

Student Achievement Workshop
(Technology Series)

Navigating Canvas

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Overview:

Are you taking an online or hybrid class? Is your instructor requiring you to use Canvas to submit homework? This workshop will introduce students the basics of Canvas and offer resources to help you succeed.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will:

- Be able to log onto Canvas
- Receive resources for learning how to Navigate Canvas
- Recognize the major elements of Canvas
- Will know where to go when they need help with Canvas

Mt. SAC’s Information Page for Online Students

Mt. SAC has a starting webpage to help you find answers to your questions about taking online classes. This is a great place to start. The good news is that you don’t need to be registered for an online class to access some of its resources. So, take a minute to get familiar with the resources provided on this page.

<http://www.mtsac.edu/distancelearning/student-home.html#1>

Logging Onto Canvas

The portal is where you go to log onto Canvas. You will need your user name and password. Once you log on, click on the tab, “eLearning Resources”. Once on that page, click on the link for “Sign on to Mt. SAC Canvas”. This will take you to your Canvas navigation screen.

www.mtsac.edu (upper right corner)

Learn Canvas Through Online Tutorials

Canvas Overview

The good news is there are already a lot of resources to help you get comfortable in navigating Canvas. For example, the following video is a great introduction and overview to help you recognize the key parts of Canvas and how to use them. You should at least know was is:

- The Dashboard
- Sidebar
- Global Navigation
- Course Navigation
- Assignments
- Discussions
- Grades

Take a few minutes to watch this video.

<https://vimeo.com/74677642>

Online Learning Readiness Tutorials

(From the California Community College System)

Many people tend to assume that taking online classes are easier because they don't have to go to campus to learn. However, that is not true. Online learning is not for everyone. Succeeding in online classes requires certain skills to succeed, such as self-discipline, being tech savvy, and having strong reading skills. If you are not sure if you are ready to take online classes, then take the time to review some of the tutorials provided to help you become ready succeed in online learning.

<https://apps.3cm mediasolutions.org/oei/students.html>

Additional Tutorials for Specific Tasks

(From Canvas)

This link below provides access to several video tutorials to help you learn how to complete specific tasks such as participating in discussions and submitting your homework.

<https://community.canvaslms.com/community/answers/guides/canvas-guide/getting-started/pages/student>

Using Canvas on Your Phone

Do you like using your phone as much as possible for completing every day, small tasks? If so, you might want to use the Canvas app. Canvas has student apps for downloading and using on your phone:

Apple:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/canvas-student/id480883488?mt=8>

Google:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instructure.candroid&hl=en_US

Android:

<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-9758-18555199445>

Getting More Help

Still need help navigating Canvas? Come to the Learning Lab (computer lab room) in Building 6, Room 101 and ask a technician for help.

If you still need more help, contact the Mt. SAC Help Desk at (909) 274-4357.

<http://www.mtsac.edu/it/>

Other Resources:

Do you not have access to the hardware and/or software you need to get your homework done? Don't stress because there is support for your technology needs.

On Campus Computer Labs

Mt. SAC has several campus computer labs where you can use their computer equipment, software and print your documents. Most of these resources (except printing) are free for eligible students to use. Be sure to bring your student ID cards because most of these labs require it to use their equipment.

<http://www.mtsac.edu/computerlabs/>

Technology Purchase Discounts

Need to buy technology and/or software? CollegeBuys.org is a great resource for getting discounts on technology, software, and accessories.

<http://foundationccc.org/CollegeBuys>

Summary

Students have access to several resources to help them successfully navigate Mt. SAC's Canvas program. There is an information webpage with links to tutorials and readiness tools designed to help students become comfortable using Canvas and online classes.

Reflection

What did you learn from this workshop?

How can you use this information this week?
