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Canvas Content and Collaboration

Objectives

- Modules
- Pages
- Files
- Course Copy



Canvas by Instructure is currently the Learning Managment System (LMS) used by The Mississippi University for Women and supported by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Canvas allows you to provide content, communicate, and grade the activities of your students.

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The Center for Teaching and Learning offers faculty opportunities for continuous development in areas relevant to their roles, including: integrating technology into the classroom, improving student engagement, assessing student learning, innovative teaching approaches, and other topics that create and support robust environments for teaching, learning and discovery.

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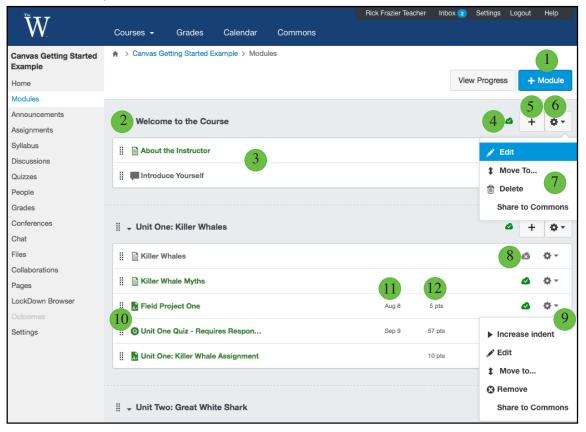


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Canvas Modules

Modules are used to organize course content by <u>weeks</u>, <u>units</u>, <u>topic</u>, or whatever organizational structure works for your course. With modules, you are essentially creating a one-directional linear flow of what you would like your students to do. Once you create modules, you can add content items, set prerequisites, and add requirements.

1. To access Modules, select Modules from the course menu.



Each module can contain files, discussions, assignments, quizzes, and other learning materials that you would like to use. You can easily add items to your module that you have already created in the course or create new content shells within the modules.

- 1. Add New Module
- 2. Module
- 3. Module Content.
- 4. Module Publish Status Published
- 5. Add Content to Module
- 6. Module Settings
- 7. Edit Module
- 8. Content Publish Status Unpublished
- 9. Edit Module Content Positioning or Name
- 10. Module Item Type
- 11. Due Date
- 12. Points (if applicable)



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Manage a Module

The icons on the right side of the module name control the entire module.

- 1. You can publish or unpublish an entire module.
- 2. You can and add a new content item to the module.
- 3. Click the Settings drop-down menu
- 4. You can edit a module, which allows you to rename the module, require students to
- 5. You can move the module.
- 6. You can delete the module.

Reorder Modules

You can reorder a module by hovering over the drag handle next to the name of the module and dragging the module to the desired location.





Manage Individual Module Item

For each individual module content item, you can

- 1. Use the settings drop-down menu
- 2. To indent the item up to 5 levels (or remove an indent)
- 3. Edit the content item
- 4. Move the item
- 5. Remove the content item from the module



Reorder Module Items

You can reorder module items by hovering over the drag handle next to the name of the module item and dragging the module item to the desired location.

You can also move module items from module to module.





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Using Draft State in Modules

Draft State allows content in Modules to exist in an unpublished (draft) state. **Unpublished** modules are **invisible** to students.

Modules control the entire flow of your course and its content. When you add items to a Module, please be aware that the **status of the Module overrides the state of the individual module items**. You may want to consider leaving all Module items in an unpublished state until you are ready to publish the entire Module.

For instance, if you add a published Discussion to an unpublished Module, students cannot view the Discussion on the Modules page. However, they will still be able to see the Discussion in other areas of Canvas, such as the Discussions Index Page, the Syllabus, and the Calendar, but they will not be able to open or participate in the Discussion. Please be aware of these potential scenarios when adding course content to a Module.

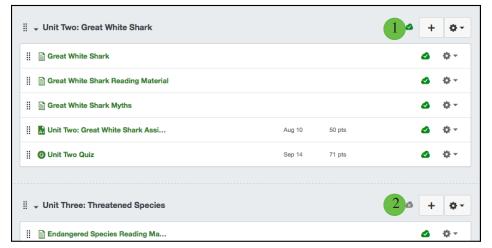
Also, if you publish a module with Unpublished content in it, the content will become published. You can however unplublish the content without unpublishing the module.

View Status of All Modules

On the Index page, you can view the state of each module.

- 1. Green cloud icons with a white checkmark indicate the module is **published**.
- 2. Solid gray cloud icons indicate unpublished modules.

You can change the status of a module by toggling the published or **unpublished** icons.



