

New Canvas Dashboard

Starting June 1, 2016, canvas.brown.edu will look different

The Canvas home page will have a better responsive design suited for smaller screens and smartphones. There will be very few functionality changes, however, the landing page and global navigation will look different. In the “New UI (user interface)”, look for the following changes:

- **Dashboard:** canvas.brown.edu will display a grid of **Course Cards [1]**. Click on a Course Card to access a class site, or click on course activity icons to view recent course-specific Announcements, Grades, Discussions, or Files [2].
- **Canvas Navigation:** Look to the left navigation menu for links to all **Course sites [3]**, Canvas **Account [4]** information, and other global Canvas tools, like the Calendar and Inbox tool. Looking for Grades? It’s now on the right side of the Dashboard page.
- **Courses:** Choose Course Cards by clicking on the **Courses [3]** icon, then “All Courses”. Click on the **Star** icon for a course to display as a course card on the Canvas dashboard.
- **Help:** Report a problem, call, or chat with Canvas support using the **Help [5]** icon in the left navigation.

The screenshot displays the new Canvas Dashboard interface. On the left is a dark navigation sidebar with icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Groups, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The main content area is a grid of course cards. Red callout boxes with numbers 1 through 5 point to specific elements: 1 points to a course card (CLAS0010), 2 points to activity icons on a course card, 3 points to the Courses icon in the sidebar, 4 points to the Account icon in the sidebar, and 5 points to the Help icon in the sidebar. The top right of the dashboard shows a 'To Do' list with items like 'Grade Class Introductions' and 'Grade Journals', and a 'Coming Up' section with a 'View Calendar' button. A 'View Grades' button is located at the bottom right.

Course Sites

The most significant difference is the Global Navigation menu. Look to the left to navigate to other courses instead of the old top-navigation bar.

Not much has changed once you navigate to a Canvas course site.

The screenshot shows the Canvas course site interface for 'CNVS0100 Intro to Canvas'. The page is annotated with three red callouts:

- 1**: Points to the Global Navigation menu on the left side of the page, which includes options like Home, Announcements, Discussions, Syllabus, Modules, Assignments, Pages, Files, Collaborations, Conferences, Outcomes, People, Quizzes, Grades, and Settings.
- 2**: Points to the 'Course Status' panel on the right side of the page, which includes buttons for Unpublish and Published, and options for Choose Home Page, View Course Stream, Course Setup Checklist, New Announcement, and View Course Analytics.
- 3**: Points to the 'Edit' and 'Settings' buttons located in the top right corner of the course site.

1. **Course Tools** are still on the left.
2. **Instructor Actions** are still on the right.
3. **Edit** and **Save/Publish** buttons are in the same locations.

Other changes

- The **Grades** global navigation icon was removed and placed on the right as a “View Grades” button.
- **Course Cards** are customizable by users to either include a course Nickname or change the individual course card colors. These changes are unique to the user and do not affect official course information.
- Collapse **Course Tools** by clicking on the “hamburger icon” to hide the course-level tools. Click on the “hamburger icon” to make the tools visible again.