New Features:

Course Settings

Canvas has now allowed the user more individualized options regarding student access. Not only can the user determine the date in which a student can first view course content, but now can choose whether or not to restrict students’ view after the course’s end date. To maintain a fluid and convenient use of these features, these settings have now been moved from “Account Settings” to “Course Settings” and will appear as seen below:

- Visibility:
  - Make the syllabus for this course publicly visible
  - Make this course publicly visible (student data will remain private)
  - Make this course visible to authenticated users
  - Include this course in the public course index
  - Restrict students from viewing course after end date
  - Restrict students from viewing course before start date

Updated Features:

Learning Mastery Gradebook

Canvas has altered the Learning Mastery Gradebook to better adjust for the new features in “Outcomes.” As viewed below, the Gradebook now allows users to view the score and currently used outcome for a specific assignment (figure 1). Also, levels of achievement have been re-labeled with the highest being “Exceeds Mastery” and the lowest being “Well Below Mastery” (figure 2).
Figure 1:

![Image of Learning Mastery dashboard showing course average and individual student scores with icons indicating mastery levels.]

Figure 2:

![Image of a pie chart showing calculation method for mastery and a table listing student names and their respective scores for each learning outcome.]

Rich Content Editor
Canvas has made slight changes to the rich content editor which is to assist further transitions and added features; however, they have highlighted some features which are beneficial to users. First, users can now insert, create and edit tables within the rich content editor (figure 1).

**Figure 1**

![Insert table feature](image1)

Secondly, users can now enable the option to insert text from right to left order rather than left to right (figure 2).

**Figure 2**

![Right to left option](image2)

Third, users can now select specific content and switch to HTML editing for the selected content only (figure 3).
Figure 3:

Facebook Integration

Facebook is no longer supported as a web integration by Canvas.

Other Features

**Student Submissions:** The name of the Assignments section of student analytics has been changed to Submissions. Icons are no longer displayed for assignments which have no online submission or assignments which do not apply to a particular student.

**Enable Recording Button:** When creating a conference, the title of the checkbox previously entitled ‘Record a Conference’ was renamed to ‘Enable Recording for this Conference’ to prevent confusion about the fact that the recording does not automatically begin because the checkbox is checked. This checkbox enables recording tools in the conference, but the user must still initiate the recording within the conference interface.
**Discussion Creation Dates:** Student and observer views no longer display the creation date for a discussion.

**Student Mastery Indicator:** The mastery count for the student now does not turn green until the student has at least one completed outcome in the group.
Bug Fixes

Accounts

- The Test Student will no longer count towards the total number of students in a class.

Analytics

- Assignments that were not graded on Canvas no longer show up in Course Analytics as missing.

Announcements

- If an announcement includes a video file, users can access announcement podcasts.
- Disabling comments in Announcements does not affect course settings and activity logs.

Assignments

- When Differentiated Assignments is enabled,
  - uploading a Gradebook CSV will update new assignments and scores.
  - authenticated users can view course Assignments, Discussions, and Quizzes assigned to Everyone.
- Clicking the Enter key in an assignment field does not launch the configure external tool window.
- When adding a new assignment to an assignment group, the group retains any assignments added via drag-and-drop functionality.

Calendar

- Canvas users can create undated events in the Calendar.
- Users can load the course syllabus and calendar if a media comment exists in a Calendar event with varied due dates.
- Users can view all content for an assignment in the Calendar.
- In the Calendar, Assignments dragged to Saturday that are due on or after 11:31 pm post as a Saturday assignment.

**Collaborations**

- Instructors do not need to be a member of the group to create a group collaboration

**Conferences**

- Users cannot create and join a conference at the course or group level unless they have permission to create web conferences.
- Users can now end long-running conferences from the Course Dashboard.

**Conversations**

- Conversations can be filtered by course if a student and instructor share more than one course.
- Group lists load more quickly in the Conversation drop-down menu.

**Course Imports**

- Essay questions and File Upload questions are not duplicated as part of a course copy.
- Ungraded Discussions retain the Until Date as part of course copies.
- When copying individual assignments, course copies do not associate updated information from the source course’s assignment group.

**Course Settings**

- When a course is concluded, instructors can still view all Course Navigation links.
- Users can view the External Apps tab and add new apps in Course Settings.
**Dashboard**

- The Coming Up section of the Course or User Dashboard indicates the correct time.

**Discussions**

- Users can reply to Discussions using an LTI tool.
- Editing a discussion reply retains all associated discussion comments.
- Attachments in group discussions are viewable to all group members.
- Users can access discussion podcasts if a discussion includes a video file.
- Users can only view unpublished discussions if they are given the read course content permission.

**Enrollments**

- Users who are restored to a course can view the course.
- Users can view more than 10 enrollments in a section for a concluded course.
- Users can add observers if the user has permission to manage students.

**ePortfolios**

- ePortfolios display the time of the last update.

**Files**

- When Better File Browsing is enabled
  - drag-and-drop functionality is enabled for the entire folder window.
  - videos can be previewed in full screen.
  - users are prompted to replace/change the name of a file if it is moved to a location with the same file name.
  - authenticated Users in a course can download course Files.
  - users can preview a file upload directly after uploading the file.
  - users can load files with a slash in the URL.

- When Better File Browsing is turned off but Usage Rights is enabled, adding a file to the course does not lock the file upon uploading.
Gradebook

- New grading schemes save with the included data.

Modules

- When adding a file to a Module, users can choose from all files in the Files list.
- Group discussion module items with the users must contribute to the page requirement show the module progression checkmark when the requirement is complete.
- When an instructor manually grades a quiz that is part of a module progress, students can advance to the next module requirement.
- Modifying the name of a page as well as the state of a page in Modules does not create duplicate pages.

Notifications

- Designers do not receive notifications to grade assignments unless they have permission to edit or view grades.
- Students do not receive notifications for group membership unless the course is published.

Pages

- Students can edit course pages if they are given permission in the course.
- Pages supports pages with periods in the title.

Profiles

- The Report Inappropriate Picture link always appears next to a profile picture.
- Then Report Inappropriate Picture button reports a profile image as reported.

Rich Content Editor

- HTML editors no longer filter out language tags when HTML comments are added.