Change Status of Module Content Items

You can view and change the status of individual module content items as well. Although publishing a module will also publish all module items, you can manually unpublish individual module items later. Students cannot view unpublished module items as part of a published module.





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Lock a Module

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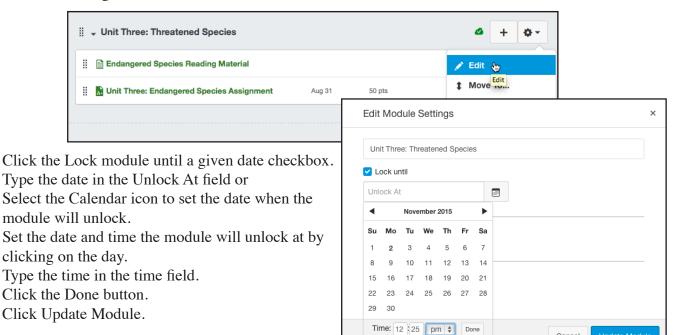
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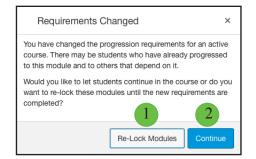
You can set Modules to be locked until a given date.

1. Click the Settings icon, then click the Edit link.



If you change any module requirements or prerequisites that students have already fulfilled, Canvas will ask if you want to let students progress through the course or re-lock the modules and require students to complete the requirements again.

- 1. To re-lock the modules, click the Re-Lock Modules button.
- 2. To allow students to continue without any changes, click the Continue button.



Set Module Requirements

You can control when a module is complete. You can also control when module items can be accessed by using module requirements.

Note: You will need to add content items before you can specify requirements for the module.

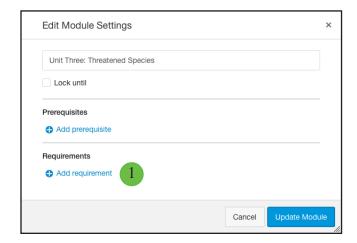
- Locate the name of the module and click the Settings icon.
- 2. Select the Edit link.

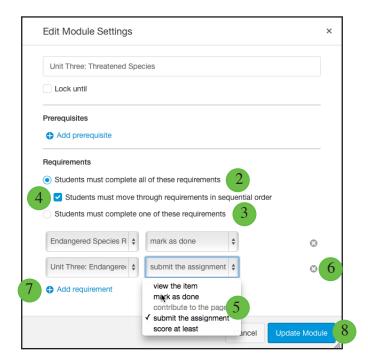




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3. Complete the Requirements section.





- 1. Click the Add Requirement link
- 2. Choose whether students must require all of the requirements added
- 3. or Whether students must complete one of the requirements added
- 4. Choose whether students must move through requirements in sequential order
- 5. Choose what action must be taken for completion status:
 - View the item
 - Mark as done
 - Contribute to the page
 - Submit the assignment
 - Score at least—an additional field will appear where you can enter the minimum score that students must earn
- 6. Delete a requirement
- 7. Add additional requirements
- 8. Click Update Module to complete



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Set Module Prerequisites

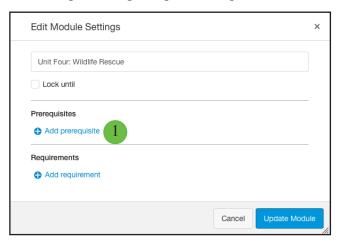
Prerequisites are defined by associated requirements in a module, meaning that students must complete all requirements within one module before moving to the next module. Without setting requirements in order, prerequisites do not serve a purpose. Please note that you cannot prevent a student from accessing an upcoming module unless prerequisites have been set for the prior modules.

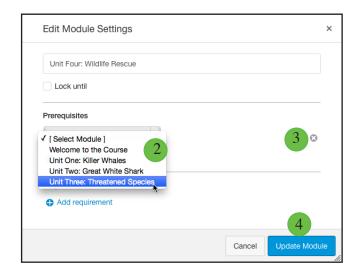
Note: You can only add prerequisites if you have created at least two modules.

- 1. Locate the name of the module and click the Settings icon.
- 2. Select the Edit link.



3. Complete the prerequisites requirements.





- 1. Click the Add Prerequisite link
- 2. Choose the module that prerequisites are based on
- 3. Remove Prerequisites
- 4. Click Update Module to complete

Note: You can add additional prerequisites.



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Delete Module Item

In modules, when you remove an item, the item still resides in Canvas. For example, removing a file from modules does not delete the file from the course. It simply removes the link to the file in modules.

