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Setting up Canvas
How to Favorite your Course

In order to find all of your courses easily within Canvas @ Yale, you can favorite specific courses to appear on your Dashboard.

1. Click on "Courses" from the global navigation
2. From the side menu that appears, click “All Courses”

![Image of Courses section with "All Courses" highlighted]

3. To favorite a course, click on the star associated with the course.

![Image of courses list with stars indicating favorites]

4. When you return to your Dashboard, your favorite course will appear.
For more help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
Student Notification Recommendations

Within Canvas @ Yale, you have specific notifications that you can modify to determine how frequently you receive email notifications from your Canvas @ Yale course site. For details about each notification setting, please refer to the vendor's Canvas Notifications documentation.

💡 Notifications received from Canvas to your email address will come from "Course Name <notifications@instructure.com>".

Recommended Notification Settings

In order to ensure that you are receiving all types of communication from your instructor or TA, we recommend you to modify the following notifications:

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How do I "shop" a Canvas course?

This article guides students through the process of being added to the Canvas course sites of the courses they are shopping. Once registered as a shopper, students are automatically added to the Canvas site within a few hours.

NOTE: School of Management has a different process for enrolling in their courses. Please contact the SOM registrar at somregistrar@yale.edu for more information.

Search for Courses and View Course Syllabi

Students will need to search for courses using Online Course Selection (OCS) or Yale's Course Search. Syllabi are available in Course Search if the course has been published by the instructor.

NOTE: If a course does not have a syllabus, it may mean that the instructor has not posted a syllabus or they have not published their course site.

Register to Shop the Course

Students will need to add the course to their OCS worksheet. (For additional information on how to use Yale Course Search / OCS, please refer to the Yale Course Search Resources section of the Registrar's Website.)

Once you have added a course to your worksheet, it could take several hours before you are enrolled in the course site. Course enrollments are processed approximately every 2 hours.

When your enrollment is processed, you will be added to the course as a "shopper".

Finalize and Seal Your Worksheet

Once you have made your final course selections for the semester, you will need to seal your OCS worksheet.
After you have sealed your worksheet, your enrollment in the courses you have chosen will change from "shopper" to "student". For all courses you shopped but decided not to take this semester, you will automatically be un-enrolled.

💡 For more help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
How do I find my courses?

Courses that you are enrolled in can be found at Canvas @ Yale. When you login, you will be taken to your dashboard. You may not see all of your courses on your dashboard. If that is the case, follow the steps below.

1. Click on "Courses" from the left hand global navigation.
2. Click "All Courses" from the pop up side menu that appears.
3. Here you can see all the courses that you are enrolled in. If you cannot click into the course, it is unpublished by the instructor.

💡 Note: You can favorite your courses by clicking on the star, which will make the courses appear on your dashboard.
Other resources you may find helpful:

- How to Favorite Your Course
- Search for syllabi of a course you're not enrolled in using Yale's Course Search

For more help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
Courses and Assignments
How do I submit Media Recording assignments?

This article provides students with instructions on how to submit an assignment with a media recording submission type. To submit a media recording assignment, you will need to have a microphone and a webcam if you are also doing video.

Submit a Recording

1. In your course, go to the assignment and click the "Submit Assignment" button.

   Click the

2. Click the "Record / Upload Media" button under the submission area.

   Click the

3. In the pop-up window, make sure the "Record Media" tab is selected. See below on how to upload an existing media file.

4. Click the "Mic" button to select which microphone you wish to use.

5. Click the "Webcam" button to select which webcam you wish to use. For audio only, you can select the "No Video" option for "Webcam".

   Note: Adobe Flash Player Settings may appear to allow access to the microphone or webcam devices.

6. Click "Start Recording" when you are ready to begin. This will start a countdown to begin recording. Click "Finish" when you are done.

Record Media

7. When you are done recording, playback the audio or video for review. If you are satisfied with the recording, you can name the recording and click "Save". Otherwise, you can click "Start Over" to try again.
Save or Start Over

8. Once you are satisfied with and have saved the recording, you can add final comments and click "Submit Assignment" to complete the submission to the assignment.

Add final comments and click

**Upload a Recording**

1. To upload an existing media file from your computer, go to your course to "Submit Assignment" and "Record / Upload Media". Make sure the "Upload Media" tab is selected.

2. Click "Select Audio File" for an audio only file, or "Select Video File" for an audio and video file. Either option will allow you to browse through your computer and select the file you wish to upload.

