

## Blackboard to Canvas Quick Tool Comparison

Blackboard	Canvas
Achievements	Badges using Badgr tool
Announcements	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement notifications are sent via email by default, but users may change the frequency or opt out</li> </ul>
Assignments	Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assignments have unlimited submissions</li> <li>Due date does not prevent assignment re-submissions</li> <li>Available From/Until dates prevent assignment re-submissions but do not hide the assignment from view</li> </ul>
Blackboard Collaborate	Conferences (Big Blue Button) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes audio, video, text chatting, a raise hand function, and a whiteboard presentation area</li> <li>No pause function</li> <li>Recordings are stored for 14 days</li> <li>Does not require students to download any additional programs or software</li> </ul>
Blogs	No equivalent in Canvas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May use the Discussions tool as an alternative</li> </ul>
Calendar	Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students can add To Do items to their personal calendars</li> <li>Instructors can add To Do items that will appear in students' calendars/to-do lists</li> <li>Items with due dates auto-sync to the course calendar</li> </ul>

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Discussion Board	<p>Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Anonymous, Force Moderation or Rating options</li> <li>• Threads are viewable on one screen without expanding</li> <li>• Discussions can be threaded or unthreaded</li> </ul>
Email	<p>Inbox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas Inbox displays messages from all courses in one place (can be filtered to show only one course)</li> <li>• Messages sent from Inbox go to student's Inbox and student's LCMail</li> <li>• Students can change where and how often they receive notifications from Canvas Inbox</li> </ul>
Folders/Learning Modules/Content Areas	<p>Modules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modules contain links to content and activities similar to folders content areas; Items in a module appear as a "table of contents"</li> <li>• Students "page through" the content in a module using Next and Back buttons</li> </ul>
Grade Center	<p>Grades, SpeedGrader and Assignments all have functions that are similar to Blackboard's Grade Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weighted grades can be assigned using Assignment Groups</li> <li>• Final "percentage" or final "points" can be displayed to students</li> <li>• Assignment Groups automatically display a running total of just the items in the group (ex. All quizzes)</li> <li>• Custom gradebook calculations are not supported</li> </ul>
Groups	<p>Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each group has access to Announcements, Pages, People, Discussions, Files, Collaborations and Conferences</li> <li>• Discussions can be assigned to all groups at once (via the main course Discussions)</li> <li>• Graded Group Discussions can have a single gradebook column</li> <li>• Group Assignments are accessed from the Assignments page</li> </ul>
Items	<p>Pages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages contain versioning and can be "rolled back" to a previous version.</li> <li>• Only one version of a page can exist. If you try to create another page of the same name, Canvas will rename it.</li> </ul>

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Journals	No equivalent in Canvas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can use Assignments as an alternative to private journals</li> </ul>
Rubrics	Rubrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rubrics can be attached to Assignments and Quizzes</li> <li>• Rubrics cannot be attached to individual quiz questions</li> <li>• Manage all Rubrics via Outcomes</li> </ul>
Self & Peer Assessment	No equivalent in Canvas  Assignments can have Peer Review enabled
SafeAssign	Unicheck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setup in Assignments</li> </ul>
Tasks	No equivalent in Canvas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students/instructors can create To Do items in the Calendar</li> <li>• Canvas “checks off” items in the Calendar as the student completes them</li> <li>• Can also enable “mark as viewed” for module content</li> </ul>
Student View	Student View <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can go into Student View from the course Home page</li> </ul>
Tests and Surveys	Quizzes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two tools: Quizzes and New Quizzes</li> <li>• New Quizzes has additional question types (hot spot, ordering, and more)</li> <li>• “Quizzes” has the option to create a “survey,” “New Quizzes” does not</li> <li>• Quizzes auto-submit if a time limit is set</li> <li>• Add extended time or attempts in “Moderate this Quiz” setting</li> <li>• Feedback does not come over</li> <li>• No place in essay questions for instructor to indicate “Answer” to reference when grading</li> <li>• “Quizzes” are compatible with Respondus LockDown Browser</li> <li>• “New Quizzes” are currently NOT compatible with Respondus LockDown Browser</li> </ul>
Wikis	Pages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages in Canvas can be enabled to be edited by students.</li> </ul>