1. Locate the item in the module to remove. Click the settings icon and choose Remove.



Delete Module

- 1. Click the Settings icon.
- 2. Select the Delete link.



Note: When you delete a module, all of the items in that module are removed, but they are not deleted from the course.

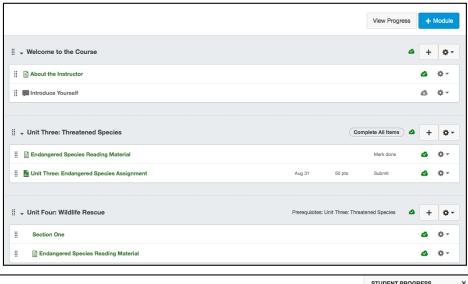


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View the progress of Students in Modules

Within Modules, you can view the progress of your students and see how they are progressing through the course. Module progress is determined by the students completing required elements in the module. If you don't set up any requirements, you won't be able to track your students' progress within each module. Required elements may include requiring the students viewing a page, submitting an assignment, or earning a minimum score on an assignment or quiz.

1. To view student progress in your course, click the View Progress button.





The Module Progress by Student window shows the progress of each student in your course. Modules can be completed, unlocked, or locked. Modules that have no completion requirements, or modules where the students have completed the requirements, will be marked as completed. If a student is in the middle of a module, the module will be marked as unlocked.

If a module cannot yet be accessed by the student because of completion or prerequisite requirements, the module will be marked as locked.

Student progress is displayed showing the state of each module.

- 1. Select different students by clicking their name in the Student Progress list.
- 2. When you click the name of a student to view their progress, their name will be selected.
- 3. Click the Close icon to return to the Modules Index.



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Add a Module

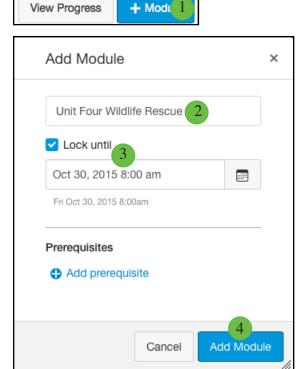
Modules house different types of content. You can choose to add a module and have it accessible at a certain time or based on certain prerequisites.

- 1. Click Add Module.
- 2. Give the module a name.
- 3. Lock the module until a certain date (optional).
- 4. Click Add Module.

Note: Locked modules can be seen but cannot be interfaced with.

Note: You must publish a module for students to access it. There is no option to make a module appear on a certain date.

Note: If you lock a module and do not publish it, when the Lock Until date arrives, the module will not be available.





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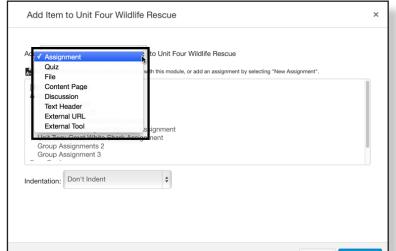
Add Content to a Module

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1. Click the Add Item button.



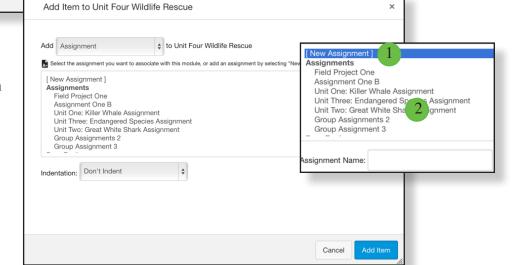
2. Click the drop-down to choose the type of content to add to the module.



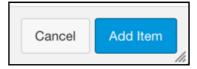
Content you can add to a Module are:

- Assignment
- Quiz
- File (document and media file types)
- Content Page
- Discussion
- Text Header
- External URL
- External Tool

- 3. Choose to:
 - 1. Create a New item
 - 2. Choose an existing item



4. Click the Add Item button to continue.





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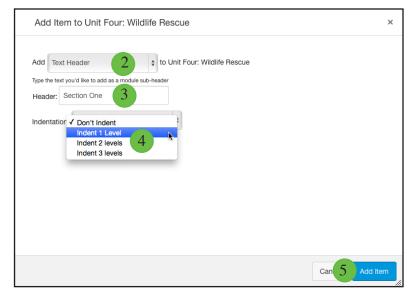
Add Text to a Module

You can add text to your Module as that serves the purpose of just text.

1. While in the Modules section, click Add Item.



- 2. Click the Add [Item Type] to drop-down menu and select the Text Header option.
- 3. Type the text you wish to add in the header field.
- 4. Open the Indentation drop-down menu and select the level of indentation for the text header.
- 5. Click Add Item.





