

Unlock Advanced Canvas & Tools

at the Division of Continuing Education



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The Instructional Technology Group

Technology is here to *enhance* your teaching (not inhibit).

YOUR CANVAS EXPERTS



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Avoid

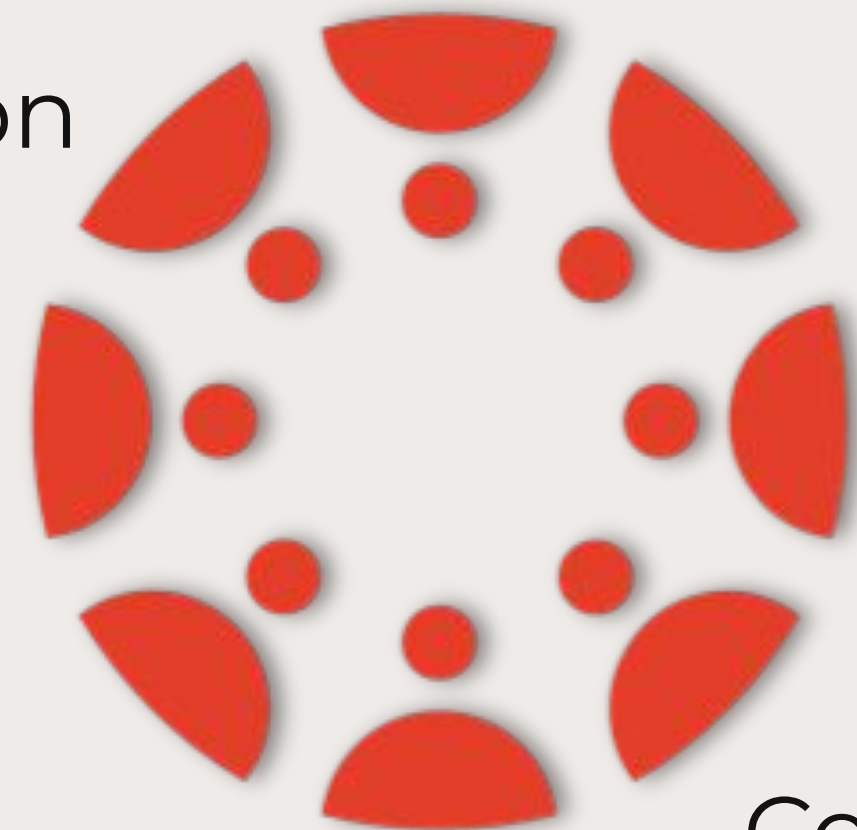
Do's
and
don't's



Apply

Communication

Facilitation



Collection

Community



Benefits to Canvas



SAFE & RELIABLE

Canvas is secure and fully FERPA compliant for all types of communications, submissions and for sharing grades.

GET IN FRONT OF STUDENTS

Canvas makes getting in front of your students effortless. Canvas handles reminders and confirmations.

STUDENT FRIENDLY

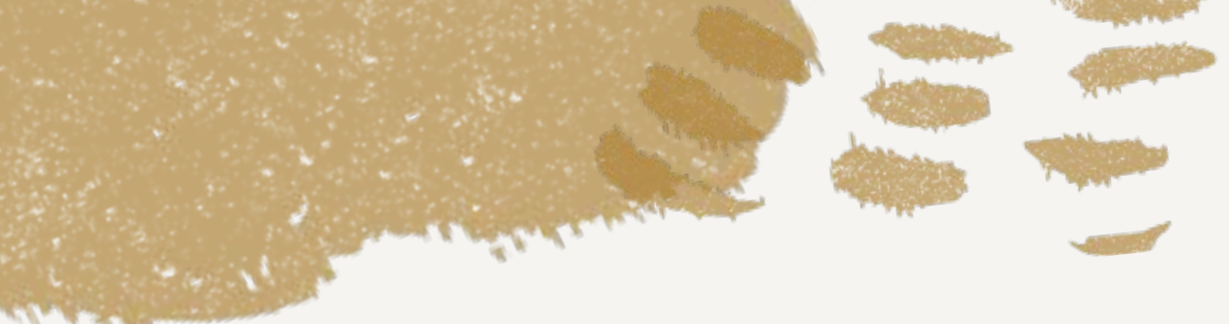
Check the student experience. Communications and submissions can be tracked by both instructors and students.

ORGANIZE & STREAMLINE

Canvas can help you stay organized and streamline workflows. Consistency is key for distributing content and receiving submissions

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Canvas increases transparency and provides more information than we otherwise would have.



