



CANVAS INFORMATION & RESOURCES



MiraCosta's Canvas system may be accessed at miracosta.instructure.com – faculty and students log in with their SURF username and password. You'll also find a button to log into Canvas at miracosta.edu/online. See below for many great resources to help you learn to use Canvas, and earn

MiraCosta Flex credit along the way.

Top Canvas Resources for Faculty

- [Canvas Instructor Guides](#) – comprehensive step-by-step tutorials on all Canvas features
- [Canvas Instructor videos](#) – small but useful set of videos on key Canvas features
- [MiraCosta Canvas tutorials](#) – locally created guides on key Canvas features and how Canvas works with SURF
- 24-7 Canvas hotline for faculty: **1-833-345-2890**
- Questions about how Canvas works specifically at MiraCosta? Contact Karen Turpin, Online Instructional Technologist: kturpin@miracosta.edu / 760-795-6787
- Do you think Canvas might be down or experiencing errors? Check the [Canvas Status](#) website.

Canvas Workshops

Online Introduction to Teaching with Canvas

Over 250 MiraCosta faculty members signed up for 4-week online "Introduction to Teaching with Canvas" classes in 2017-18. If there is additional demand for this class in the future, Online Ed will consider how best to offer it. MiraCosta faculty and staff can also [join a completely independent version of the class](#). You'd be

working on your own through the material without feedback from instructors nor regular communication with fellow students, but it may be a helpful way to get up to speed on the basics of Canvas on your own. You may also be interested in joining the free @One version of this class – [see the @One catalog](#) to sign up for an upcoming session.

Videos of Past MiraCosta Workshops

For accessibility-specific workshops, please see “Canvas Accessibility Workshops” section below.

- **Canvas Basics** – June 2020 (Zoom recordings) Karen Turpin and Liesl Madrona cover the basics of Canvas.
 - [Part 1](#) (1 hr 8 mins) – Canvas introduction, content-building basics (to about minute 56), Canvas communication tools (remainder)
 - [Part 2](#) (14 mins) – Canvas assignments
 - [Part 3](#) (15 mins) – Feedback in SpeedGrader, Quizzes
 - [Part 4](#) (10 mins) – Copying/sharing/importing Canvas course content
- [Student Engagement – Using Canvas Tools in Your Own Way](#) – (Zoom Recording, 51 minutes) – 8/14/20 Online workshop by James Garcia and Sean Davis.
- [Using Canvas’s NEW Rich Content Editor](#) (Zoom Recording, 49 minutes) – 1/14/20 workshop by Karen Turpin
- [Top 20 Things You May Not Have Known About Canvas](#) (Zoom Recording, 80 minutes) – 1/13/20 Online workshop by Karen Turpin and Sean Davis.
- [Equity-Minded Online Teaching & Learning](#) (Zoom recording, 54 minutes) – 8/15/2019 Online workshop by Jim Julius, Sean Davis, curry mitchell, and Billy Gunn.
- [Canvas Studio Training](#) (Zoom recording, 87 minutes) – 8/13/2019 Online workshop by Canvas trainer Heidi Redmond.
- [Canvas Basics](#) (Zoom recording, 75 minutes) – 8/9/2019 In person workshop by Sean Davis.
- [Canvas \(New\) Gradebook](#) (Zoom recording, 58 minutes) – 8/9/2019 In person workshop by Karen Turpin.
- [Canvas Just the Basics for Beginners](#) (Zoom recording, 49 minutes) – [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 1/14/2019 In person workshop by Billy Gunn simulcast online via Zoom
- [Cut the Costs Using Library Resources in Canvas](#) (Zoom recording, 53 minutes) – [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) – 1/14/2019 In person workshop by Lauren McFall, Pamela Perry, and Glorian Sipman simulcast online via Zoom
- [Introduction to ARC](#) (Zoom recording, 47 minutes) – [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 1/14/2019 In person workshop by Sean Davis and Karen Turpin simulcast online via Zoom

