

Western is moving to the Canvas LMS!



What is Canvas?

Canvas is a Learning Management System (LMS), similar to Moodle. We are switching to Canvas so that the entire Montana University System can use the same LMS, making it easier for students to take courses from any public college in Montana.



When will we begin using Canvas?

UMW will begin using Canvas for online classes during the Summer 2024 semester, and Moodle will no longer be available to students. For Fall 2024, all UMW classes will use the Canvas LMS to support instruction.



How will I learn to use Canvas?

Around May 1, eLearning will have a "Canvas 101" self-paced course available for students wishing to learn in-depth; some of your instructors may require you to complete this course. On our eLearning webpage, we will also have a series of videos and printable documents explaining how to complete important tasks in Canvas, such as submitting assignments, taking quizzes, and participating in discussions.



Will my instructors make course grades available in Canvas?

Canvas, like Moodle, does have a gradebook function where students can view their course grades. However, UMW faculty are not required to maintain a gradebook in the Learning Management System. Therefore, you may not be able to view all course grades in Canvas.

