

What is Canvas?

Canvas is the new learning management system for Florida State. We are leaving Blackboard and transitioning to Canvas by Spring 2018. Canvas retains most of Blackboard's functionality while providing faculty, staff, and students a clean, flexible, and easy-to-navigate home for teaching and learning.

Why Canvas?

Reliability. Canvas offers a 99.9% guaranteed uptime to all customers. This is the highest guaranteed uptime in the industry. They don't have to bring it down for maintenance, either.

Clean and simple interface. It takes fewer clicks to do just about everything in Canvas, and it's easier to find what you're looking for, especially on mobile devices.

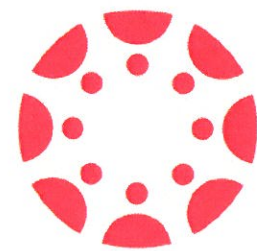
Integrated communication tools. You can connect your personal email addresses, phone number, mobile device, and even social media accounts to Canvas so that you are notified the way you want to be. You can even have these notifications sent as a daily or weekly digest.

Easy resource sharing. Canvas has created a "Commons" area that acts as a digital library for instructors and staff. Quickly find and import course content like learning modules, page content, and documents that have been shared across your department or college, FSU, or the larger Canvas community.

Three-week development cycle. Canvas has a much faster development and release cycle than Blackboard's, constantly rolling out updates based on the needs of the Canvas community. If you want a new feature or find a bug, get enough users on board and you can escalate the request to the Canvas software development team.

Keep in mind

- Canvas Week is April 3-7, 2017. Join your colleagues for orientation and training sessions.
- Canvas development sites will be available for instructors by April 4, 2017.
- Call John Braswell at 850-645-0469 to schedule departmental training and workshops.
- Let us walk you through the move. Contact us at 850-644-8004 or help@campus.fsu.edu.



canvas