

Canvas DE Den Review

Getting Started in Canvas

Canvas Course Prep Checklist

- Acts as a quick start guide- very thorough and handy. Links to more detailed information in Instructure are appreciated.
- DE Den links throughout the course can be changed to NC (Norco College) DE links.

Basic Tools & Features

- Side-by-side comparisons of tools used in in-person and virtual interactions are nice.
- Valuable information/links to resources in Using Canvas to Support Face-to-Face Courses, especially the “Dig Deeper” tab.

Recommended Resources for Faculty New to Online Teaching

- All resources are great.
- Like the flowchart and “Presentation, Practice, or Assessment” handout.
- Canvas Templates & Pre-Built Assignments section will be invaluable. This information is great for anyone, novice or intermediate.

Need More Support?

- Could include more information about Canvas Commons: What it is and how it works.

Getting Started in Canvas Wrap Up

- Add contact info for college and/or district personnel who can help.

Regular & Substantive Interactions (RSI)

- Overall, a very thorough, well-organized module that includes the importance of and practical information on how to maintain communication with students throughout the course.
- Suggestion to include a video where it talks about using a video to introduce yourself as the instructor, especially at the beginning.
- The organization of the modules is slightly different between the first and subsequent modules. All are well organized; however, the organization of the following modules is preferred over the first.
- Directional/navigation clues at the bottom of the pages are appreciated.

Accessibility

- The information is nicely chunked and paced with clear directions.
- Suggest adding graphics and/or short videos to break up the text.

Course Design Using Modules

- As with the previous modules, the information is thorough and well laid out. The addition of the “Dig Deeper” resources at the end of the module is welcoming information.

Examples

- Provides explicit, detailed examples of what assignments pages, content, interactions, etc. should look and “sound” like.
- HTML for Non-Techies is a pleasant surprise.

Canvas Guides

- Another treasure trove of resources and information contained here.

The California Virtual Campus

- This is an excellent resource to include for alignment with CVC-OEI.

Resources

- The RSI course tracking resources make it very convenient for review teams or any reviewer to access. The tables of comparative interactions provide excellent examples of how to use clear language that addresses the RSI guidelines.

Overall Evaluation

- Content in DE Den Course is invaluable.
- The creation team has provided everything possible to make it easy for an instructor who is new to Canvas to smoothly hit the ground running.
- The only thing required of instructors is a basic knowledge of the mechanics of Canvas, how to create pages, insert links or images, build modules, etc. and how to plug in their material/content.
- If instructors have questions about how to implement an element or the function of a particular element, it's likely the solution is contained in this course.
- Nothing is left to assumption.
- Overall, this is a comprehensive, highly detailed “bible” of materials and resources created with the specific needs of those new to (and familiar with) Canvas in mind.