

Distance Education Unit Digest

EdTech Quick Tips and Teaching with Technology



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How-to get up to speed fast with the new Canvas LMS



The new Learning Management System (LMS) is reason to celebrate. But transitioning to new learning technologies can also be a little daunting. Although DEU, GMCTL, and

ICT are working hard to develop professional learning plans that merge teaching and learning practices with technical skills you may want to take some time on your own to orient yourself with the LMS update. USask training will take place throughout the summer for early adopters and into the fall and beyond for those transitioning for winter term.

In this post, however, the Instructional Design Team at the Distance Education Unit has curated a few resources from Canvas to get you familiar and even, up and running in Canvas, quickly and easily.

[Click here to get up to speed with the new Canvas LMS](#)

Did you know... There's training and resources for Canvas available?

LMS updates, training, and project and technical details are all available online.

- [Change management messaging and basic information](#)
- [Technical training opportunities](#)
- [Technical information, project timelines and detailed contact information](#)

Canvas resources for independent learning are also available at

- [LinkedIn Learning - Create and manage courses with Canvas](#)
- [Canvas Community - How-to Guides](#)
- [Canvas Community - Video Guides](#)

The Early Adopter survey closes on June 3rd. You want to get in to Canvas ahead of your college or school, consider filling out the early adopter survey below.

- [Early adopter survey](#)

Dig Deeper: 5 Reasons to be excited for Canvas

It's official! USask is moving away from the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS) to Canvas by Instructure! And I gotta say, the Instructional



Design Team at the Distance Education Unit are very excited! But what's the hubbub?

[Follow this link to find out what we're excited about in the new LMS!](#)

DEU support and contact information

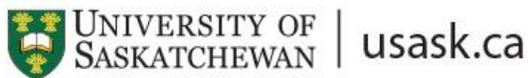
The Instructional Design Team at the Distance Education Unit can help you design online activities, assessments and other online appropriate elements to your remote teaching or fully online offerings. Visit <https://sites.usask.ca/edtech/> for more helpful tips and tutorials as well as information on our support services and contact information.

Our **Instructional Design Team** is always happy to chat with you about learning technologies and strategies for using them effectively in your online or blended classroom. Our staff can help you with questions about,

- Full Online Course Development Projects
- Hybrid, multi-access and blended learning strategies
- Open Textbook and OER developments
- ePortfolios
- Engaging Online Assessments and Learning Activities
- Copyright Clearances, Acquisitions and OER Licensing
- Ensuring Accessibility standards are being addressed
- Ed Tech Support before and during delivery
- Course Quality Reviews and Recommendations
- Media resource development
- Resource curation and dissemination
- Non-Credit Learning Design

And much more. Just drop us a line to start a conversation deu.support@usask.ca

If you wish to be added to the DEUD mailing list, please send your NSID to deu.support@usask.ca



We acknowledge that we live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.
