

# Using Canvas

Canvas, a Learning Management System, is available for all students, teachers, and school districts in Utah. When getting started with Canvas many teachers try these ideas first:

- 1** **CREATE A HOME PAGE FOR YOUR CLASSROOM OR COURSE**  
 You can easily make a “Content Page” in Canvas and set it to the course homepage where students can find contact info, a course disclosure, learning objectives, and more.
- 2** **USE CANVAS AS YOUR CLASS CALENDAR**  
 All assignments or activities created in Canvas will auto-populate the Canvas Calendar, but you can also make new assignments and events for students to quickly find and complete.
- 3** **SAVE AND SHARE IMPORTANT FILES FOR EVERYONE TO ACCESS ONLINE**  
 Upload any kind of document for safe keeping and easy access in Canvas using their simple file management system.
- 4** **GO PAPERLESS WITH ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**  
 Writing can be done by students directly in Canvas as either an assignment or a discussion. No more paper to lose or waste, just turn it in online with a few clicks.
- 5** **PROVIDE FAST FEEDBACK TO STUDENTS**  
 The Canvas Speedgrader feature allows teachers to provide direct and timely feedback to students with text and even video. No need to pass back papers a day later!
- 6** **ENCOURAGE STUDENT COLLABORATION AND GROUP PROJECTS**  
 Groups and group activities are easy to make in Canvas as well as collaborative editable pages where students can share resources and ideas while working together.
- 7** **ASSESS STUDENT LEARNING WITH SELF-GRADING QUIZZES**  
 Canvas allows for graded quizzes, ungraded practice quizzes, and even surveys for collecting data from students and determining mastery of learning objectives.
- 8** **USE MODULES TO PACKAGE CONTENT FOR STUDENTS**  
 By leveraging the “Modules” feature in Canvas teachers can chunk online work and resources into units or chapters that students can complete sequentially at their own pace.
- 9** **GAMIFY LEARNING TO MOTIVATE AND REWARD STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**  
 Badges, Easter Eggs, Hidden Quizzes, Embedded Web Content, and many other fun activities can be incorporated into your online Canvas course which will engage students.

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