New Canvas Dashboard Navigation User Interface

Canvas has developed a new user interface for the initial, dashboard page that users will see when they login to Canvas. It is designed to have the same look and feel whether you use a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

*Note: The menu in *Canvas courses* remains the same.*

**CSU will turn on the new Dashboard Navigation User Interface on Mon, May 23, 2016.**

Old navigation menu across top of page.

![Old navigation menu across top of page.](image)


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Dashboard: View Course Cards or Global Activity Stream

The new course cards are the default view of the dashboard that users see when they login to Canvas.

Dashboard

![Course Card Examples]
Users can *toggle/change* the default dashboard to be the familiar course stream view. Canvas will remember which view you prefer to see when you first login to Canvas.

Global Stream view

Dashboard

Recent Activity

Account: User settings, notifications, files, ePortfolio

When a user clicks on the Account icon they can access:

- Profile – Add different email address, add Registered Services such as Google Drive, add a profile picture.
- Settings - Add *additional* email addresses, add Registered Services such as Google Drive
- Notifications – Determine which Canvas events will be sent to external email or text.
- Files – shows your personal files in Canvas. (Part of your 100 MB quota).
- ePortfolios – Access to Canvas ePortfolios tool. (Part of your 100 MB quota).

Old Interface: User Settings were at the top right under Settings.
New interface: User Settings are located under the Account button.

Courses: All Courses and Favorite Courses

Old interface: courses at the top under the Courses drop down menu.
New Interface:  Courses are under the Courses button on the left side menu.

Click on the Courses icon to see your Favorite courses. (Those that you have starred). Click All Courses to see all of your courses.

Users can click on All Courses to see all of their courses, place gold stars next to their Favorite courses, view course nickname, term, enrollment role and course published status.

When you click on All Courses, on the left side click on a star to turn it gold. Courses that have a gold star will be your “favorites” which will appear first when you click the Courses button. Favorites also appear as the new Course Cards.

All Courses
Course Cards: Nicknames and Colors

With course cards, a user can give a course a nickname and assign a color to that course’s card.

- Users *click* on the **edit/pencil icon**.
- *Type* in **nickname**.
- **Select color**.
- **Click Apply**.
- **Note**: when you change this color it also changes that course’s color under Calendar.

![Course Card Nickname and Color Selection](image)

At the bottom of a course card, you will see **icons** that indicate **recent activity** in that course.

In the example above, there is a new assignment and new discussion post in the course. **Clicking the icon** will take you to that portion of that course.
Grades

Old interface: On the top menu.

New interface: Bottom right of Dashboard window.

Course Groups

Old interface: Student course groups were combined under courses.

New interface: Student course groups now have a separate button on the left menu.
Calendar

*Old Interface:* the calendar was at the top.

*New Interface:* Calendar button is on the left side menu.

*Click* on the *Calendar* icon to see your course calendars.

As noted before, if you change the color of the course card for a group, it will change the color of the course on the calendar.

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**Inbox – Conversations/Messages**

*Old Interface:* the inbox was at the top right.
New Interface: Inbox button is on the left menu.

Click on the Inbox icon to see Conversations/Messages.

Help

Old interface: Help was located at the top right.

New Interface: The Help button is towards the bottom of the left menu.

Click on the Help icon to see Canvas help resources.
CSU Quick Links

Old interface: CSU Quick Links was located at the top right.

New Interface: The CSU Quick Links button is located towards the bottom of the left side menu.

Click on CSU Quick Links to see list of CSU resources that may be helpful for online teaching.

CSU Quick Links

Colorado State University
Computer Labs
Course Reserves
CSU Libraries
CSU Libraries Ask Us! Chat 24/7
CSU Accessibility Guidelines
eID
Google Apps for CSU
Help Desk
RamPoint
RAMweb
The Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT)
Technology Training Center (TTC)
Videos (Instructional)
Writing Studio
Show / Hide Course Menu within Canvas Course

When you are in a Canvas course, click on the three line icon at the top left to hide/show the course menu. This allows you to see more of the course content on your screen.

- **Course menu visible.**
- **Course menu hidden.**

Logout of Canvas:

Users can logout at the top right of the page.

Or users can logout under Account, Profile/Settings
Canvas Help / Support

College Canvas Coordinators:
http://info.canvas.colostate.edu/instructor-support.aspx

CSU Canvas Help Page:
http://info.canvas.colostate.edu/

Email Canvas Central Support:
canvashelp@colostate.edu