3. Once a file is selected, the media will be uploaded. A blue bar will show its upload progress.
4. You will not need to name the file, as the name will pull from the file name you uploaded. Once the blue progress bar reaches the end, it will automatically upload, and you can submit final comments and click "Submit Assignment" to complete the submission to the assignment.
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Finding your Feedback (Vendor Guides)

Below are the vendor guides on viewing feedback on your assignments

Vendor Guides

- How do I view annotation feedback comments from my instructor directly in my assignment submission?
- How do I view assignment comments from my instructor?
- Where can I find my peers' feedback for peer reviewed assignments?

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How do I submit a Turnitin assignment?

Turnitin is a tool that estimates the originality of written work. The tool generates a "similarity report" by comparing an uploaded paper to a database of web pages, articles, books, and other uploaded files. When similarities exist, the tool highlights sections of the uploaded paper and displays the original source.

You can submit a Turnitin assignment the same way you submit a normal assignment.

1. Navigate to the Turnitin assignment you would like to submit and click "Submit Assignment" in the top right hand corner.
2. You can select "File Upload" or "Text Entry" depending on what the instructor has allowed. Choose the file you would like to upload or enter text in the box provided.
3. A Turnitin assignment will have a check box that indicates the assignment will be run through the Turnitin framework. You must acknowledge the statement by selecting the box.
4. Once the box is checked, you can click "Submit Assignment".

How to identify if your assignment will be run through Turnitin

The only indicator that your assignment submission will be run through Turnitin is a checkbox acknowledgment that is presented at the time of submission.

Students must check this box in order to submit the assignment, however, this is not an acceptance of the Turnitin End User License Agreement (EULA). Students are not required to accept the EULA in order to submit. However, their submission will still be run through Turnitin and a similarity report will still be generated for the instructor to view.

Below is the language presented prior to submission of an assignment in Canvas.

By checking this box, you acknowledge that:

- Your paper will be shared with Turnitin to generate a similarity report, which your instructor and/or you can view to help you use sources more effectively in your writing.
• Your paper may be stored for comparison against future papers submitted at Yale. Your paper will not be stored as part of the larger Turnitin student database and so will not be used to check the originality of papers submitted at other universities. Turnitin does not acquire any rights to your paper.

• When you first attempt to view your similarity report, you will be prompted to accept the Turnitin End User License Agreement (EULA). This agreement is between you, the individual user (not the university), and Turnitin, LLC, the company that licenses the tool to the university for integration through Canvas. Please read the entire Turnitin EULA carefully.

• If you choose NOT to accept the Turnitin EULA, you will not be able to view the similarity report; however, your course instructor will still be able to view the report.

Please review the available resources on writing from the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, the Turnitin Assignment Setting Options, and speak to your instructor if you have any questions or concerns.

If you would like further information, please contact the Poorvu Center at askpoorvucenter@yale.edu.
For more help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
How to find my Turnitin Report for my assignment submission? (Student)

Turnitin can be used on an assignment by assignment basis. If your instructor has not enabled Turnitin on an assignment, you will not have access to a Turnitin Similarity Report for that assignment.

💡 Note: Although it is recommended that instructors using Turnitin allow students to immediately view Similarity Reports, the instructor does have the ability to suppress student access to reports completely or until the assignment due date.

For assignments that use Turnitin, instructors can allow you to view your Similarity Report. For these assignments, you can access the report by doing the following:

1. Go to your course's Grades area.
2. For the assignment, click on the similarity score indicator (a flag indicator).
Vendor Guides

Refer to the vendor guides for more information on how to read and interpret your Similarity Report.

- Interpreting the Similarity Report
- Refining the Similarity Report
- Similarity scoring scenarios
- Viewing a breakdown of your matches
- Viewing all sources associated with a paper
- Viewing source details
- Excluding quotes and bibliography
- Bibliography and quote exclusion definitions
- Excluding small sources
- Multi-color highlighting in the Similarity Report
- Report generation after resubmission
- Resizing a paper
- Using the thumbnail bar
- Using layers

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Taking Respondus LockDown Browser Enabled Quizzes

Your instructor may have created Respondus LockDown Browser enabled quizzes. These quizzes will require a special browser that must be installed prior to taking the quiz. LockDown Browser is a locked browser that prevents you from printing, copying, going to another page, or using outside tools during the quiz. LockDown enabled quizzes will not allow you to take the quiz on a standard browser.