Communication

Announcements
&
Inbox

Facilitation

Content
distribution:
Modules &
Pages

Collection

Assignments
&
Assessments

Community

Tools



When contemplating a tool...

Brainstorm

If you could do anything,
what would you ask for?

What kind of engagement
are you looking for?

Is it activity-based or a form?

How will this compliment
your class?

Are you trying to transform
an in-person activity online?

Must Haves

Keep track of the type of
participation.

Grading.

Due dates.

Media-rich.

Implement

Configure the tool.

Introduce it in class.

Clear directions as to
how the tool will be
used.

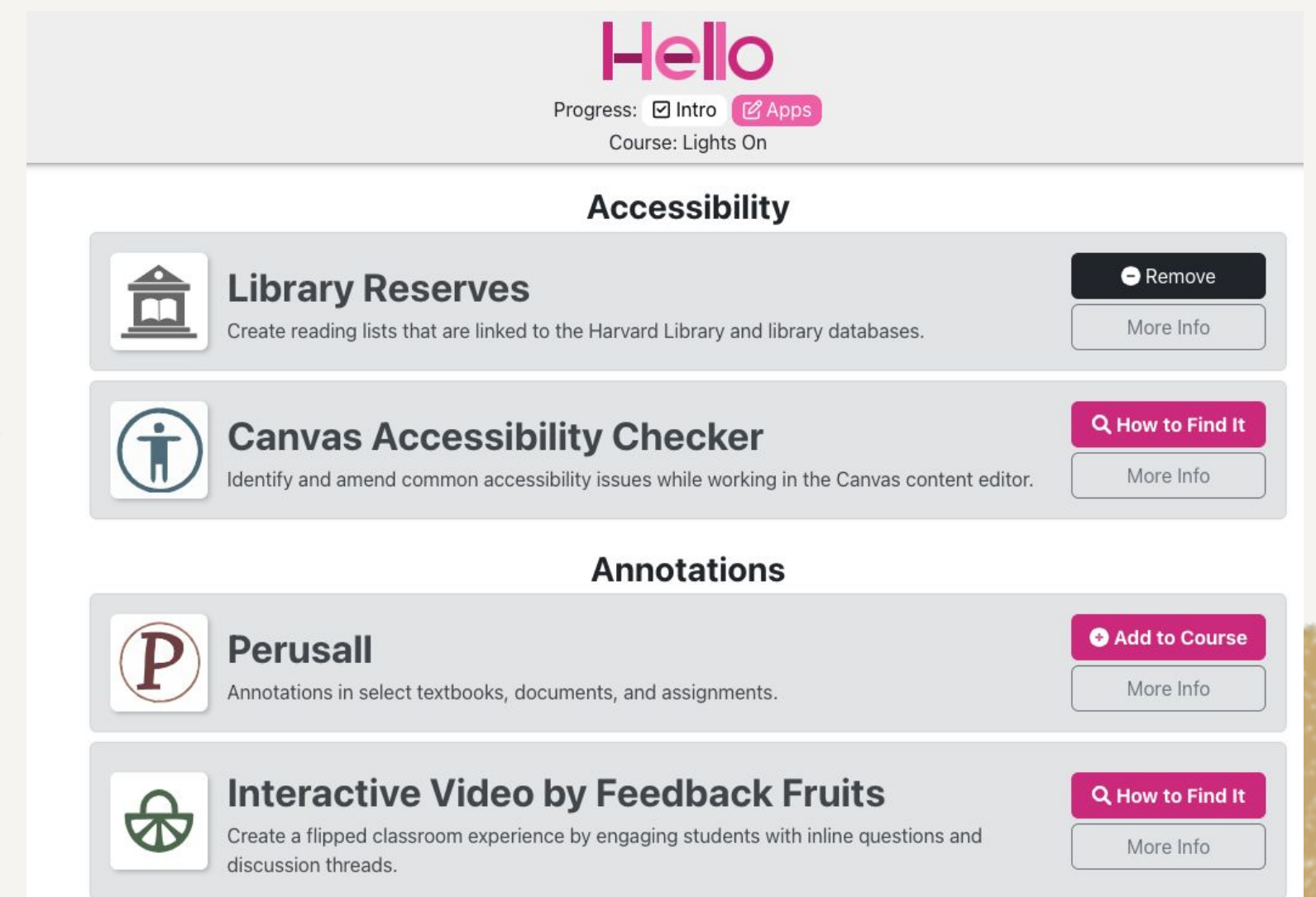
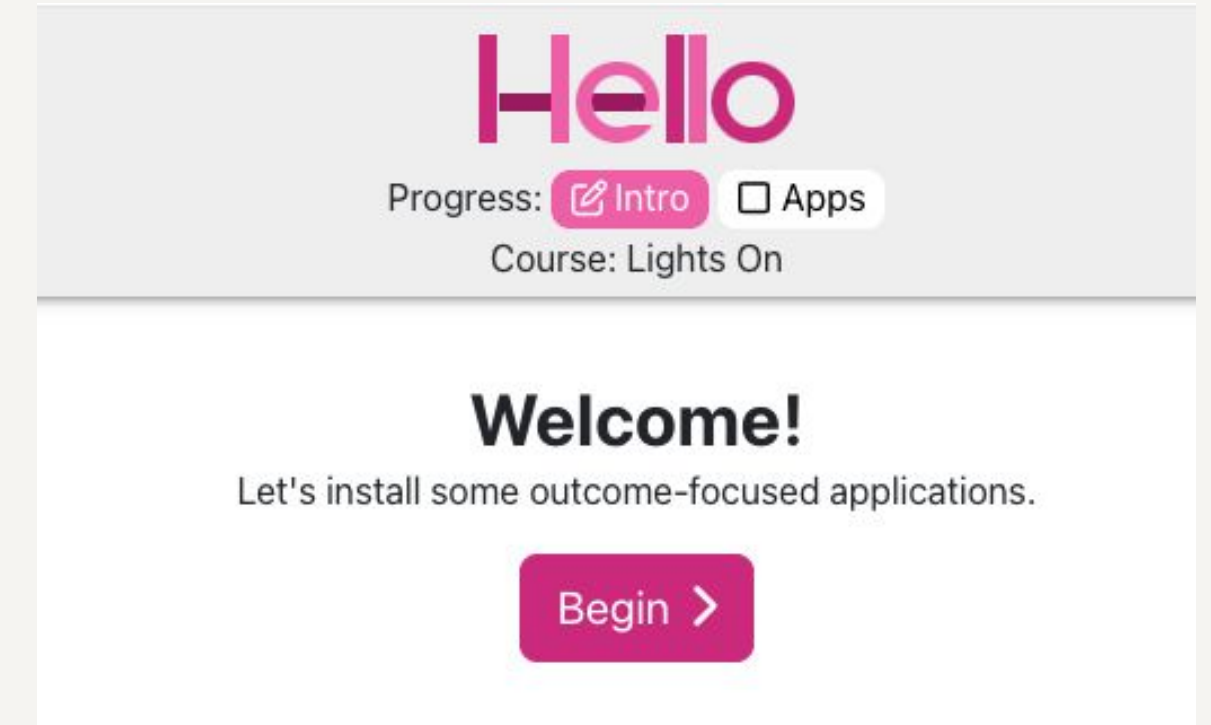
Features	 Canvas (ungraded)	 Canvas (graded)	 Canvas (checkpoints) <i>in pilot</i>	 YellowDig (ungraded)	 Yellowdig (graded)	 Feedback Fruits (on Topic)	 Feedback Fruits (on Work)	 Ed Discussion	 Kialo	 Poll Everywhere
Organizational Style	Thread-based	Feed-based	Feed-based	Feed-based	Feed-based	Feed-based	Feed-based	Folders & Feed-based	Pro/Con Decision Tree	N/A
Board Format	Multi	Multi	Multi	Single	Single	Multi	Multi	Multi	Multi	N/A
Due Date	No*	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A
Multiple Due Dates	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A
Peer Review	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A
Auto-grading	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	N/A
Grade Passback	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A
Discussion Leader	Instructor & Students	Instructor-only	Instructor-only	Instructor & Students	Instructor-only	Instructor-only	Instructor-only	Instructor & Students	Instructor-only	Instructor-only
Respond Privately	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No**	No**	Yes	Yes	N/A
Optional Anonymity	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Media File Embed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Supports LaTeX	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	N/A	N/A
Search and Filter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Export or Print Discussion Board	No	No	No	Yes .csv	Yes .csv	Yes .csv	Yes .csv	No	Yes .txt	Yes .csv
Example use case recommendations	Community building, check your understanding, Q & A	Community building, work shopping, weekly reflections	Require "x" number of students posts and replies.	Community building with social media features	Community building, social media features, word count minimums, topic and tagging, gamification	Ensure "x" number of students posts and replies with word count minimums. Nuanced grading.	Case studies, workshopping, and virtual poster board session	Q & a with instructor answer or endorsed student answer, good for posting code and math	Debates, critical thinking, collaborative decision-making	Live or remote in real time or asynchronous polling, analytics

*Can add to the Student to-do list

** Canvas SpeedGrader can be used to privately respond to the student's discussion board submissions

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