The Canvas Challenge - Glossary of Key Terms

Term	Definition	Other Names
Navigation Terms		
Breadcrumb Navigation	The Breadcrumb Navigation is at the top of the Main Body of a course page and helps you determine where you are within a course.	
Calendar	The Calendar makes it easy for students and instructors to see all of the events and assignments going on across all of their courses.	
Calendar link	This links to the Calendar tool.	
Course Customization Dropdown Menu	Customization of course dropdown menu.	Course Favorites
Course Home Page	The Course Home Page is the first page that students see when they click on "Home" in their Course Navigation. The Course Home Page can be customized to display a custom Page, the Syllabus page, the Assignment page, or the Modules page.	
Course Navigation	The Course Navigation is a series of links on the left side of your screen that help you get to where you want to go within your Canvas Course.	
Course Stream	The Course Activity Stream shows you all of the recent activity from a single course.	
Dashboard	The Dashboard is the first thing a user sees when they login to Canvas. It consists of three main elements: Global Navigation across the top of the page, a to-do list with upcoming events on the Sidebar, and the Global Activity Stream that comprises the body of the page. Click on the House icon to return to the Dashboard at anytime.	
Global Activity Stream	The Global Activity Stream shows you all of the recent activity from all of your courses.	
Global Navigation	The Global Navigation menu, always positioned at the top of the page, allows users to quickly navigate to any courses or groups that they are enrolled in. They can also view their grades and calendar from here.	
House Icon	Link that sends the user back to the Dashboard.	
Sidebar	The Sidebar on the right side of the page provides the helpful links and buttons you'll need to get stuff done in the Main Body of the page. The Sidebar links change depending on where you are within Canvas.	

Course Navigation Links		
Announcements link	This links to the Announcements tool.	
Announcements	Announcements allow you to communicate with your students about course activities and post interesting course-related topics.	
Assignments link	This link to the Assignments tool.	
Assignments	Assignments are any online activity submission that is graded by the instructor. Assignments include Quizzes, graded Discussions, and online submissions (i.e. files, images, text, URLs, etc.). Students view the "Assignments List," while instructors view the "Assignments Page".	
Chat link	This links to the Chat tool.	
Chat	The Chat tool provides synchronous video, audio, and chat communication between the entire course or any subset of the course roster.	
Collaborations link	This button links to the Collaborations tool.	
Collaborations	Collaborations make it easy for students and instructors to create documents, through a Google Doc or EtherPad, which can be edited by the entire course or any subset of the course roster.	
Conferences link	This links to the Conferences tool.	
Conferences	Conferences make it easy to create virtual classrooms where students and instructors can interact in real time with audio, video, desktop sharing, and presentation tools.	
Course Home Link	This links to the Course Home Page.	
Discussions link	This links to the Discussions tool.	
Discussions	Discussions make it possible for students in a course or in a group to discuss key topics. Discussions can be graded.	
Files link	This links to the Files tool.	
Files	Canvas provides a file repository for each user, group, and course. Files can be public or private.	
Grades link	This links to the Grades tool.	
Grades	Grades is the name for the Canvas Gradebook. Students can calculate hypothetical grades on this page, and instructors can edit grades for any course or section.	
Modules link	This links to the Modules tool.	

Modules	Modules make it possible to organize course content by week, topic, or day. Modules can be set up with pre-requisites or co-requisites that force students to walk through the material in a sequential fashion.	
Outcomes link	This links to the Outcomes tool, which also links to Rubrics.	
Outcomes	Instructors can specify learning outcomes for their courses and track how students are doing against those outcomes with Quizzes, Assignments, and graded Discussions.	
Rubrics	A Rubric is an assessment tool for communicating expectations of quality. Rubrics are typically comprised of rows and columns. Rows are used to define the various criteria being used to assess an assignment. Columns are used to define levels of performance for each criterion.	
Pages link	This links to the Pages tool.	
Page(s)	An editable page where users can insert and edit content. Pages make it easy to build content inside a course.	Wiki Page
People link	This links to the People tool.	
People	The People page lists all of the users that are enrolled in a course.	
Quizzes link	This links to the Quizzes tool.	
Quizzes	Quizzes is the assessment tool used in Canvas.	
Syllabus link	This links to the Syllabus tool.	
Syllabus	In the Syllabus there are three main parts: a calendar and grading scheme for the course situated in the Sidebar on the right side of the page, a list of dated items in the main body of the page that is automatically managed by Canvas, and a syllabus description at the top of the page that you can edit.	
Settings link	This links to the Settings tool.	
Settings	Settings allow instructors to customize the Course Navigation, add users, import content, and link to external tools.	

Personal Settings/Help Corner		
Help Corner	The Help Corner in the top right, is where you can ask for support, check your inbox, or modify your profile.	
Inbox link	This links to the Conversations tool.	
Notification Preferences	Each Canvas user can adjust the Notification Preferences in their Profile to fit their individual needs. Some users will want to be notified of course events on a more regular basis than others.	
Conversations	Conversations is the messaging tool used instead of email to communicate with a course, a group, an individual student, or a group of students.	Inbox

Address Book Icon	This icon shows up in Conversations to use as a way to find and filter by people, courses, or groups.	Address Book, Filter, Contact List
Profile	Each user can modify their Profile in Canvas, including their title, ways to contact, bio, links, and other things. As of September 24, 2012, the profile is only on the canvas.instructure.com instance. Unless it is turned on at the account-level.	
Profile Picture	This is a picture of the user, which is used throughout Canvas.	Avatar

Other Important Terms		
Front Page	Initial Page in Pages that can be used as the Course Home Page.	
Change Home Page Dropdown (Menu)	Menu for changing the Home Page Layout.	Set Home Page Layout in the interface
Rich Content Editor	Canvas has a simple, yet powerful, word processor that is available anytime for creating new content (assignments, announcement, discussions, blogs etc.) within Canvas.	
Content Selector	The content picker on the right side where content can be pulled into the Rich Content Editor.	
Trash Icon	This icon allows users to delete content in Canvas.	Delete button
Pencil Icon	This icon allows users to edit content in Canvas.	Edit button
Publish Course	Allow students access to the course. Publishing the course will send out email invitations to all course users.	