Check out the Respondus Help Article on the Computer Requirements for LockDown Browser Installations.

Overview

Note: Yale does not use Respondus Monitor

Installing Respondus LockDown Browser

Note: Each institute's installation is unique. If you already have Respondus LockDown Browser installed on you computer via a non-Yale course, you will be unable to use it for any Canvas @ Yale course. You may have more than one instance of the browser installed. If this is the case, make sure you select the correct one for your Yale course.

1. To download and install Respondus LockDown Browser, you will need the custom Yale download link. You will not be able to find a link on the Respondus website, and any link you use from another institute will not work. You may also access this link by viewing the Respondus LockDown Browser enabled quiz in a standard browser. This will give you an error and direct you to the download link.
2. Click "Install Now" on the download and install page. Open the file that was downloaded and follow the prompts to install the program. After it is installed, you are ready to take a Respondus LockDown Browser enabled quiz.

Windows Users: Are you having trouble downloading Respondus LockDown Browser (Windows)?
Taking an Assessment

1. Once Respondus LockDown Browser has been installed, open the browser. The browser will attempt to close all running programs. Declining to close these programs will cause the browser to exit, allowing you to save your work in progress if you have not done so, and close everything manually. Once everything is closed, the browser can be loaded.

2. You will notice that there is no URL bar, and very few browser functions on the top screen. The browser will also automatically load to the Canvas @ Yale log in page. If you see another institute's log in page, you may have opened the incorrect installation.

3. Log into Canvas and navigate to your course as normal. Find the Respondus LockDown Browser enabled quiz and begin the quiz as normal. Instead of receiving the error as you do in a standard browser, you are now able to take the quiz!

💡 For more help, please refer to the Respondus Knowledgebase Help Articles. For general help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
WordPress in Canvas is the integration of CampusPress into Canvas to facilitate learning between your course site and course blog.

**How to access your blog**

If this is your first time accessing the course blog, you will need to follow these directions in order to be added and granted the appropriate permissions to the blog.

1. Log into Canvas and navigate to the course with the course blog.
2. In the left hand course level navigation, click on the "Course Blog" link.
3. This will open up WordPress in Canvas. It may prompt you to log in with your school information. If this is the case, use your Canvas credentials.
4. You will be taken to the home page of the course blog. From here, you can start posting!

**How to change your display name.**

1. When you first login your display name will be your Net ID. In the top right corner you will see “Howdy, [NetID]”. 
2. Move your cursor over that and select “Edit My Profile”.
3. Add your first name and last name in the text boxes then choose that from the “Display Name Publicly As” drop down.
4. As you create posts your name will appear on the right menu of the blog.
5. If you click on your name, all the posts you create will be aggregated.

How to post

1. If you are logged in you will see a black admin bar across the top. If you don’t see the bar click Login under User Tools on the right hand menu.
2. On the top admin menu hover over “+New” and select “Post”
3. Title your Blog
4. Add content in the main content area (including images, links, audio and video – see below for specific media upload information).
5. Before you publish your post, select the assignment category appropriate for the post. The category box is to the right of the main content box. This way you can click the category on the right menu of the blog and it will aggregate all posts associated with that particular assignment.
6. Click Publish on the upper right.
How to comment on a post

1. Click on the title of the post
2. Enter your comment in the “Leave a reply” text box
3. Click "Post Comment"
How to add media

The Media Library holds all uploaded images, audio or video you upload using the Add Media button in the Post editor.

Uploading an Image

- Locate an image you would like to use online.
- Right click on the image and choose “Save Image as”
- If appropriate rename the image and save to a location on your computer.
- On the course blog Post Editor window click the Add Media button and drag and drop the image into the Media Library.
- On the right, change the alignment if you want
- Be sure to cite the source for your image within the post content.

Adding images from Google Images

- Open Google images, find the image you would like to add to the blog. Click View Image.
- Copy the URL and click add media.
- Choose Add media from URL.
- Link to image URL, or to a custom URL.

Adding YouTube

- YouTube videos will be displayed as a video player on the blog within the post
- Find the video you’d like to feature
• Copy the URL
• In the Post editor, paste the URL on its own line (return before and after the URL).
• If you only see the URL and not a video player, it is usually because the URL is not on a line by itself.
• You can add videos from other sites such as Vimeo.

