



## Canvas LMS

# Blackboard to Canvas Migration Crosswalk

This reference guide outlines how common Blackboard tools and course elements map to Canvas features and highlights migration considerations.

## Course Structure

Blackboard Feature	Canvas Equivalent	Notes
Course Menu, Content Areas, Folders, Learning Modules	Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Typical migration converts each top-level menu item to a Canvas Module</li><li>• Nested folders become headers within the module</li><li>• Optionally, first-level folders can become separate modules while deeper levels convert to headers.</li></ul>
Item	<a href="#">Page</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inline styling is preserved; global Blackboard CSS does not transfer</li></ul>
Blank page	<a href="#">Page</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Same formatting caveats as Items</li></ul>
Lesson Plan	<a href="#">Module</a> or Header	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Determined by hierarchy during migration</li></ul>
Adaptive	<a href="#">Module</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canvas supports date</li></ul>



Release/Availability Rules	<a href="#">Requirements/Prerequisites</a>	availability, prerequisites, and completion requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not all Blackboard rule logic.</li> </ul>
Course Copy	<a href="#">Import Content</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas allows entire-course or selective content imports</li> </ul>
Course Availability	<a href="#">Publish</a>	Canvas courses must be Published for students to access

## Content & Files

Blackboard Feature	Canvas Equivalent	Notes
Syllabus	<a href="#">Syllabus Page</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas can auto-generate an assignment list and calendar from your graded items</li> <li>• Upload your syllabus document to the syllabus page</li> </ul>
Files/Content Collection	<a href="#">Files</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Files stored inside Blackboard migrate</li> <li>• Externally linked files remain links</li> <li>• Organize files in Canvas before granting student access</li> </ul>
Web Links, Mashups	<a href="#">External Links/Embedded media</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links remain intact</li> <li>• Embedded tools may need LTI configuration</li> </ul>



SCORM Packages	<a href="#">SCORM</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCORM tool must be enabled at the account or course level prior to use</li> </ul>
Announcements	<a href="#">Announcements</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option to delete or retain during migration</li> </ul>
Contacts/Glossary	<a href="#">Page</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Static text only</li> </ul>

## Communication and Collaboration

<b>Blackboard Feature</b>	<b>Canvas Equivalent</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Course Messages/ Email	<a href="#">Inbox/Notifications</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Messages stay within Canvas</li> <li>• Message individual student, your entire course, or other teachers and TAs</li> </ul>
Groups	<a href="#">Group Sets &amp; Groups</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups include dedicated Discussions, Pages, Files, and Collaborations for group members</li> <li>• Group space is exclusive to teachers and group members</li> </ul>
Blogs/Journals	<a href="#">Discussion</a> or <a href="#">Assignment</a> ; <a href="#">Groups</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose Discussions for shared reflection</li> <li>• Choose Assignments with a Text Entry submission type for private journaling</li> <li>• Create Groups in a Canvas Course with member per Group</li> </ul>
Wikis	<a href="#">Editable Pages</a> or	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas does not provide a</li> </ul>



	<a href="#">Collaborations</a>	native wiki <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Editable Pages or integrated tools (Google/Microsoft) fill the gap</li></ul>
Tasks/Achievements	Not Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recreate using Assignments, Modules, or third-party LTI tools if needed</li></ul>

## Assessments

### Quizzes/Tests/Surveys

- Quizzes migrate as Classic Quizzes unless specified in account settings; New Quizzes can be available for new builds.
- Undeployed quizzes can be excluded to reduce clutter.

### Assignments & Gradebook

- Assignments replace "Graded Items."
- Canvas Gradebook auto-creates columns for each assignment and supports weighting via Assignment Groups
- SpeedGrader enables inline annotation and media feedback.

### Question Types

<b>Blackboard Question Type</b>	<b>Canvas Equivalent</b>	<b>Notes</b>
True / False	<a href="#">True or False</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supported in both Classic and New Quizzes</li></ul>
Multiple Choice / Multiple Answer	<a href="#">Multiple Choice / Multiple Answer</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide partial credit with penalty or calculate for exact</li></ul>





		<p>match</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shuffle choices</li></ul>
Fill in the (Multiple) Blank(s)	<a href="#">Fill in the Blank</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choose between Open Entry, Word Bank, and Dropdown</li><li>• Choose between various Text Match options like exact match, close enough and regular expression</li></ul>
Ordering and Jumbled Sentence	<a href="#">Ordering</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide a top and bottom label and have students organize answers</li><li>• Choose to display answers in a paragraph</li></ul>
File Response	<a href="#">File Upload</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limit file numbers and restrict file types</li></ul>
Calculated Formula	<a href="#">Formula</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define variables, provide your formula definition, and generate possible solutions</li></ul>
Calculated Numeric	<a href="#">Numeric</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choose exact response, margin of error, within range, or precise response</li></ul>
Hotspot	<a href="#">Hot Spot</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only supported in New Quizzes</li></ul>
Essay	<a href="#">Essay</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set word limits, spell-check, and show word count</li><li>• Add grading notes</li></ul>
Matching	<a href="#">Matching</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only supported in New Quizzes</li></ul>
Either/Or	<a href="#">Multiple Choice</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create two multiple choice options</li></ul>
Opinion Scale/Likert	No Equivalent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use multiple choice or</li></ul>



		multiple answer question type as a workaround
Quiz Bowl Questions	No Equivalent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Essay or fill in the blank question types</li> </ul>
No Equivalent	<a href="#">Categorization</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Categories for students to categorize answers and distractors</li> <li>• Only supported in New Quizzes</li> </ul>
No Equivalent	<a href="#">Stimulus</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a stimulus and attach specific questions to it</li> <li>• Attach questions to the right or below your stimulus block</li> <li>• Only supported in New Quizzes</li> </ul>
No Equivalent	<a href="#">Text Block</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add informative text blocks to your quiz</li> <li>• Only supported in New Quizzes</li> </ul>

## Integrations & Media

<b>Blackboard Feature</b>	<b>Canvas Equivalent</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Building Blocks	<a href="#">LTI Tools/App Center</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each tool must be configured in Canvas before migration in order for course links to work</li> </ul>
External Media (Youtube, Vimeo, ect)	<a href="#">Embedded Media</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify playback after migration</li> </ul>



Third-Party Assessments	<a href="#">External Tools (LTI) Assignment</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check vendor documentation for Canvas compatibility</li></ul>
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## Migration Best Practices

1. **Plan Module Structure Early** - Decide how folders will convert to modules and headers before migration
2. **Clean Up Before Migration** - Remove unused quizzes, duplicate files, or outdated announcements to minimize post-migration work.
3. **Check External Links and LTIs** - Files stored outside of Blackboard will not copy; configure LTIs in Canvas in advance
4. **Rebuild Unsupported Items** - Some quiz question types, tasks, and achievements require manual recreation or alternative tools.
5. **Clean Up After Migration** - Look through your Canvas course and remove any unwanted headers, extra files, or broken links.
6. **Use Student View** - Validate navigation, assignment availability, and grading from the student perspective.
7. **Communicate Changes** - Provide faculty and students with orientation resources to ease the transition between platforms.