- [Introduction to the New Canvas Gradebook](#) (Zoom recording, 49 minutes) – [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 1/14/2019 online workshop by Karen Turpin via Zoom
- [Introduction to Quizzes.next](#) (Zoom recording, 1 hour 3 minutes) – [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 1/14/2019 online workshop by Karen Turpin via Zoom
- [Getting the Most Out of Canvas](#) (Zoom recording, 106 min) [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 8/14/18 In person workshop by Billy Gunn and curry mitchell with simulcast online via Zoom
- [Explore Canvas Assignment Options](#) (video, 52 min) [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 8/13/18 Online workshop by Karen Turpin
- [Canvas: Where can you go? How can you get there?](#) (Zoom recording, 54 min.) [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 8/10/18 In person workshop by Sean Davis and Jim Julius with simulcast online via Zoom
- [Canvas Basics: Materials, Gradebook, Announcements](#) (video, 111 min.) 1/18/18 [Handout](#) | [Chat Transcript](#) (txt)
In person workshop presented by curry mitchell with simulcast online via Zoom
- [Grades in Canvas](#) (video, 49 min.) 1/16/18 Online workshop presented by Karen Turpin
- [Using Turnitin in Canvas](#) (video, 77 min.) 1/16/18 [Chat Transcript](#) (txt)
In person workshop presented by Billy Gunn and curry mitchell with simulcast online via Zoom
- [Canvas: Course Design through Rich Content Pages](#) (video, 91 min.) 1/16/18
[Handout](#)
In person workshop presented by Billy Gunn and curry Mitchell with simulcast online via Zoom
- [Canvas: Just the Basics for Beginners](#) (video, 58 min.) 1/16/18 In person workshop presented by Karen Turpin with simulcast online via Zoom
- [Bb to Canvas: Re-creating Content & Assignments](#) (video, 55 min.) 1/12/18 Online workshop presented by Sean Davis & curry mitchell
[Chat Transcript](#) (txt)
- [Blackboard to Canvas: Export/Import Essentials](#) (video, 65 min.) 1/12/18 Online workshop presented by Karen Turpin
- [Time to Learn Canvas! What are the options?](#) (video, 49 min.) 8/14/17
[Chat Transcript](#) (txt) Online workshop presented by Jim Julius
- [Accessible Screencasting for Canvas](#) (video, 72 min.) 8/14/17
[Chat Transcript](#) (txt) Online workshop presented by Karen Turpin
- [Canvas Communication Basics](#) (video, 48 min.) 8/11/17
[Chat Transcript](#) (txt) Online workshop presented by Sean Davis & curry mitchell
- [Canvas Course Design & Organization Basics](#) (video, 48 min.) 8/11/17
[Chat Transcript](#) (txt) Online workshop presented by Sean Davis & curry mitchell

- [Canvas Page Design](#) (video, 82 min.) 1/16/17
In-person workshop presented by curry mitchell
- [Canvas Communication Tools](#) (video, 70 min.) 1/13/17
In-person workshop presented by Robert Kelley
- [Canvas Course Design](#) (video, 50 min.) 1/13/17
In-person workshop presented by Billy Gunn
- [Getting Started with Canvas](#) (video, 54 min.) 1/13/17
In-person workshop presented by Gail Meinhold
- [Transitioning to Canvas](#) (video, 79 min.) 1/13/17
In-person workshop presented by Jim Julius and the Canvas Transition Team (Gail Meinhold, Sean Davis, Robert Kelley, Billy Gunn, and curry mitchell)
- [From Blackboard to Canvas – Preview and Q&A](#) (video, 75 min.) 11/18/16
In-person workshop presented by Robert Kelley, Sean Davis, and MiraCosta students.
- [Goodbye, Blackboard and Moodle. Hello, Canvas!](#) (video, 77 min.) 8/18/16
[Slides](#) (Google presentation) [Chat transcript](#) (txt)
Online workshop presented by curry mitchell, Billy Gunn, and Jim Julius.

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Canvas Accessibility Workshops

Please refer to the following resources to assist with Canvas accessibility:

- [Canvas Accessibility Workshop](#) **Passcode required:** *?6sh+BJ (Zoom Recording, 1 hour and 33 minutes) – 4/30 workshop by Liesl Madrona – [Access workshop details and resources document](#)
- [Mission Accessible](#) – (Zoom Recording, 59 minutes) – 8/14/2020 Online workshop by Liesl Madrona.
- [Advanced Canvas Accessibility](#) (Zoom recording, 64 minutes) – 8/15/2019 Online workshop by CCC Accessibility Center consultant Liesl Madrona.
- [Accessibility of Online Resources](#) (Zoom recording, 64 minutes) – [Chat Transcript](#) (txt) 1/14/2019 In person workshop by Lauren McFall, Sean Davis, and Karen Turpin simulcast online via Zoom
- [Canvas Accessibility Self-Paced Course](#) provides on-demand support.

Tour a MiraCosta Canvas Class!

What does a Canvas class look like? Well, there are a number of approaches to designing a class in Canvas. Check out some short videos by MiraCosta faculty. And then go behind the scenes – in Canvas – to learn more!

Gail Meinhold – Nutrition & Aging (4:45)

Explore some of Gail's course and get tips from her – in Canvas!

Robert Kelley – Behavioral Stats (4:13)

Explore some of Robert's course and get tips from him – in Canvas!

