

eLearn to MyCanvas: Tool Equivalents, Migration Issues, and Design Considerations

This document is intended for new users of **MyCanvas** and for those who are working within a course that has been migrated from eLearn. It identifies the mapping of eLearn (Brightspace) tools to their MyCanvas equivalents, and identifies possible issues that may be evident after an eLearn course migration. It also describes any substantial differences between the major tools and provides suggestions and considerations concerning the best use of the tools in the new MyCanvas environment.

This is **not** a comprehensive or exhaustive list of all the differences between the eLearn and MyCanvas platforms, or of potential strategies that could be employed when designing a new course in MyCanvas or repairing and reconfiguring a course migrated from eLearn.

For more information or further explanation, view the [Canvas Instructor Guides](#), the [Canvas Community](#), or contact your CTL Educational Technology Specialist.

eLearn Tool	MyCanvas Tool Equivalent	Migration Issues or Major Differences	Strategies and Design Considerations
My Home	Dashboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logging in to MyCanvas takes a user to the user's Dashboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dashboard displays course cards that provide access to courses Users choose the courses they want to display on the Dashboard, similar to "pinning" in eLearn Course cards can display icons that link to unread or new activities in Announcements, Assignments, Discussions, or Files Users can customize course cards to include nicknames and colours, and reorder them onscreen
Navigation Bar	Course Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navigation bars do not migrate to MyCanvas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tools on Course Navigation are hidden or revealed to students (via Settings > Navigation) Sequence of tools is defined by the Teacher (via Settings > Navigation) and is collapsible by users Consider following a program-defined template or sequence for continuity

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools that are not configured or have no content are automatically hidden from students by default • Consider removing all tools except Home, Announcements, Modules, Grades, and People, and providing links to other tools and activities within Modules (e.g. to a Quiz, to an Assignment)
Homepage	Front page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homepages (containing widgets) do not migrate to MyCanvas • Widgets do not migrate to MyCanvas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several tools (e.g. Modules, Syllabus, Assignments) can be assigned as the Course Home Page (the first page that displays when a course is accessed) • Consider creating a custom web page and assigning it as the Front page, or assigning Modules as the Course Home Page
Widgets	none	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widgets do not migrate to MyCanvas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A custom web page containing widget-like information can be created and used as the course Front page • Content that is available via widgets in eLearn can often be added to a Front page via the Rich Content Editor
News	Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing News items migrate well to MyCanvas • All exported news items will be visible in MyCanvas after migration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated with the Rich Content Editor, allowing for easy media embedding or video recording and publishing • Courses should be configured to display Announcements on the home page (via Settings > Course Details > more options) • Encourage students to configure their Notifications so announcements are pushed to them (by email or text)
Notifications	Notifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to eLearn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the use of Notifications for all students • Encourage students to download and use the MyCanvas App

HTML Editor	Rich Content Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web pages created in eLearn's HTML editor migrate to MyCanvas as Pages, but also as duplicate files in Files • Duplicate pages in Files (from eLearn imported content) should be deleted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found throughout MyCanvas and used to create announcements, enter text information, create Pages, etc. • Based on the TinyMCE editor like eLearn, but better exposes much of the extended functionality • Integrated platforms and tools are accessible directly from the toolbar (e.g. Panopto, Kaltura, Office 360) • Works with the Content Selector (side bar items) to easily add content and activity links to messages and documents
Restrictions, Conditional Release	Prerequisites and Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These settings do not migrate to MyCanvas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prerequisites can be applied to items to ensure that module content is viewed • Requirements use scores, submissions, and completions as conditional release criteria
Content	Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content that is internal to the course (files), externally linked sites, and Content structure (Modules, items) migrate well to MyCanvas Modules • Migrated submodule names appear in MyCanvas as text headers with submodule content items below 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider creating course activities in other tools and then link them to Modules • Consider using indentation to help provide hierarchical structure • Confirm the visibility status (published or unpublished) of imported modules and items • Set links to open in a new tab • Check all imported pages for broken html code, links, or styling, and references to eLearn • Review items that used release conditions in eLearn and reconfigure by adding Prerequisites and Requirements • Integrates with the Rich Content Editor to help create Pages
Manage Files	Files	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Files stored in eLearn's Manage Files migrate well to the Files tool • File structure is maintained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Files provides centralized access to all files stored in your MyCanvas account- personal and all course files • Course files are stored in course-named folders