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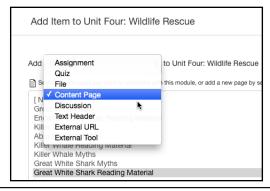
Add a Content Page to a Module

You can add text to your Module as that serves the purpose of just text.

1. While in the Modules section, click Add Item.



2. In the content selector, choose Content Page from the drop-down.



Add an Existing Page

If you have already created the item you want to add

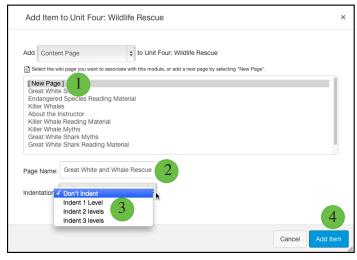
- 1. Click the name of the item.
- 2. Click Add Item.

Add Item to Unit Four: Wildlife Rescue Add Content Page to Unit Four: Wildlife Rescue Select the wiki page you want to associate with this module, or add a new page by selecting 'New Page'. [New Page] Great White Shark Endangered Species Reading Material Killer Whales About the Instructor Killer Whale Myths Great White Shark Reading Material Killer Whale Myths Great White Shark Reading Material Indentation Don't Indent Indent 1 Level Indent 2 levels Indent 3 levels Cancel Add Item

Add New Page

If you want to create a new item

- 1. Click the [New] link.
- 2. Type a name in the name field.
- 3. Choose Indent if you prefer.
- 4. Click Add Item.





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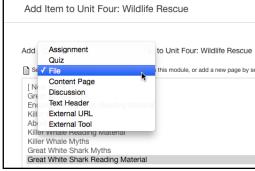
Add a File to a Module

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1. While in the Modules section, click Add Item.



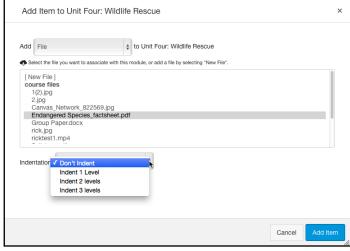
2. In the content selector, choose File from the drop-down.



Add an Existing File

If you have already uploaded the item you want to add

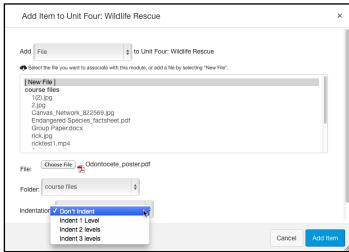
- 1. Click the name of the file.
- 2. Click Add Item.



Add New File

If you want to create a new item

- 1. Click the [New File] link.
- 2. Click Choose File.
- 3. Browse for and choose your file.
- 4. Choose Indent if you prefer.
- 5. Click Add Item.





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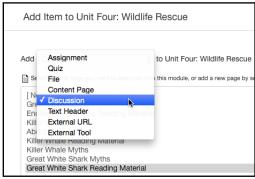
Add a Discussion to a Module

You can add text to your Module as that serves the purpose of just text.

1. While in the Modules section, click Add Item.



2. In the content selector, choose Discussion from the drop-down.



Add an Existing Discussion

If you have already created the discussion you want to add.

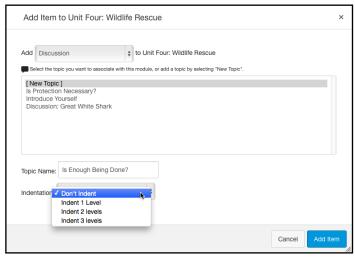
- 1. Click the name of the file.
- 2. Click Add Item.

Add Item to Unit Four: Wildlife Rescue Add Discussion to Unit Four: Wildlife Rescue Select the topic you want to associate with this module, or add a topic by selecting "New Topic". [New Topic] Is Protection Necessary? Introduce Yourself Discussion: Great White Shark Indentation Don't Indent Indent 1 Level Indent 2 levels Indent 3 levels Cancel Add Item

Add New Discussion

If you want to create a new discussion

- 1. Click the [New Topic] link.
- 2. Give the Topic a name.
- 3. Choose Indent if you prefer.
- 4. Click Add Item.





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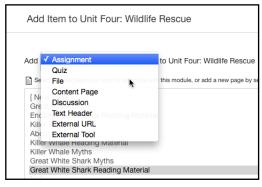
Add an Assignment to a Module

You can add text to your Module as that serves the purpose of just text.

