Canvas Tips for Faculty from Students

Students have unique Canvas set-ups for each course they are in, so their deliverables for each class are situated in slightly different parts of their Canvas interface. SDS can have some form of standardization to ensure that students have clarity of assignments and thus higher likelihood of student success. There are also a myriad of tools that you can integrate into your Canvas page, like NameCoach and Closed Captions/ Subtitles.

Calendar View

Accessed easily by students from the Canvas hotbar, provides a bird's eye view of workload

- When creating a new item or event, be mindful of the different categories it might fall under
  - Calendar-item-with-due-date (like a quiz) will show up
  - Undated items (i.e. page with a separate link to reading assignment) will not

Assignments

- Link the same assignment in different parts of Canvas (e.g. in modules, and in assignments)
- Ensure it shows up on their Canvas Calendar ([Tutorial](?)?) - especially if it's outdated

For Large Classes with Multiple Sections

- Only send announcements/ set up appointments on Canvas for students in your section
  - Students from other sections may get confused when they see events or announcements that are not relevant to them

Closed Captions

- If coursework has important content that will be delivered via video, consider adding closed captions ([tutorial?](#))
  - Creates a more inclusive environment for students with hearing disabilities, and may also help students better focus and retain information ([link](#)).

Tools integrated into Canvas:

[NameCoach](#)

- Allows faculty to have access to a more accurate pronunciation of their students' names

- Especially useful for faculty with small class sizes that foster increased dialogue and group work.

[Anthology Ally](#)

- Automatically checks for accessibility issues in existing coursework and provides feedback to faculty on how to improve

- Provides students with alternative formats to improve usability and readability

[Photo Roster](#)

- Allows instructors and TAs to view their roster with official UVA photos, filter the roster by section or group, and export spreadsheets with participant details.

- To help with familiarizing yourself before the first day of class with students' preferred names and pronouns

[Other UVA Canvas Tools](#)

- Includes an impressive list of tools other than the ones mentioned above you can integrate into your Canvas account to assist in course design and student interaction.

Resources for Faculty

- UVA Resources:

  - [Quick Guide to Instructors Getting Started](#)

  - [Canvas Training/ Learning Resources/ Workshops by UVA for Faculty](#)

- Other Resources:

  - [Canvas Instructor Guide](#)