



JWL Basic Canvas Overview – For Students

What is Canvas?

Canvas is a Learning Management tool that allows faculty to and students to connect online. PowerPoint presentations, videos, audio clips, and other resources are created outside of Canvas and added to Canvas courses for students to enhance teaching and learning efforts.



Who uses Canvas?

Professors and teachers use Canvas as a learning tool to help students understand learning material. Canvas is used for off-campus online learning, as well as, an online supplemental tool for on-campus learning.

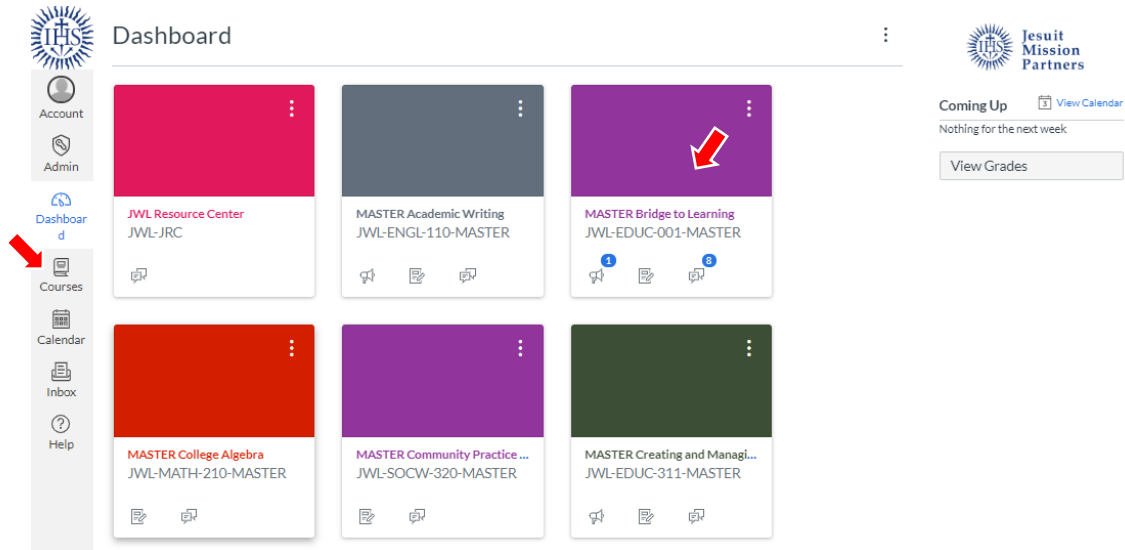
Login to Canvas

You will receive login instructions by email. The general login for students and faculty is NETID@jwl.org.

Canvas Helpdesk

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Canvas Login page



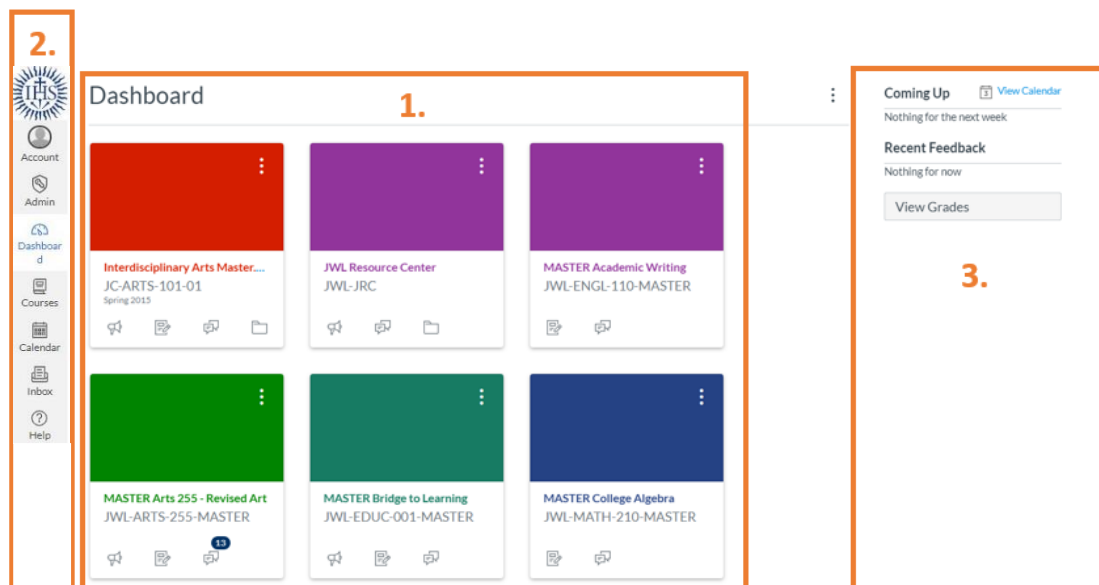
This is the page you will see after logging in. The course(s) you are enrolled in will appear on the **Dashboard**. To access your course, click on the course card in the Dashboard or "Courses" link on the left blue left **Global Navigation Panel**.