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Mid-Semester Feedback Submission
Directions

At a predetermined date around the middle of the semester, the Mid-Semester Feedback survey will be available for you to submit course feedback. All students will have one week to complete a feedback survey for each course you are taking. Feedback submitted through the Mid-Semester Feedback tool is *completely anonymous* and the submissions are only visible to the official instructor of record for your course.

**Note:** Only users with the role of “student” or “auditor” in the course can submit feedback.

**Submitting Feedback**

**Notes:**

- Please be aware that some instructors may collect feedback using an alternative method. Instructors who do this may turn off the Mid-Semester Feedback tool in their Canvas course.
- If you are taking multiple classes, you will need to submit a separate feedback survey in each course site.
- You will only get 1 submission per course. You may want to write out your answers to the questions before you go to the survey tool to submit your comments

1. Click the “Mid-Semester Feedback” button from the course navigation.

2. On the this page, you will be able to enter your feedback. Your comments are strongly encouraged for each question, but it is not required that you complete all questions to submit.

**Note:**

3. When you have completed your survey, click the “Submit” button.
4. Repeat steps 2-5 for all courses you are taking in the current semester.

Note:

Click

For more help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
Piazza Account Creation and Modify Your Settings

Piazza is a third party online discussion board that instructors may use to facilitate learning in their courses. This article provides guidance on creating a Piazza account and modifying your account settings.

If an instructor has opted to use the Piazza Q&A online discussion board in your class, you will see a left menu item “Piazza” in your Canvas site. This link will bring you to the Piazza platform, and prompt you to create an account, if you do not already have one, or will pass you through automatically if you have used it before.

If you are creating an account for the first time, it will ask you to verify additional academic information. This is not required to participate in the Piazza Q&A discussion board, and it is our recommendation that you think carefully about any information you share. If you do not wish to share information with Piazza, you can choose “I'm not pursuing a degree” before you continue. This will not limit your ability to use Piazza Q&A.
The additional Piazza Network is also \textit{not required} to participate in the Piazza Q&A discussion board. Enrolling in the Piazza Network allows Piazza to share your information with commercial companies, and you should carefully consider whether you wish to enroll.
If at any time you wish to verify your account settings, you can go to the gear in the top, right of the screen.

For additional assistance on how to use Piazza Q&A, please see the Piazza Support Center. For general help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
Miscellaneous
Alternative formats of content in Canvas

Yale's Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning has integrated Blackboard Ally in Canvas @ Yale. Ally provides more accessible formats of content shared through Canvas. To learn how to obtain alternative formats within Canvas, please see our help documentation: Ally for More Accessible Content

For more information regarding the digital content available in Canvas, please see the vendor guides relating to:

- Students
- Instructors
- Administrators

Accessible Versions throughout Canvas

- Syllabus
- Files
- Announcements
- Assignments
- Modules
- Discussions
- Content pages

Throughout the course site, students and faculty will notice a small down arrow next to content linked to from various tools in Canvas.

Clicking on this down arrow will surface a pull down menu inviting participants to download the original file uploaded by the instructor, or to choose from one of several alternative formats for download.
Alternative formats of content are generated on demand, and downloaded to your local computer.

**Accessing alternative formats in the Syllabus**

If an instructor has chosen to link to a downloadable version of the syllabus, alternative formats of the file will be available through the drop down menu.
Accessing alternative formats of content in Files

When accessing content through the Files tool in Canvas, hover over the file row to the far right, and a drop down menu will appear. When available, the Alternative Formats menu will be presented.

There are other paths to alternative formats. When a file is selected in the Files tool, a small A-shaped icon appears towards the top of the list of files. This only appears when one file is selected.
Alternatively, if you click on a file to view it in preview mode, alternative formats are made available through a button on the top of the screen.

Accessing alternative formats of content in Announcements

When content is shared directly from within an Announcement posted in a Canvas site, alternative formats of that piece of content will be found where that file is linked.
Accessing alternative versions in Assignments

Content shared in an assignment by the instructor will have alternative formats made available through the linked file drop down menu, but student submissions will NOT be scanned by Ally and will not have alternative formats made available to the faculty member or to peers during a peer review.

Accessing alternative formats of Files in Modules

When a file is linked to directly from within a Module as shown here:
The alternative formats of the content are found within the top portion of the window after you've opened it to view.

