

LMS implementation updates, April 2023

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Dear colleagues,

As the academic year and spring 2023 term are winding down, we wanted to share another update on our work toward adopting Instructure's Canvas as our next Learning Management System (LMS)—launching this upcoming summer term for all course delivery.

Accelerated and ongoing migration

While the K16-assisted migration began later than originally planned, progress has accelerated and batches of migrated courses will continue to be delivered every 10 days throughout the spring term and continuing into summer and fall—nearly 2,000 courses have been migrated so far, with the next two batches scheduled for 24 April and 5 May.

We recommend that faculty prepare courses in Bb Learn before submitting a request for K16 assisted migration—see [Bb Learn to Canvas Pre-Migration Guide](#) and the [K16 Canvas Migration Form](#). Please request migrations at least a day before the scheduled migration date. Currently, we are accepting migration requests for all summer 2023, fall 2023, and spring 2024 courses. Please help us leverage the K16 resource most efficiently by not requesting migrations for multiple sections of the same course, if those sections are largely similar—consider migrating one section, engaging in post-migration cleanup of that section in Canvas, and then copying that base content to each section's production course shell.

Continued availability of self-migration

As we've shared, faculty engaging in self-migration are either able to build new course shells in Canvas or export course content from BB Learn and import this content into a Canvas course shell. This option offers faculty with the most fine-grained control over their course shell and the greatest opportunity to refresh course content and its organization. We will be retaining the ability to obtain exported content from Blackboard for import into Canvas through the end of academic year 2024-2025. Faculty may develop in the Canvas teaching shell already available in the system for the summer 2023 and fall 2023 terms or request a development shell that can be later copied to a teaching shell (see [Requesting a Development Shell](#)).

Incomplete grades

Students with incomplete grades for a course offered in Bb Learn may be completed in either Canvas or the original Bb Learn shell: Please send requests related to incomplete grades to LMS-Faculty-Support@nau.edu.

We hope your spring term has been going well and that you are as excited as we are to see instruction shift to Canvas this summer term!

All the best,

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