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Tasks for Today

- Overview of navigating Canvas with JAWS
- Accessibility considerations and settings
- Collaboration tips
- Access and read announcements
- Navigate and participate in discussions
- Read and send messages
- Access the class syllabus
- Access and navigate rubrics



Overview of Canvas



- Canvas is a web-based platform that is accessible with screen readers such as JAWS.
- It is widely used in schools, colleges, and other learning institutions.
- Navigate Canvas using standard navigation commands, JAWS Quick Nav keys, and native commands.
- Use Quick Nav keys to navigate web elements like regions, headings, links, tables, and buttons.





**clean +
uncluttered**



Accessibility Considerations

- Ensure page layout is simple, uncluttered, and clean so it is easy to navigate.
- Organize content in short paragraphs so it is easy to scan.
- Include section headings so the content is easy to navigate.
- Use Alt Text to describe images.
- Link URLs to words that describe their destination pages rather than just using the web addresses.
- Include column and row headings in tables.

Accessibility Settings

- Canvas provides numerous accessibility settings.
- Navigate to Profile, then Settings.
- Auto show closed captions.
- Enable keyboard shortcuts.
- Use high-contrast UI (user interface).
- Use Microsoft Immersive Reader.
- Open To-Do Items in a new tab.
- Underline links.



Collaboration Tips

Canvas provides three means of communication to help teachers and students collaborate more efficiently.

Messages



Announcements



Discussions





Announcements

- Access announcements from the Dashboard.
- Press the Quick Nav key **H** to navigate announcements by heading.
- Activate the “reply” link for an announcement to leave a reply.



Discussions



- Access discussions from the Dashboard.
- Turn off threaded replies when creating or editing discussions to make them easy to navigate and understand.
- Search discussions by title or author.
- Use tools like Google Docs to enable student collaboration.





Messages

- Access your inbox from the Dashboard.
- Navigate the inbox and read messages using Quick Nav keys and standard navigation commands.
- Activate the “Compose a New Message” button to create and send a message.



Access the Class Syllabus



1. Navigate to the Syllabus link using:
 - navigation keys, or
 - **INSERT+F7**, then **S**.
2. Press **ENTER** to access the Syllabus page.



Access and Navigate the Rubric

1. Navigate to the Rubrics link using:

- navigation commands, or
- **INSERT+F7**, then **R**.



2. Press **ENTER** to access the Rubrics page.



3. Navigate to the Rubrics heading by pressing the JAWS Quick Nav key **H**.

4. Navigate Rubrics using navigation commands.





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