Canvas Student Orientation – this open Canvas course can also be a good way for faculty to introduce themselves to Canvas from the student perspective. Faculty are also welcome to link directly to this resource within their own Canvas classes to help their students learn key features of Canvas.

curry.mitchell – English 100 (6:02)

Explore some of curry's course and get tips from him – in Canvas

Explore curry's tips and code for Tabs, Accordions, Buttons, and Grids – Page Design in Canvas

Billy Gunn – Film 111 (6:48)

Explore some of Billy's course and get tips from him – in Canvas!

Leola McClure – Group Communication (5:01)

Flex Credit is available for time spent engaging with any of the above resources. This is a pre-approved activity (in the *Other Activities* category *Conferences and Presentations*) – see this PDP presentation for details on how to record pre-approved activities.

More Faculty Resources

- Getting Started guide and full instructor guide from Canvas
- Canvas at MCC – A collection of MiraCosta-specific tutorials & articles
- Canvas Community Resources – Resources, examples, and strategies for learning and exploring Canvas
- @ONE's Canvas resources, including courses, webinars, brief videos, and more
- Robert Kelley's Top 11 Tips for Rebuilding Your Course in Canvas
- FastTrack Video Series – series of 2 1/2 minute videos on different Canvas features.
- Lynda.com Canvas training videos – Brief topical introductory videos about Canvas. These may be accessed for free through the CCC Professional Learning Network – sign up at <https://cccpln.csod.com/client/cccpln/default.aspx>
- Join the California Community College Canvas Community to participate in CCC-oriented discussions, sharing of ideas, and support for Canvas improvements
- CanvasLIVE – Webinars and live chats about Canvas, and archives of past live online training.
- Instructor Orientation – self-paced, free course from Canvas.
- And often starting with a Google search is the quickest path to finding something really useful!

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Canvas Faculty and Student Support

MiraCosta's Online Education department provides support for faculty using Canvas, and MiraCosta's [Student Help Desk](#) provides support for students in Canvas classes.

When local support is unavailable, including evenings and weekends, Canvas provides technical support for faculty and students at the following phone numbers.

Faculty: **1-833-345-2890**

Students: **1-877-884-1673**

Canvas has excellent "Getting Started" guides for [faculty](#) and for [students](#). See above for more faculty training resources.

Faculty and students can also create a **helpdesk ticket** for support from within Canvas by clicking on the **Help** icon and then selecting **Report a Problem**.

Obtaining Instructional and Technical Support for Canvas



You may also review [recent and upcoming updates to the Canvas system](#), as well as [submitting or voting on feature additions and changes](#) you'd like.

Key LTI Tools Available in Canvas

- [Turnitin](#) – originality checking, online grading and peer review
- [ConferZoom](#) – Live web conferencing using Zoom
- [NameCoach](#) – Enable students to share their name pronunciation and pronouns
- [Studio](#) – Create, manage, and engage with video
- [3CMediaSolutions](#) – Integrate videos you've saved in CCC's 3C Media Solutions tool
- [NetTutor](#) – Connect students to live online tutors (only for use in online and hybrid classes)
- [UDOIT](#) – Accessibility checking and support for faculty as they build classes

- Google Drive – enabling tighter integration between Google apps and Canvas
- [Various publisher tools](#) – click to learn more
- Many other LTI tools (“Apps”) are available – some have been made available institutionally and you can see those in the Navigation tab of Course Settings; others can be enabled by faculty individually; you can see those in the Apps tab of Course Settings. [See the Canvas Guide on the App Center](#) to learn more.

Workarounds

Canvas does not have a dedicated journaling tool like the one in Blackboard. However, it is possible to use Canvas tools to provide students with a place to submit their writings or reflections at various points throughout the semester. This is done by creating a series of assignments within the same assignment group.

- [How To Set Up A Journaling Assignment](#)
- [More ideas for class blogging and Canvas](#)

How did MiraCosta get to Canvas?

MiraCosta College [took on a comprehensive Course Management System evaluation in spring 2016](#) that led to the selection of Canvas. The college then transitioned away from Blackboard and Moodle and to Canvas during 2016-17 and 2017-18. Starting in summer 2018, Canvas is the sole supported course management system for MiraCosta classes.

One of MiraCosta’s early Canvas adopters, music professor Christy Coobatis, says this about using Canvas in spring 2017:

Has been an extremely successful semester because of it!

Both students and I loved the program.

I have more and clearer communication than ever before!

Another, Adult High School professor Julie Cord, says:

I am in LOVE with Canvas and I truly feel it has helped support my students and my teaching already in very substantial ways.