Canvas Support

HOW TO USE THE COURSE HOME PAGE AS A STUDENT

If you are enrolled as a student, the Course Home Page helps you navigate your course and manage your coursework.

1. Log in to Canvas and access your course via the Dashboard or on Global Navigation select Courses then All Courses.

2. The Course Home Page involves Course Navigation [1], the content area [2], and the sidebar [3].
Course Navigation

The Course Home Page is viewed from the Course Navigation Home link [1].
Course Navigation includes links that help you get to specific locations in the course. Your teacher can customize what links are shown in a course, so if you don't see links that may display in other courses, your teacher has hidden those links from your view.

The active link of the page you are viewing is highlighted in blue. This highlight helps you quickly identify the feature area you are currently viewing in Canvas.

Collapse Course Navigation Menu

To expand or collapse the Course Navigation Menu, select the Menu icon.

View Content Area

Home Page content (and all Canvas content) is displayed in the content area.

The content can be a page, the syllabus, discussions, announcements, quizzes, or imported content. The content can also show the Course Activity Stream, which is a list of all recent activity in the course.
View Breadcrumbs

Breadcrumbs appear above the course content area. As you view course content, the breadcrumbs leave a trail to show where you are inside the course. You can follow these links backward to visit prior course content.

View Sidebar

The sidebar functions the same as the Dashboard sidebar but only shows content for the specific course and includes additional options.

1. If your Course Home Page displays a page other than the Course Activity Stream, you can view the course activity stream by clicking the sidebar View Course Stream button.
2. The sidebar always shows the To Do section, which shows all assignments with a due date in the next seven days, including ungraded quizzes and assignments that do not require a submission. Each item in the To Do list displays the assignment name, the number of points, and the due date for the assignment. Once the due date has passed, items remain in this section for four weeks. However, assignments that are not graded or do not require an online submission only display until the due date.
3. If you have been added to a group in your course, the Course Group section [2] includes links to your course groups.
4. The sidebar can also include a variety of other sections, depending on the layout your teacher sets for the Course Home Page. Additional sidebar options include Coming Up or the Assignment list, Calendar and Assignment Groups, and Recent Feedback.
Manage Sidebar Items

Each section item displays an icon [1] to differentiate between assignments and peer review assignments.

If a section contains more items than are listed, a link will appear under the list that you can use to view additional items [2].

If there are more than 100 items in the To Do section, you must remove items before you can view any new items. To remove a To Do item, click the remove icon [3].

Note: Assignments submitted through Canvas disappear automatically from the To Do list; no-submission assignments (submitted on paper/in class) can only be removed from the list manually.