1. While in the Modules section, click Add Item.



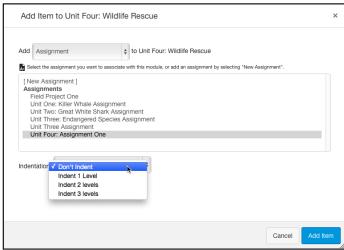
2. In the content selector, choose Assignment from the drop-down.



Add an Existing Assignment

If you have already created the assignment you want to add

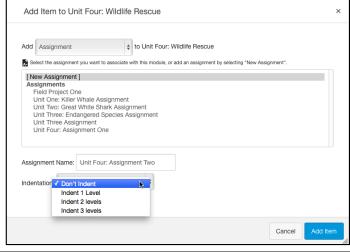
- 1. Click the name of the assignment.
- 2. Click Add Item.



Add New Assignment

If you want to create a new assignment shell

- 1. Click the [New Assignment] link.
- 2. Give the assignment a name.
- 3. Choose Indent if you prefer.
- 4. Click Add Item.





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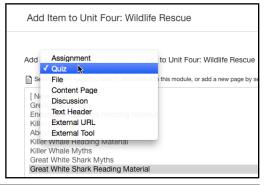
Add a Quiz to a Module

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2. In the content selector, choose Quiz from the drop-down.



Add an Existing Quiz

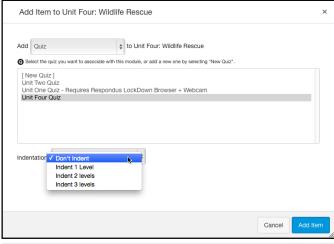
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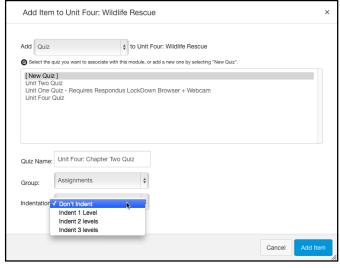
- 1. Click the name of the quiz.
- 2. Click Add Item.

Add New Assignment

If you want to create a new quiz shell

- 1. Click the [New Quiz] link.
- 2. Give the quiz a name.
- 3. Choose Indent if you prefer.
- 4. Click Add Item.







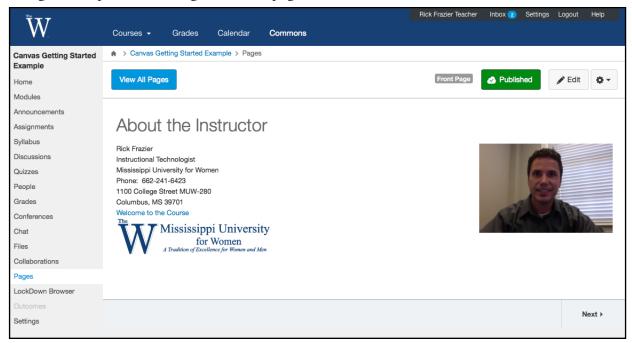
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Canvas Pages

Pages are where you can put content and educational resources that are part of your course but don't necessarily belong in an assignment, or that you want to refer to in multiple assignments. This is a place where you can include text, video, and links to your files. You can even make links to other pages. Pages can also be used as a collaboration tool where you can create class wikis and set specific user access for each page. Canvas keeps the entire history of the page so you can see how it changes over time.

Front Page

Pages is designed to open to the designated front page for the course.



View All Pages Global Settings

1. To view the Pages Index from the Front Page or any individual page, click the View All Pages button.

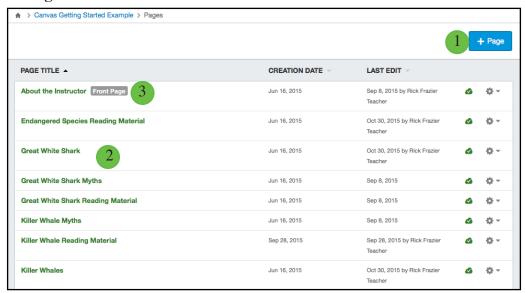


- 1. For individual pages, global settings include Viewing All Pages.
- 2. Publishing and unpublishing the page.
- 3. Editing the page.
- 4. In the Settings drop-down menu, you can delete the page and view the page history.



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View Pages Index Page

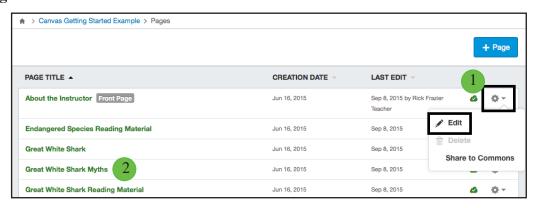


The Pages Index has one global function at the top of the page

- 1. Add new Pages.
- 2. The rest of the Index displays the individual pages created in Canvas.
- 3. Your front page is identified with a gray Front Page tag.