Canvas User Interface

The Canvas user interface has three main components:

1. **Dashboard** – The Dashboard is the first thing you see when you log into Canvas. It provides an overview of your courses.
2. **Global Navigation** – The Global Navigation menu gives you direct access to your courses and other areas of Canvas.
3. **Sidebar** – The Sidebar is dynamic and will change depending on where you are within the course. It provides tools and resources to help you manage your course.



Main Course Page

This is the first page you will see after clicking the course link. This is the student view. **To start the course**, students will click on the "Modules" link on the left course navigation panel. Start on "Week 1".





Your Course

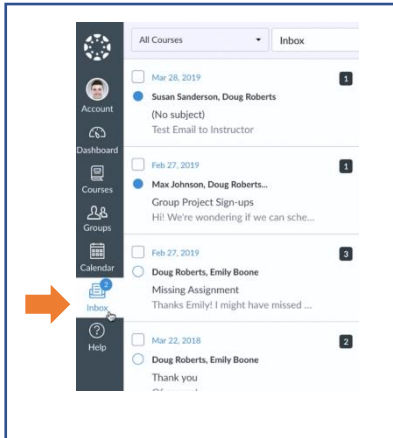
The course has four sections. (1) The **Course Navigation** that links to various parts of your course including course content. (2) The **Content Area** (3) The **Breadcrumb Navigation** (4) the **Sidebar**, and (5) **Global Navigation**.

The screenshot shows a Canvas course interface. A red box labeled '5' highlights the Global Navigation menu on the far left, which includes links like Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. Another red box labeled '1' highlights the Course Navigation menu within the course page, listing Home, Announcements, Modules, Assignments, Discussions, Grades, and Syllabus. A third red box labeled '3' highlights the breadcrumb navigation at the top of the course page, showing 'JWL-ENGL-110-MASTER'. A fourth red box labeled '2' highlights the main content area, which features a banner for 'MAS IER Academic Writing' and a welcome message. A fifth red box labeled '4' highlights the right sidebar, which contains buttons for 'View Course Stream' and 'View Course Calendar', and a 'To Do' section.

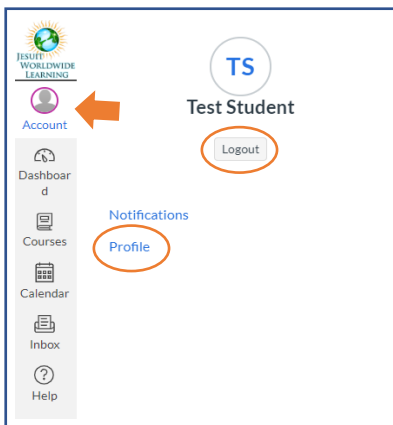
Global Navigation

The screenshot shows the Global Navigation menu. On the left is a vertical sidebar with icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Groups, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. To the right of this sidebar is a user profile for 'Doug Roberts' with a 'Logout' button. Further right is a list of links: Settings, Notifications, Files, and ePortfolios. An orange arrow points from the text to the top of the Global Navigation menu.

The course Global Navigation menu gives you direct access to your courses and other areas of Canvas. This menu is accessible from any page within Canvas. To modify your user settings or profile, click the **Account** link. You can also specify your notification preferences and log out of Canvas.



Click the **Inbox** link to view your course email. Students can compose and send New messages to your instructor. Faculty can compose and send new message to their students and other Canvas users here, or view any existing conversations.

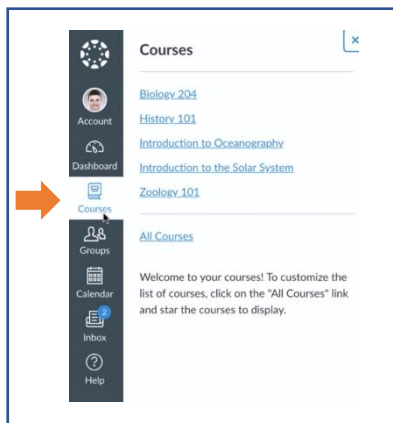


Click the **Account** link will allow you to modify your user settings or profile. You can also specify your notification preferences and log out of Canvas.