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Files can be dragged and dropped between locations Suggestion: hide Files tool from Course Navigation
Webpages (Files)	Pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webpages created in eLearn and based on the pre-2019 CTL-designed templates will need editing to minimize page display issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider hiding Pages from the Course Navigation
Grades	Grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eLearn gradebook configurations do not migrate to MyCanvas A MyCanvas gradebook in Grades is a dynamic construct of the items in the Assignments Index By default, items are valued by and display as point values, not percentage weights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade items are not manually created in the MyCanvas gradebook, but in the Assignments Index Percentage weightings can be applied for items by containing them within Assignment Groups and applying a weighting scheme An alternative approach is to consider defining all your graded items by their relative point values, not percentage weights Consider using the New Gradebook (Settings > Feature Options) for a richer grading experience
Dropbox	Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropboxes migrate to MyCanvas, but many configurations will need to be added e.g. Turnitin plagiarism detection Files or web pages linked to eLearn Dropboxes are not associated with the new Assignment after migration- that information must be entered as text in the description or linked via the Rich Content Editor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assignments tool includes all the items that are to be assessed in the course, including graded discussions and graded quizzes All Assignment items and Groups are represented in the gradebook Assignments can be configured for no submissions, online submissions, "paper" submissions, and/or no grading value Assignment Groups can be added, or existing Groups configured to allow percentage weighting of contained items Consider hiding Assignments from Course Navigation, and link to

			individual assignments from within Modules
Rubrics	Rubrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubrics migrate to MyCanvas but need reconfiguration to adjust grade values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubrics are created and managed via the Outcomes course navigation link or from a configured assignment
Quizzes	Quizzes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrated quizzes that drew select questions from Question Libraries (Pools or Random Sections) result in quizzes that include all the questions in the former section • Several quiz configurations (e.g. Respondus LockDown Browser) do not migrate and must be added after migration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizzes appear in both Quizzes and the Assignments Index • It may prove to be more efficient to delete and rebuild quizzes after migration than to repair and reconfigure • Rebuild quizzes drawing questions from the new Question Banks • Option to shuffle answers is at the quiz level and applies to all questions in a quiz • Consider enabling and using the New Quizzes replacement (via Settings > Feature Options) for a richer authoring experience and added features
Question Library	Question Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration of eLearn Question Libraries and Quizzes results in duplicate but non-linked questions in quizzes and Question Banks- editing one does not affect the other • Library subsections are not supported- questions stored in eLearn Library subsections migrate to the parent Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider deleting all the questions in migrated quizzes and relinking them from Question Banks, or deleting migrated quizzes entirely before rebuilding quizzes in MyCanvas • Formula questions will need to be edited (via Generate Possible Solutions > Generate)
Surveys	Quizzes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys migrate to MyCanvas as Quizzes • Migrated surveys must have their Quiz Type changed to Ungraded Survey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys appear in both Quizzes and the Assignments Index

Discussions	Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion names, descriptions and grade values migrate to MyCanvas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions appear in both Discussions and the Assignments Index
Classlist	People		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows all enrollments in the course, as well as role, last activity date, and total activity time • Also provides access to Groups and the function to create Groups • Emailing of users is accomplished from the Inbox, not People
Groups	Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups and group configurations do not migrate to MyCanvas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MyCanvas Groups creates and manages semi-private sharing environments, allowing collaboration, communication, conferencing, and file sharing among students • Group spaces have much of the look and functionality of courses
Attendance	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Registers do not migrate to MyCanvas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Attendance tool currently available in MyCanvas is an add-on called Rollcall • Also supports the creation of seating charts
Calendar	Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eLearn content and activities that include dates will appear by default in the MyCanvas calendar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A user's calendar includes all dated items for all courses • Users can define the identification colour for each of their courses • Updates made to calendar items reflect elsewhere in the course e.g. in Quizzes and Assignments • Upcoming events appear in students' To Do lists • MyCanvas calendars can be linked to other online calendars, such as MS Outlook or Google Calendar