Note: You can create Pages before adding them to a module or create pages from within the Modules area.

Managing Pages



For each individual page

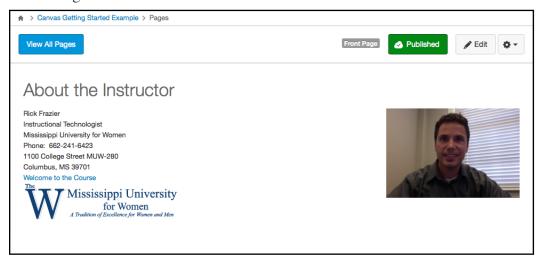
- 1. You can use the settings drop-down menu to edit the page title or delete the page.
- 2. You can also set any page as your front page through the page settings.
- 3. To edit a page or change the page name, click the name of the page.



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Create Pages

- 1. To Create or Edit a page, go to Pages in the Course Menu.
- 2. Click View All Pages.



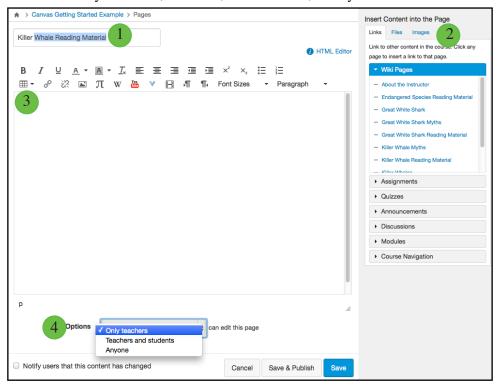
3. To create a new page with text, images, media, links, and/or other files, click the New Page button.





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- 1. Type a name for your page.
- 2. Add content to your page using the Content Selector.
- 3. Edit the content and add links and media using the Rich Content Editor.
- 4. You can decide who can edit the page by selecting the Who can edit this page drop down menu.
 - Options include only teachers, teachers, and students, or anyone.



Save and Publish

If you are ready to publish your page

- 1. Click the Save & Publish button
- 2. If you want to create a draft of your page, click the Save button



Note: When your page is saved in a draft state, you can return to the page and publish it at any time by clicking the Publish button.



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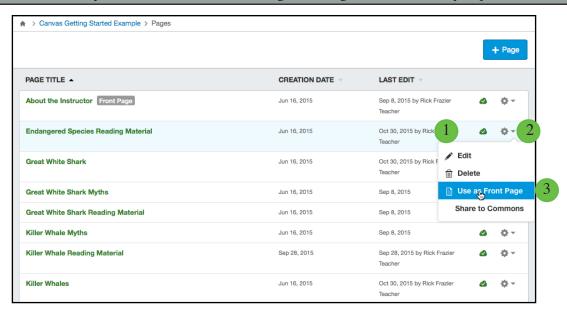
Set a Front Page for my course

If you want to change the Course Home Page to the Pages Front Page, you must first set a Page as the Front Page.

The Front Page is the first page your students will see when they enter your course. Use this page to show a welcome message, links, images, or other information for students.

Note:

- Before setting the Front Page, the page must be published.
- Once you set a Front Page, you cannot remove the Front page. However, you can change the Front Page as much as you would like, or set another page as the Front Page.
- Before setting a Front page, the Pages link in Course Navigation will open to the Pages Index. However, once you have selected a Front Page, the Pages link will always open to the Front Page.



- 1. Locate your published front page that you want to set as your Front Page.
- 2. Click the page Settings icon.
- 3. Select the Use as Front Page button.



Files

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Canvas Files

You can add a file to your course by uploading a file. You can also import files using the course import tool.

Note: Instructors can drag and drop files

from their personal files into course files.

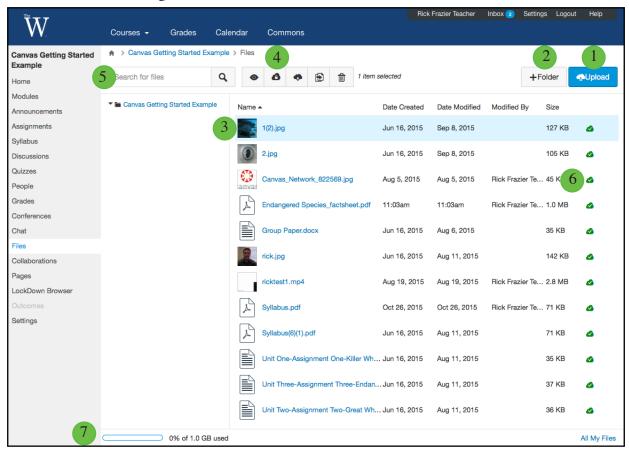
Note: Video and audio uploads to Canvas

through the media tool can be up to 500

MB in size.

