation Menu as an instructor? (opens new window)](#)
- **Find and reuse content from Blackboard:** Checklist coming soon!

Integrated External Tools

External tools that were integrated into Blackboard such as *Media Gallery, Online Meetings* (Zoom), and *UVA Bookstore Inclusive Access* are also available in UVACanvas. For a list of currently available tools, see the [Integrated Tools page (opens new window)](#).

For steps to add one of these tools to your course, see one of the following articles:

- **Tools that link in your Course Navigation Menu (e.g., *Media Gallery*, *Online Meetings*, *Panopto Video*):** [How do I manage Course Navigation links? (opens new window)](#)
- **Tools for activities students submit (e.g., *Gradescope*, *H5P*, *Peerceptiv*):** [How do I add an external tool assignment in UVACanvas?](#)

Most external tools work very similarly in Canvas to how they did in Canvas. Some of these tools have new or improved features in Canvas.

Equivalent Tools

Blackboard Tool	Equivalent in Canvas	Help Guides
Announcements	Announcements	• [What are Announcements? (opens new window)](#) • [Announcements Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Blackboard Annotate	SpeedGrader	• [What is SpeedGrader? (opens new window)](#) • [SpeedGrader Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Blogs	**Discussions:** Create monitored, graded discussion threads. **Assignments:** Create assignments that students submit as blogs.	• [What are Discussions? (opens new window)](#) • [Discussions Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#) • [What are Assignments? (opens new window)](#) • [Assignments Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Calendar	Course Calendar	• [What is the Calendar (opens new window)](#) • [Calendar Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)

Blackboard Tool	Equivalent in Canvas	Help Guides
Content Areas	Modules	• What are Modules? (opens new window) • Modules Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)
Content Collection (Folders)	Files	• What are Files? (opens new window) • Files Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)
Discussions Boards/Forums/ Threads	Discussions	• What are Discussions? (opens new window) • Discussions Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)
Email	Inbox	• How do I use the Inbox as an instructor? (opens new window) • Inbox Overview Video for All Users (opens new window)
Grade Center	**Grades:** View your gradebook items in a table format. **Assignments:** Manage your gradebook categories (now assignment groups) and gradebook items in Assignments.	• What are Grades and the Gradebook? (opens new window) • Canvas features equivalent to Blackboard's Grade Center options
Groups	**Sections:** Make assignments or assessments only available to specific groups of students, assign different due dates to different	• How do I add a section to a course as an instructor? (opens new window)

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	groups, or create accessibility accommodations. **Groups:** For creating group projects or assignments where multiple students make a single submission as a group.	• [How do I give specific students different date or time settings on a quiz or assignment?](#) • [What are Groups? (opens new window)](#) • [Groups Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Import Package/Course Copy	Course Import	• [What is the Course Import Tool? (opens new window)](#) • [Course Content Import Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Journal	There is no specific Journal tool. **Assignments:** You can create individual and group assignments that work similarly to a Journal. **Microsoft Teams Class Notebook:** Each student has their own Notebook shared only with instructors/TAs, where the student and instructors/TAs can add text, upload and embed documents and other files, and comment on the content.	• [What are Assignments? (opens new window)](#) • [Assignments Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#) • [Use Microsoft Teams Classes in your LMS (opens new window)](#) • [Use Class Notebook in Teams (opens new window)](#)
Lessons	Modules	• [What are Modules? (opens new window)](#) • [Modules Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)

Blackboard Tool	Equivalent in Canvas	Help Guides
Make a Course Available	Publish	• [How do I publish a course? (opens new window)](#)
Manage LTI Links	Course Settings	• [How do I manage Course Navigation links? (opens new window)](#) • [Course Settings Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Needs Grading	Dashboard	• [How do I use To Do list and sidebar in the Dashboard as an instructor? (opens new window)](#)
Rich Content Editor	Rich Content Editor	• [What is the Rich Content Editor? (opens new window)](#) • [Rich Content Editor Video for All Users (opens new window)](#)
Rubrics	Rubrics	• [What are rubrics? (opens new window)](#) • [Rubrics Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#) • [iRubric](#)
Self and Peer Assessments	**Assignments:** Peer Review	• [How do I use Peer Review assignments in a course? (opens new window)](#)
Users	**People:** View a list of everyone in your course with their course sections and profile photos.	• [How do I use the People page in a course as an instructor? (opens new](#)

Blackboard Tool	Equivalent in Canvas	Help Guides
	Photo Roster: View students' official UVA photos, sort and filter students by section or group in a course with multiple roster sections or groups, hide student names to practice them, export a list of students with their email addresses and section and group membership.	window) • [People Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#) • [What is the Photo Roster tool?](#)
Properties	Settings	• [How do I use course settings? (opens new window)](#) • [Course Settings Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Statistics	New Analytics	• [What is New Analytics? (opens new window)](#) • [New Analytics Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Syllabus	Syllabus	• [How do I use the Syllabus as an instructor? (opens new window)](#) • [Syllabus Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#)
Tests, Surveys & Pools	**Quizzes:** Tests, Surveys **Question Banks/Item Banks:** Pools	• [What are Quizzes? (opens new window)](#) • [Classic Quizzes Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#) • [New Quizzes Overview Video for Instructors](#)

Blackboard Tool	Equivalent in Canvas	Help Guides
		(opens new window) • [How do I create a (Classic Quizzes) question bank in a course? (opens new window)](#) • [How do I create an item bank in New Quizzes? (opens new window)](#)
Web Link	Redirect Tool	• [Creating a Custom Link in Your Course Navigation Using the Redirect Tool (opens new window)](#)
Welcome! (Start Here)	Home	• [How do I customize the home page for my course? (opens new window)](#)
Wiki	**Pages:** Create a page and allow students to edit the page. **Discussions:** Create monitored, graded discussion threads. **Collaborations:** Share a Microsoft document from OneDrive that everyone in the class edits collaboratively.	• [How do I create a new page in a course? (opens new window)](#) • [Pages Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#) • [What are Discussions? (opens new window)](#) • [Discussions Overview Video for Instructors (opens new window)](#) • [Use Microsoft OneDrive with your LMS - See the sections under Collaborate using Microsoft OneDrive (opens new window)](#)