

UWSP Canvas Migration Plan

Overview

UWSP will begin migrating courses from D2L to Canvas in April of 2018. Approximately 100 courses will go live in Canvas for Fall 2018. Approximately 200 additional courses will go live in Spring 2019. All courses offered for Winterim 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019 and beyond, will be offered in Canvas. The last courses offered in D2L will occur during Spring 2019.

Migration philosophy

All instructors currently using D2L who wish to use Canvas will need either to export their courses from D2L and import into Canvas, or create the course from scratch. In most cases, the import process will be straightforward, but there may be instances where more intervention is required. A UW System team is currently working on identifying these instances and providing guidance in working with them. This information will be provided to the UWSP community when it becomes available.

UWSP and the Center for Inclusive Teaching and Learning (CITL) are committed to making the transition to Canvas as painless as possible for students and instructors. CITL will:

- Perform course exports from D2L and imports into Canvas.
- Provide technical guidance in course design, including group and one-on-one instructional sessions.
- Provide guidance for instructional best practices for online and blended education.
- Not be able to migrate instructor courses without their help. Instructor feedback and participation in the process is vital to a successful migration.

Migration

In December 2017, the Canvas transition team will begin to solicit applications from instructors wishing to move their courses to Canvas. It is important that all instructors start thinking about migration now; UWSP has over 3000 courses that need to be moved into Canvas - a task that is not possible if a majority of instructors wait until Summer of 2019 to begin the migration process.

- Migration will be offered for all courses beginning in April 2018.
- Courses will be migrated with preference given to courses that are scheduled to go live in Canvas first. Instructors will be encouraged to start migration as early as is possible for them to avoid a surge as migration deadlines near.
- Courses that are part of a collaborative program, such as the Ed.D., will be migrated to align with the rest of the program.

Exclusions from migration

UWSP will be removing course shells from the learning environment that contain content that is not related to course instruction or departmental/campus training. Examples of these spaces include departmental organizational spaces, and student organization course shells.

Migration Schedule

Fall 2018

Approximately 100 courses will be offered in Canvas for Fall of 2018. This includes:

35 courses selected from the application process. These courses will include:

- Courses that use basic D2L functionality (gradebook, document distribution).
- Courses that use a variety of tools in addition to basic functionality.
- Courses with enrollment of less than 35 students.
- Online courses will not be considered for migration for Fall 2018, unless they meet one of the criteria listed for inclusion below.
- Courses that target First Year Students will be discouraged from migrating in Fall 2018.

Courses meeting any of these criteria:

- Courses developed under the CITL faculty online course development grant program.
- Courses offered by instructors new to the UWSP campus.
- Courses offered for the first time.

Winter 2019

All courses offered for Winterim 2019 will be in Canvas. This is expected to be approximately 60 courses.

Spring 2019

Approximately 200 courses will be added in Canvas for Spring of 2019. This includes:

35 courses selected from the application process. This number may be adjusted upwards if instructor and student experience is positive during Fall 2018.

Courses meeting any of these criteria

- All online courses.
- All Continuing Education PD courses.
- Courses developed under the CITL faculty online course development grant program.
- Courses offered by instructors new to the UWSP campus.
- Courses offered for the first time.

Summer 2019 and beyond

All courses offered for Summer 2019 and beyond, will be in Canvas. UWSTU054 requires instructional material retention of one year in D2L. UWSP is unable to offer instructional courses on D2L that end after June 30, 2019.