

# D2L to Canvas

## Tool Comparisons



The table below provides context related to some of the primary tools we've used in D2L (eCourseware) in Canvas.

D2L Tool	Canvas Tool	Tool Similarities/Differences
My Home	Dashboard	Courses and important campus-wide notifications displayed here. In Canvas, instructors and students have the ability to select “favorite” courses to display on the Dashboard and assign a unique color to them.
Course Home	Home	Canvas uses modules as the default home page and this is the required setting based on the Course Template.
Classlist	People	Canvas has similar features as D2L, like viewing the students’ progress, but it’s also where Groups are created and students enrolled. <i>This area is not visible to students.</i>
News	Announcements	Important course related information can be displayed. Canvas can have messages posted to the students and they can reply to them.
Content	Modules	Similar to D2L, courses can be built from the Modules area with associations with other tools. Modules have Content Pages, Assignments, Discussions, Quizzes, External URLs, and External Tools.
Content Manage Files	Pages Files	In Canvas, course files are housed in two separate area, Pages and Files. Pages is for all the web (HTML) pages created within the course. Files is for all of the uploaded documents or images within the course. <i>These areas will not be visible to your students.</i>
HTML Editor	Rich Content Editor (RCE)	The Rich Content Editor in Canvas has similar basic formatting options like bold, text color, alignment, etc. as D2L does.
Dropbox	Assignments	Canvas will have other tools (Discussions, Quizzes, Surveys, etc.) listed here including submissions. New submission types are available in Canvas – No submission, Online (has multiple options as well), On Paper, and External Tool. Assignments can have Peer Review added to them.
Discussions	Discussions	Offers an asynchronous communication method. Canvas doesn’t have Forums, but there are three sections Pinned Discussions, Discussions, and Closed for Comments.