



The table below outlines some of the key differences between various tools on Canvas and Blackboard

<b>Blackboard</b>	<b>Canvas</b>	<b>Canvas Difference</b>
Awconline	Dashboard	The dashboard is the landing page in Canvas where users access their courses
Make Course Available	Publish Course	Canvas courses are unpublished as a default. Instructors must "publish" their course for students to access it.
Announcements	Announcements	Instructors can allow students to reply to announcements. An "allow liking" feature allows users to "like" an announcement reply, and instructors are able to "sort (replies) by likes."
Files	Files	<p>Everything you upload or copy into Files is accessible to students by default.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can create folders to organize materials; folders and items can be locked.</li> <li>- Drag &amp; drop files into folders.</li> <li>- All files in this area can be downloaded as a .zip file.</li> <li>- You can upload a .zip file to this area, and Canvas will unzip it for you.</li> </ul>



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Item	Page	<p>Pages are essentially a Wiki (you can edit and track their history).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can grant the ability to edit the Page to students.</li> <li>- Pages can include text, video, links to your files, YouTube, Kaltura video files, and links to other course content such as assignments, discussion boards, etc.</li> <li>- If you customize the Home Page layout of your Canvas course, you'll be creating a special page named FrontPage.</li> <li>- Pages can be linked to other Pages.</li> </ul>
Discussion Board	Discussions	<p>It can require users to post to the discussion before viewing other replies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instructors and students can easily view/filter posts.</li> <li>- Receive notifications via social web services, text, etc.</li> <li>- Group Discussions are seamlessly integrated into Group Pages.</li> </ul> <p>Send Email Messages/Conversations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private messages appear in your Inbox; Notifications will push out to</li> </ul>



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Send Email	Inbox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private messages appear in your Inbox; Notifications will push out to Email, Twitter, Facebook, Text Message depending upon your selection.</li> <li>- Discussion responses can be accessed from the Inbox.</li> <li>- Messages can include file attachments, webcam recordings, audio or video uploads, or just text.</li> <li>- Conversation messages are also generated by a comment made by a student or instructor on an assignment.</li> <li>- By default, students will receive an email for every announcement and message.</li> </ul>
Assignments	Assignments	<p>Canvas uses a SpeedGrader. It gives the instructor the ability to comment/markup a document without downloading the student's submission.</p> <p>When an Assignment is created, it is added to the Assignment page,</p> <p>You must create an assignment to create a column in the Gradebook. Interactive rubrics can be used for grading.</p> <p>Instructors can leave multimedia comments.</p> <p>Peer Review assignments can be created.</p>

## From Blackboard to Canvas



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Tests/Quizzes/Surveys	Quizzes	<p>Quizzes/Tests/Surveys are automatically submitted if it is a timed assessment.</p> <p>Timer can be adjusted for individual students to allow for extended time.</p> <p>Instructor can selectively allow an additional attempt for a student.</p> <p>Tests can be edited after student submissions and are automatically regraded.</p> <p>Instructor can add Fudge Points.</p> <p>Test questions and answers can contain audio/video/images.</p> <p>Canvas does not have "Hot Spot" questions types available at this time.</p> <p>Quizzes can be graded or not graded.</p> <p>Surveys (also found here) can be graded or not graded.</p>

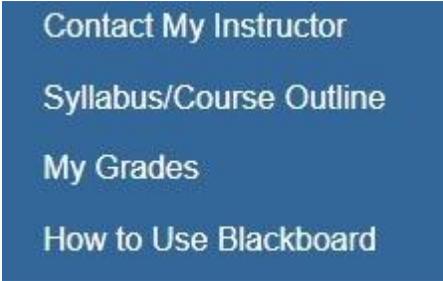


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Blogs/Journals /Wikis	NA	<p>Canvas does not have blogs or journals built in. Journals can be created through the Assignments tool and blogs can be developed using the Discussion area. Wikis can be created through pages</p>
Inline Grading	SpeedGrader	<p>Grade/give feedback on all submissions for an assignment/test quickly in one place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can mark up the submitted file by adding comments, drawing, highlighting or text; this is the same service (Crocodocs) as Blackboard.</li> <li>- Able to download file as annotated PDF.</li> <li>- iPad app is available for the SpeedGrader (Free).</li> <li>- Record audio and video feedback for each student assignment.</li> <li>- Use speech-to-text to give feedback.</li> <li>- Sort students in various ways so that you work on them alphabetically, or by submission date, or anonymously (their names can be hidden from the teacher), or by whether or not they've submitted the assignment</li> </ul>



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Grade Center	Grades	<p>You must create an assignment to create a column in the Gradebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The SpeedGrader tool displays submitted assignments, grading rubric, and media comment options all in one interface without downloading files.</li> <li>- Grades can be weighted through Assignments.</li> <li>- Easily sort columns in one click by due date or assignment group.</li> <li>- Instructors can curve grades.</li> <li>- Students can message instructor within the grade column.</li> <li>- Columns for assignment groups are shaded, and appear at far right of Gradebook by default.</li> <li>- Students can enter "what-if" scenarios to calculate hypothetical grades.</li> </ul>



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Class Roster /Users	People	With the people function instructors can oversee the course roster. The People feature also gives great analytics that is easy to read and use.
Rubrics	Rubrics	Rubrics can be added when creating assignments in Canvas
Modify Course Menu	Course Navigation	Accessed through course settings- Nav-
<p>Awc Requirement to have the left navigation menu in a exact order for online courses</p> 	Precise order not required	Canvas is consistent, instructor still need to add instructor information, syllabus, grades and a foundational elements for the course
VoiceThread/Ensemble video server	Studio	Both voiceboard and Ensemble are going away. Studio allows instructors and students to actively collaborate through video and audio media. Students can add comments to shared videos.

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Calendar	Calendar	<p>You can copy the calendar feed link into any calendar app that takes iCal feeds (Google Calendar, iCal, Outlook, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calendar is automatically populated with items that have Due Dates.</li> <li>- Drag &amp; drop items on calendar to make changes in dates. Any change made is applied automatically to all objects associated with that item in various areas of the course.</li> <li>- Instructors and students can view multiple course calendars in one view.</li> <li>- All dates can be changed at once when importing course from Canvas/Bb.</li> <li>- Each user also has a personal calendar (listed as his/her name) for events that aren't class---related.</li> <li>- Calendar items will be listed in the Syllabus page automatically.</li> <li>- The calendar has a scheduling tool.</li> </ul>



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Learning Module/ Content Folder	Modules	Modules are similar to folders/Learning Modules/lesson plans in Blackboard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drag &amp; drop for ordering Modules and module content.</li> <li>- Can set Module prerequisites and Module completion requirements.</li> <li>- Can require students to go through Module requirements sequentially.</li> <li>- Modules can be "locked" until a given date.</li> <li>- Modules appear on the Modules page.</li> </ul>
Groups	Groups	Groups have access to many similar course tools including Announcements, Pages, Files, Discussion, Conferences and Collaboration.

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