Canvas Has a New Look for Summer ’16

A new Canvas user interface (UI) will be released on April 24, 2016. When you log in to Canvas on that day, you'll see an updated layout. (Not to worry! No functionality is changing.)

There are two major differences between the old and new Canvas interfaces:

- The Global Navigation Menu has been moved from the top of the page (running from left to right) to the left side of the page (running from top to bottom).
- The Canvas Dashboard now has two views:
  - The “Default View” (shown in the image below) shows your active courses represented as colored cards with icons showing recent activity.
  - Using the toggle at the upper right corner of your screen, you can change your view to the familiar “Activity View.”

Default View
Side by Side Comparison

The Dashboard

The Global Navigation Menu

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Activity View

If you prefer to see the familiar list of recent activities in your Dashboard, select the "Activity View" by toggling the switch at the top right (shown below). You can switch back and forth as needed.
Course Navigation Menu Update

When viewing courses, the Course Navigation Menu collapses on smaller screens, allowing for a more content-focused layout.

To expand or collapse the Course Navigation Menu manually, click the **Menu icon** (highlighted below).
Account and Help Link

The Account link now shows all your user account information such as your Profile, Settings, Notifications, Files, and ePortfolios. This is also where you can log out of Canvas. To find the Account button, navigate to the top left corner of the Global Navigation Menu.

To modify your user settings or profile, click the Account link. You can also specify your notification preferences, or upload personal files here.

There are still all the Help Options you have come to love with Canvas. To find the Help button, navigate to the bottom left corner of the Global Navigation Menu. To report a problem or ask a technical support question, Click the Help link at the bottom left of any Canvas course page.