Case 1.docx

You are an official of the Caledonian Department of Health with responsibility for control of insect-borne infectious diseases. An infestation of deadly Killer Ants has recently been discovered. This infestation is currently limited to the largely unpopulated areas in the
Accessing alternative formats of content in Discussions

Content linked from discussions by the instructor will have alternative formats available. Content shared by students will NOT be scanned by Ally, and will NOT have accessible versions made available to readers.

Accessing alternative formats of content in Pages

Content linked in Pages by the instructor will have alternative formats available via the drop down menu.
Other resources you may find helpful:

- Canvas Accessibility Vendor Guide
- Yale's Usability & Web Accessibility Page

For more information about Yale's accessibility guidelines, please contact accessibility@yale.edu. For general help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
Yale's Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning has integrated Blackboard Ally, a service that provides alternative and more accessible versions of files that have been uploaded into Canvas.

Accessing more accessible, alternative formats

Alternative formats are formats that will be more accessible to screen readers (such as OCRed PDF) or which offer different sensory modalities to students who may not read using vision (such as Electronic Braille).

1. Wherever a file is linked or uploaded in Canvas, there will be a small down arrow icon to the right of the link.

2. Click on this arrow to reveal three options:
   - "Download" which will give you the original file
   - "Preview" to view the file in the browser;
   - "Alternative formats" which are the Ally-produced alternatives.

3. Choose “Alternative formats” to select the file format you prefer, then click “Download”:
Files

There are three ways to get alternative versions of materials uploaded in the Canvas Files area.

Method 1: From the main Files window, locate the file and navigate to the far right of that row, to access the “Actions” options (3 vertical dots). Open the options menu, and select “Alternative formats”:

Method 2: From the main Files window, select the row where your file's name appears (don't click on the file name itself). With the row highlighted, locate and click the Ally “A” icon near the top of the page.
Method 3: When you click on the file name in Files, Canvas opens the file within your browser. At the top of the preview screen, there is an option for “A” with the Ally “A” icon.

Note: This same method applies for files included in Modules, Assignments, Discussions, Announcements, and more: click on the file name or the drop down arrow, and select the “Alternative Formats” option from either the drop down menu or at the top of the file preview screen. If you discover that an Ally alternative file does not work well with your screen reader, please email accessibility@yale.edu with information about the file that is causing problems.
💡 For more information about Yale's accessibility guidelines, please contact accessibility@yale.edu. For general help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
How to Reserve a Time Slot in Sign-up Tool?

This article will show you how to use the Sign-Up Tool to reserve or unreserve a time within an appointment group.

⚠️ **Note:** Sign-Up Tool is currently within a beta release. This means that there could be additional changes made based on the feedback received from those who are using the tool. If you are using the tool and would like to provide us with feedback, please fill out the following Google Form: Sign-Up Tool Beta Release Feedback.

How to Reserve a Time Slot

1. Click on Sign-Up Tool (Beta) from your global navigation.

2. Click on the name of the appointment group you want to reserve time for.

Click on the appointment group.
3. Once within the appointment group, click on the reserve icon to reserve the time slot.

4. If applicable, type in any comments you will like the instructor to see with your reservation.
5. Click "Reserve".

How to Unreserve a Time Slot

1. To cancel, go back to the time slot you reserved (indicated under the status) and click the unreserve icon.

2. Enter in your reason for cancellation
3. Click "Unreserve".

For more help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.
Linking Canvas to the Yale University Official Bookstore

These directions are for students setting up a first time cross-over from Canvas to the Yale University Official Bookstore.

1. Choose your course from your dashboard.

2. Click on "Purchase Course Materials" from the left-hand navigation bar. Clicking this link will open a new window, where you will be prompted to sign in or create an account for the bookstore website. Your account will be paired to Canvas, and you will not be required to sign in after the initial login.

3. You will now be redirected to the Yale University Official Bookstore website. Your course information will auto-populate to match the course you selected in Canvas, and your course materials will appear here in all the available formats (new, used, rental, digital).

Note: If a new window does not open, check your pop up blocker settings, as they may have prevented this from opening.
4. Your Canvas account is now paired with the bookstore website. When you use the Purchase Course Materials link in the future, you will be sent directly to your course materials.

💡 For more help if the integration link goes down, or if there is a technical error, please contact the Barnes & Nobles home office at LTIsupport@bncollege.com. If you are an instructor, or your instructor has questions about FacultyEnlight, please contact the Yale Bookstore staff at GM321@bncollege.com or use their online form. For general help, please contact canvas@yale.edu.