File Manager

1. To access the File Manager, click Files in the Course Menu.



- 1. Upload a File
- 2. Create a Folder
- 3. File Select
- 4. File Actions: Delete, Move, Download, Restrict, View
- 5. File Search
- 6. Publish Status
- 7. Course Storage Quota

Note: Videos do not count against the storage quota for instructors. Videos do count against student quota.

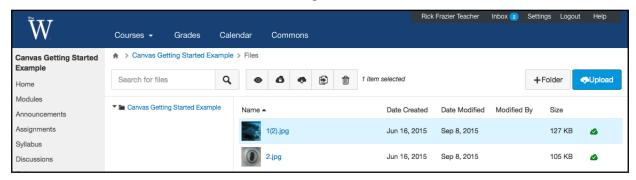
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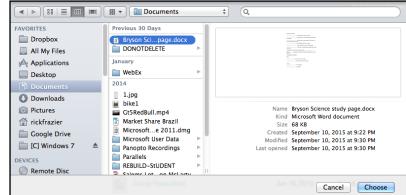
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You can upload files into Canvas by using the Upload button or drag and drop. Video and audio uploads have a 500MB limit in size.

1. While in the Files section of the course, click Upload.



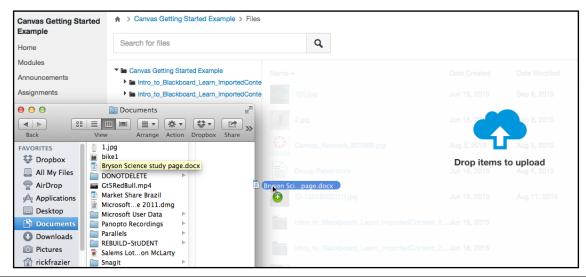
2. Click the title of the file you wish to upload and click the Open button to upload the file.



Upload Files via Drag and Drop

Some web browsers contain a unique feature that allows the user to add to files by simply dragging and dropping the files from a file window directly into the Canvas file repository.

- 1. Click the title of the file you wish to add and drag the file to your open browser.
- 2. Your file will automatically upload.



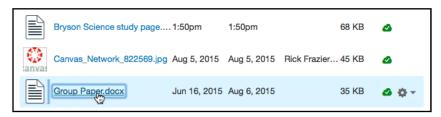


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View File

1. Your new file will appear in the File Manager.





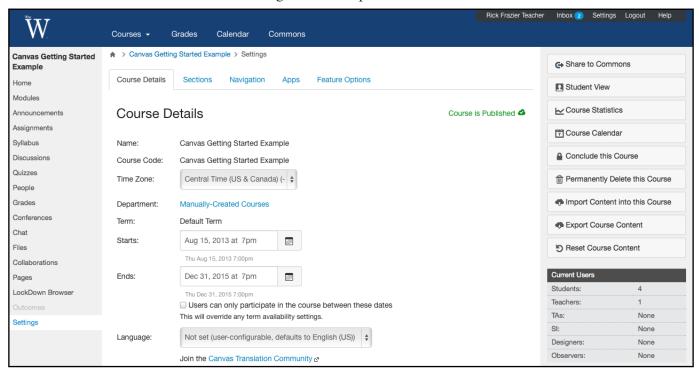
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Import content from another Canvas course

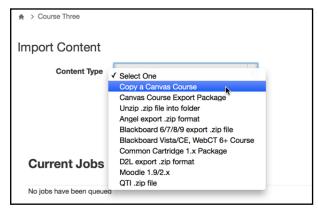
Import content from another Canvas course when you want to use or re purpose previously created content including course settings, syllabus, assignments, modules, files, pages, and discussions. You can also import and adjust events and due dates.

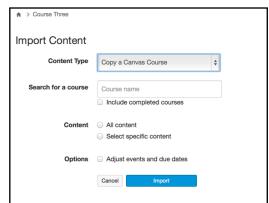
You can import an entire course or different parts of a course.

1. From the course menu, choose Settings. Click Import Content into this course.



2. To copy content from one course to another, choose Copy a Canvas Course from the Content Type drop-down.





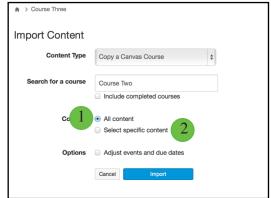


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- 3. Type the name of the course to copy from. Canvas will complete the name for you.
- 4. Select your course from the list.



