Create Accessible Courses with Canvas

With Canvas LMS, educators can take the guesswork out of building accessible courses and programs to meet more students where they are. **Here's how!**



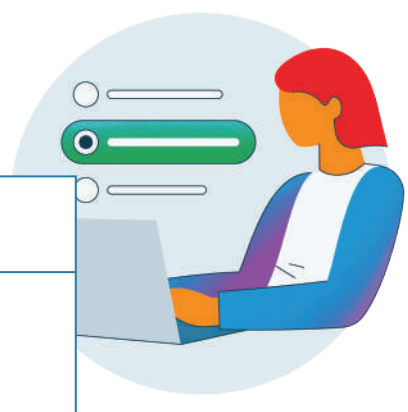
COURSE BUILDING CONSIDERATIONS

Layouts should be:
- Simple
- Clean
- Uncluttered

Navigation should be:
- Clear
- Consistent

Headings should:
- Allow for quick scanning
- Always be descriptive





FEATURES FOR ACCESSIBLE FORMATTING

Alt Text
- will be read by screen readers
- describes embedded images
- displays when the image cannot display

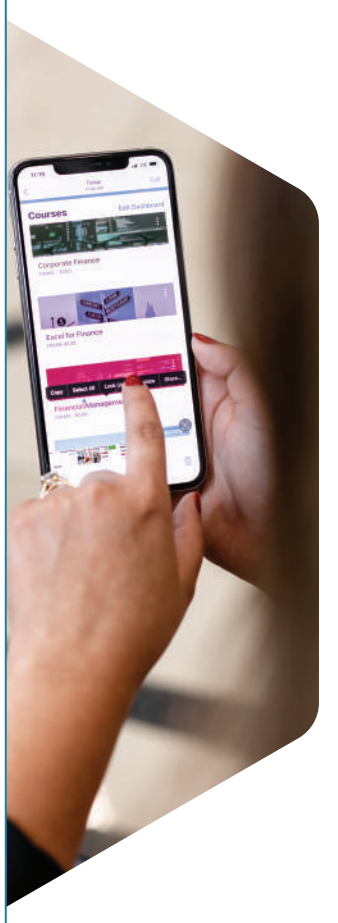
Descriptive hyperlinks
- gives students context to links
- provides clarity on link destination
- should always be underlined

Headings
- help all students navigate
- assist facilitate screen readers
- structure content

List tools
- are bullets & numbers
- aid screen readers in skimming content

Tables
- should display data & information
- should *not* create layouts
- are used by assistive tech

Text emphasis
- is **bold**, *italic* or underlined font
- is not the use of color
- helps text stand out for visually impaired students



LMS Access – Anywhere, Anytime





REACH USERS WHERE THEY ARE WITH THE CANVAS MOBILE APP.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Truly native – built for mobile
- iOS & Android apps
- 3 unique user apps: student, teacher, parent

HOW YOU NEED IT

- High contrasts
- Large text
- Screen readers
- Dark mode

MAKE EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE WITH CONVENIENCE & CONNECTION.

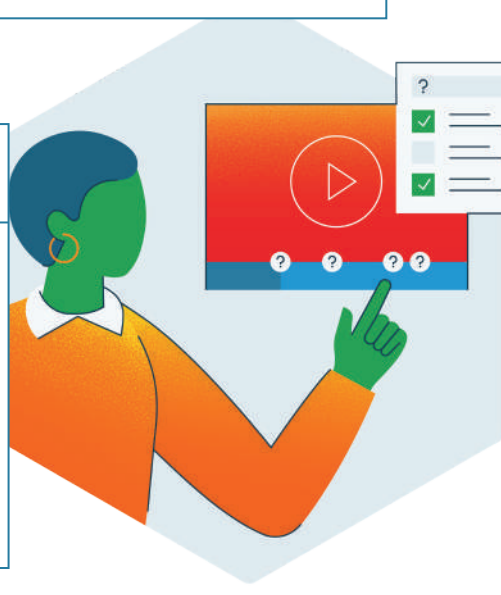
- Communicate via direct messages
- Create, customize, and view calendars
- Provide or access differentiated curriculum and instruction
- Customize notifications, set reminders, and place alerts
- Quickly export, import, and submit work
- Easily grade, give feedback, and annotate PDFs
- **All on-the-go!**

RESOURCES FOR YOUR COURSES

Where to start: Canvas Course Accessibility Checklist

What to use: Accessibility Checker in the Rich Content Editor

How to learn more: Accessibility in Higher Education: Building a Better Student Experience





CANVAS BY INSTRUCTURE

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