

| # | General Criteria |
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| 1 | General Usability |
| 1A | Intuitive and efficient navigation interface |
| 1B | Contemporary interface leveraging modern technologies and dynamic updates, including mobile-friendly interface |
| 1C | Standardization; consistency of design and student experience from one course to another |
| 1D | Logical flow through module sequence with tracking so students know progress and can continue where they left off |
| 2 | Content Management / Development |
| 2.1 | Content/Course Creation |
| 2.1A | Development of course material by providing a fully-featured text editor and the inclusion of commonly-used text, math and scientific symbols, multimedia, image, and object files |
| 2.1B | Importing of course content and assessments from external sources such as textbook publishers |
| 2.1C | Ability to have a student view of a course shell without requiring a separate log-in |
| 2.1D | Course preview capability where content items such as syllabi first week's readings could be marked as available prior to the course start date |
| 2.1E | Files can be uploaded to the system via drag-and-drop as well as browsing local storage. |
| 2.1F | Course material can be selectively released based on various triggers, including calendar dates, student activity, and grading information |
| 2.2 | Content Reuse / Template |
| 2.2A | Customizable and globally-defined course shell templates at multiple levels |
| 2.2B | Course content can be copied within course shells or imported from other shells, either entirely or at the level of course modules and individual assignments and assessments |
| 3 | Profile Setup |
| 3A | Supports profile customization with the ability to add personal and academic information, profile photos, and pronoun preferences with customizable privacy settings |
| 4 | Communication |
| 4.1 | Messages/Notifications |
| 4.1A | Custom messages and notifications to individual or groups of students with delivery options including email and mobile app messages |
| 4.1B | Early alert system for notifying students of their progress using customizable logic criteria |
| 4.1C | Real-time chat including current status (online, busy, etc.) |
| 4.5D | Early alert system for notifying students of performance issues using customizable logic criteria. |
| 4.5E | Students may subscribe to push notifications for different course tools including announcements, discussions, grades and due dates. |
| 4.2 | Course Announcements |
| 4.2A | Instructor can create, edit, and manage announcements including attachments and scheduled announcements |
| 4.2B | Copy to email option for announcements |
| 4.3 | Discussion Board |
| 4.3A | System has a robust discussion board tool with a fully functional text editor. |
| 4.3B | Instructors can enable anonymous posting. |
| 4.3C | Instructors can see a statistical summary of discussions with user participation, which can be used to generate grades. |
| 4.3D | Instructors can require that students make an initial post before viewing classmates' posts. |
| 4.4D | Discussion board options for group, small group, and one-on-one discussions |
| 4.4 | Groups |

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| 4.4A | Private group workspace including communication tools, file sharing, collaborate in real time and archiving |
| 4.4B | Instructor may assign an assessment to one or more groups, the group members make a single submission on behalf of the entire group |
| 4.4C | Provides integrated web conferencing support or integration capabilities |
| 4.5 | System Error Messaging |
| 4.5A | Robust error-handling with meaningful error messages |
| 4.6 | Calendar |
| 4.6A | Displays all courses and notifications for faculty and student upcoming deadlines. |
| 4.6B | Automatically populates from assignment and assessment dates. |
| 4.7 | Feedback |
| 4.7A | Ability for faculty to provide feedback to students on tests, papers, etc |
| 5 | Assessment |
| 5A | Student assignments and assessments can be packaged for download |
| 5.1 | Assignments |
| 5.1A | Creation of assignments that include customizable instructions, due dates, submission time limits, various deliverable options, and grading schemes. |
| 5.1B | Assignment submissions of standard file types (Word, PowerPoint, PDF, etc.) can be viewed inline and annotated directly within the browser. |
| 5.1C | System includes a built-in plagiarism detection tool or can integrate with an external tool. |
| 5.2 | Testing |
| 5.2A | Creation of tests including customizable instructions, due dates, submission time limits, various deliverable options, and grading schemes |
| 5.2B | Ability to create test banks and question sets/pools including randomization |
| 5.2C | Rich variety of question and answer types including true/false, multiple choice, multiple answers, fill-in blank, numeric (with significant figures), matching questions, hot spot, calculated formula, manually scored essay/short answer questions, and advanced cascading questions. |
| 5.2D | Variety of acceptable answer formats (e.g. numerical notation, word forms) |
| 5.3 | Portfolios |
| 5.3A | System provides an e-portfolio tool that allows for work to be shared internally and externally |
| 5.4 | Gradebook |
| 5.4A | Ability to create and apply robust calculations on multiple columns. |
| 5.4B | Support a rich variety of grading systems (letter, score, percentage, etc.) |
| 5.4C | Weighted gradebook columns and categories |
| 5.4D | Customized grading rubric creation, including use as secondary evaluation |
| 5.4E | Ability to download grades for offline use; and upload grades. |
| 5.4F | History of changes. |
| 6 | Analytics and Reporting |
| 6.1 | Student Performance / Tracking |
| 6.1A | System tracks and reports student access to content and assessments, including date/time and number of times accessed |