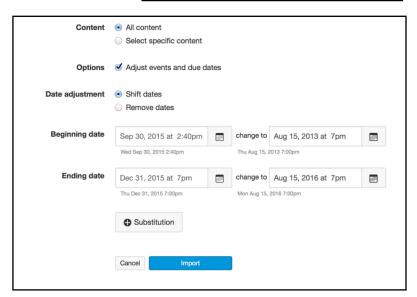
- 5. Clicking the import button will copy all course content from the source course to the destination course with no adjusted dates.
 - 1. If you want to import all of the content from the course, click the All content radio button.
 - 2. If you want to select specific content, such as only assignments or quizzes, click the Select specific content radio button.



Adjust Events and Due Dates

If you want to adjust the due dates associated with the course events and assignments, click the Adjust events and due dates checkbox.

You have two options to choose from: Shift dates and Remove dates.

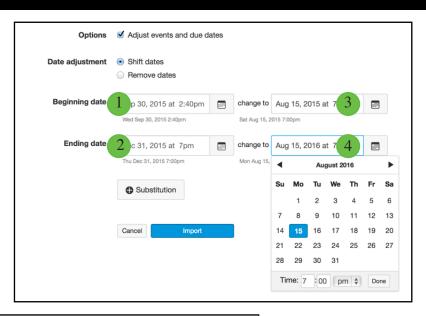




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Shift Dates: Adjust Beginning and Ending Dates

- 1. Click the calendar icon and select the beginning date of the course you are **importing**.
- 2. Then select the end date of the course you are **importing**.
- 3. Select the beginning date of the course you are **copying to**.
- 4. Select the end date of the course you are **copying to**.



Note: If the course you are copying has beginning and end dates, those dates will be automatically pre-populated in the initial date fields.

Remove Dates

You can also choose to remove dates from your course.

Dates will be removed from the following features:

- Assignments (due, availability, and peer-review dates)
- Announcements (post delay dates)
- Quizzes (due, availability, and show correct answers dates)
- Calendar events (start and end dates)
- Modules (unlock dates)

Course Completion



- 1. The Current Jobs menu will display the status of your import. Running reports will display a menu bar with the time remaining to generate the report.
- 2. If you imported the course and did not select specific content, Canvas will show any issues that occurred with the import. Click the issues link to view them.
- 3. If you imported the course and selected specific content, Canvas will ask you to select the content you want to import. Click the Select Content button.

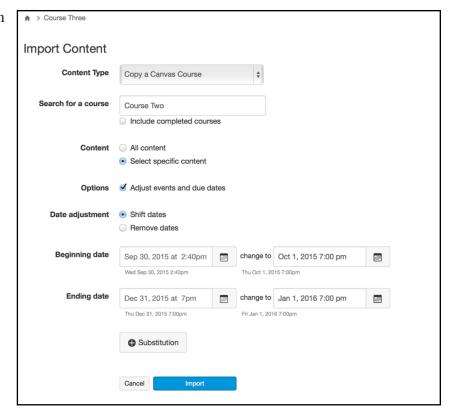




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Select Content to Import

1. Alternatively, you can import certain items into your course. To do so, choose Select Specific Content.

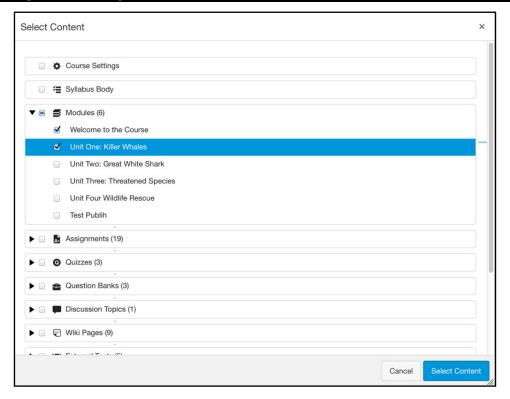


2. Next, click Select Content.





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A new window will list all the content in your course by category. For instance, if you did not create any Rubrics in your course, Rubrics will not appear as an import option.

- 1. To import all content for a content type, click the checkbox next to the content name. If the content type is a group containing multiple items, Canvas will automatically select all items within the group.
- 2. To import only a few items from a content group, expand the drop-down arrow and click the specific items to be imported.
- 3. Canvas will place a dash in the group checkbox, indicating that only a few items are selected within the group.
- 4. If a content type should not be imported, leave the checkbox blank.



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