

# D2L Migration

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## How to Migrate:

### Export/Import

- In D2L click on **Course Tools** or **Tools**, then click on **Course Administration**.
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  - Check to see that the content migrated properly. Most of it should but it's possible that some items such as Math formulas may have broken if using any special formatting.
    - Canvas has a LaTeX tool in it
    - 's RCE to add/edit these formulas in Math questions
  - Check and see if Images imported correctly. If they did not, they may be in Canvas files for the course, or you may have to download them from the previous course.

Under **Site Resources**, click on **Import/Export/Copy Components** then **Export Components** and **Start**.

### Quizzes and Question Banks

- View Questions tab within a Quiz
  - Check to see that the content migrated properly. Students in Canvas can see their answers by default but that is not always the case with D2L.
  - Check and see if Images imported correctly. If they did not, they may be in Canvas files for the course, or you may have to download them from the previous course.

### D2L to Canvas Question Equivalents

D2L Quizzes	Canvas Quizzes
<b>Writing Prompt</b> Import: Doesn't import.  Migration Method:	<b>Essay Questions</b>  Migration Method:
<b>Ordering</b>	<b>Matching</b>

<p><b>Import: Doesn't import.</b></p> <p>Migration Method: Double check if everything is there.</p>	<p>Migration Method: Create options in opposite column 1-X and have the answers match the numbers in the correct order.</p>
<p><b>Short Answer</b></p> <p><b>Import: Comes over incorrectly.</b></p>	<p><b>Essay Questions</b></p> <p>Imports incorrectly as a Fill-In-The-Blank question which then needs to be</p> <p>Migration Method: Imports as FILL in the blank but needs to be manually changed to an essay question.</p>
<p><b>Text Only Question</b></p> <p><b>Import: Imports Correctly</b></p> <p>Migration Method: Double check if everything is there.</p>	<p><b>Text Question</b></p> <p>Migration Method: Imports well, but may have a hidden point value that differs from D2L's side.</p>
<p><b>Matching</b></p> <p><b>Import: Imports, with problems</b></p>	<p><b>Matching</b></p> <p>Migration Method: Matching may be flipped upon import, and answers that match multiple times with other answers will need to be duplicated to match.</p>
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**Files**

Files embedded in pages such as images and presentations and/or PDFs will show up in the Canvas Files area. This, however, depends a lot on how they were embedded in D2L. **Sometimes embedded images and files will still link back to D2L and need to be fixed manually.**

- if you hover the course over a file, and the url has “cluster” in it then it is a broken link. This requires downloading the file directly from the original LMS, and then uploading and embedding it in the same place on Canvas

## Assignment Index Page and Assignments

*Much like Discussions, Assignments are imported over decently. They are a 1:1 translation between the two LMS's so there is not a lot of loss during the import. The typical scenarios that we see inside of D2L, are content pages that link to an empty drop box. Inside of Canvas, we try to convert the two into a single assignment*

### Assignment Index Page

- Assignments, discussion, and quizzes from D2L will show up in the Assignment Index Page.
  - At a later time, you will need to customize the assignment groups to match the grading policy.
- Take stock of the Assignment Groups and content within each group.
  - Focus on the content- each published assignment has a column in your gradebook.
  - If not sure of an assignment, unpublish rather than delete.
- Edit an assignment and look over the settings.

## Pages

*Page content will be preserved as it exists in D2L. This includes images and embedded files.*

## Discussions

*Discussions are successfully imported fairly consistently. Since D2L and Canvas do not have a lot of specific settings for Discussions, there is typically not a lot to fix. It is a 1:1 import as discussions in D2L are discussions inside of Canvas. Often, multiple copies of the same discussion are imported for the different course sections. We unpublish or remove the copies, as only one version is needed inside of Canvas*

- Imported discussions will show-up in the Discussions area
  - Graded comes in as Graded
  - Ungraded comes in as Ungraded

## Course Navigation Menu

Have these items visible for students under course navigation (You can add more or remove items based on individual uses)

- Home
- Modules
- Grades
- Announcements

Each D2L Implementation is different due to it's customization but a good portion of options that you have navigating in D2L exist in Canvas.

## Modules

Modules

- Content shown in Modules should reflect Navigation Content from D2L
- Organization of Content
  - It may help to collapse Content using the arrow left of module name to help organization
- Once you have the modules named the way you want, then expand Module and Reorder Content
  - Use the Move-to Sidebar.
  - Focus only on the flow of the content in the modules.
  - Later come back to focus on the details of the individual items (This is for later)
- Publishing vs. Unpublishing
  - Controls Student Access

### What Can Be Added to a Module?

- Quizzes, Assignments and Discussions
- Content Pages
- Files (docs & media files)
- External URLs
- Text Headers
- Apps

Each type of content has a unique icon.

### What Can't Be Added to a Module?

- Canvas does not contain sub-modules (or sub-folders). However, Canvas does support multiple indented text headers which can be arranged to match the old hierarchy.
- Canvas also does not contain links from the Modules page itself to other module sections to encourage simplicity for students.

### Adding Content To Modules

*Course migrators can ...*

- Leverage Existing Content (Drag and Drop).
- Add existing content items to a module
- Upload Files to a module
- Build New Content In Modules
  - Create new content items (placeholders)
- Link to URLs outside of Canvas
- Link to Apps (as external URL); apps should be previously installed
- Assignments, Grade Discussions, and Content Pages can be duplicated in Modules.

#### ICON TABLE

Resource Site: <https://canvas.instructure.com/courses/787387/pages/canvas-icons>

### Headers and Indentation

- Visually Organizing Module Content
  - Headers - Insert text items to be used as headers or dividers (very important when viewing on mobile devices, otherwise there is no division between sections)
  - Indenting - Visually makes one item appear as if it is nested beneath another
  - Reorder modules and content within modules with drag & drop functionality or use gear icon to reorder=

### Endnotes

Don't miss the [Issue List](#), for an index of potential issues and content that imports **only partially or not at all**.