

Canvas Orientation: Feature Overview

General Resources

Canvas URL: <https://canvas.stanford.edu>

Canvas Instructor Guides: <http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152>

Canvas Student Guides: <https://guides.instructure.com/m/4212>

Canvas at Stanford Info: <http://gocanvas.stanford.edu/>

Important Canvas Tools

Global:

Notifications (system reminders)

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4212/l/73162-how-do-i-set-my-notification-preferences>

Conversations (Inbox - messaging)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/40303-what-is-conversations>

Calendar (post events and due dates)

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/54671-how-do-i-create-an-assignment-shell-from-the-calendar>

Profile (Settings, Notifications)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/41955-what-are-profile-and-user-settings>

Course-level:

Course Settings (Course Menu, Student View)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/57079?data-resolve-url=true&data-manual-id=4152>

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/61153-how-do-i-access-student-view>

Choose your Homepage

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/8472/l/57075-how-do-i-change-the-course-home-page>

Files (your files and images migrated or uploaded to course, drag-and-drop, control access)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/55574-what-are-files-for-instructors>

Syllabus (upload file, Edit Description for custom content, list view items with Due Dates)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/55577-what-is-the-syllabus>

Modules (guided path through course content/activities)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/55575-what-are-modules-for-instructors>

Pages (custom presentation of content, WYSIWYG)

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/41440-how-do-i-create-a-new-page-in-my-course>

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/87672-how-do-i-create-a-file-link-in-a-page-in-my-course>

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/40719-how-do-i-embed-a-video-in-a-page-in-my-course>

Assignments (uploaded submissions, peer review, groups, Due Dates)

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/41285-how-do-i-add-details-to-an-assignment>

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4212/l/54366-what-is-a-peer-review-assignment>

Groups (group students or sign-up, site and activity-specific)

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/55483-what-are-student-groups>

Collaboration (Google Drive)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/55281-what-are-collaborations>

Quizzes (automatically graded, variety of formats)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/189607-what-are-quizzes-for-instructors>

Discussions (typical discussion boards, threads, file attachment)

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/49996-how-do-i-create-a-discussion-as-an-instructor>

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/95578-how-do-i-allow-students-to-start-a-new-discussion>

Conferences (web-based videoconference, instructor or student-initiated)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/40302-what-are-conferences-for-instructors>

Grading (access student assignment response/upload, columns auto-created, access Speedgrader)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/54996-what-are-grades-and-the-gradebook>

<http://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/55016-what-is-speedgrader>

Learning Outcomes & Rubrics (create custom rubric, easy grading, in Speedgrader)

<https://guides.instructure.com/searches?utf8=%E2%9C%93&text=outcomes&commit=Search>

Course Data & Statistics (student site access and activity analysis)

<https://guides.instructure.com/m/4152/l/68885-what-are-course-statistics>

Don't forget: Publish your course when you're ready!