Click the **Logout** button to log out of Canvas. To hide the Account menu, click the Account link again or click the close icon.

To add or modify your profile picture, click the edit **profile picture icon** in the **Account** link.

To upload a new profile picture, click the **Upload a Picture tab**, then click the **Choose a Picture link**. Find the image you want to upload from your computer and click the Open or Choose button. Then drag the selection box to resize or crop your picture. Click the Save button to upload your picture.

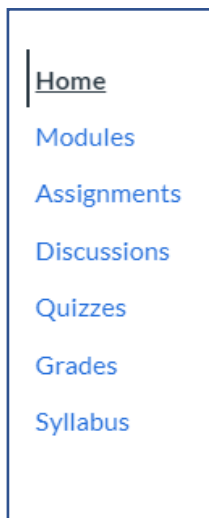


Click the **Courses** link to access your individual courses or view a list of all your courses.

Click on the **Dashboard** link to return to the course homepage.



Course Navigation



Home – Return to the home page of the course.

Announcements – Faculty will post announcements here. The newest one will appear at the top of the list.

Modules – Contains the weekly course content (videos, assignments, activities, discussions).

Assignments – Contains all graded assignments.

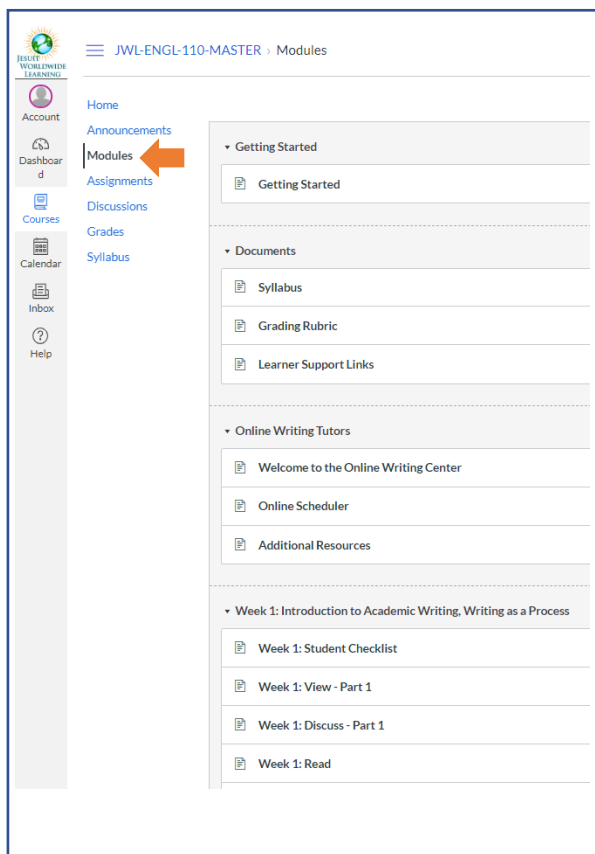
Discussions – Interactive communication on a posted topic.

Quizzes – For courses with a quiz assignment, there will be a link for access to the quiz or test.

Grades – Student can view their grades and point value.

Syllabus – Document that provides the requirements of the course. Course Rubrics found here.

Course Modules



The **"Modules"** page displays all of the course modules. The modules contain the course content. Also included is a "Getting Started" Guide.

The **Documents** section includes the **Course Syllabus**, **Grading Rubrics** and **Learner Support Links**.

The **Online Writing Tutors** provide information for scheduling a tutor session as well as additional resources.

The Modules are divided into Weeks. **To start the click the first topic in the Week 1 Module.** Sometimes not all of the modules will be visible and may be made available as the course progresses.



Discussions

The discussion board allows the student to engage in an online discussion with other students and facilitators. Choose the week discussion topic you are in and follow the directions. Post a **reply** to respond to the topic. Post a reply to respond to a classmate's post.

The left screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface for the course 'JWL-ENGL-110-MASTER'. The 'Discussions' link is circled in the Course Navigation menu. The right screenshot shows the 'Week 1: Student Introductions' discussion topic selected. An orange arrow points to the 'discuss' button, and another orange arrow points to the 'Reply' button at the bottom.

Journal

Allows the student to create private postings that only the facilitators can view. Journals are found in the Assignments link on the **Course Navigation**.

Assignment

Graded assignments are located on the Assignments link on the **Course Navigation**.

Quiz

If your course has a quiz or test, it will be located on the Quizzes link on the **Course Navigation**. Open your quiz by then clicking on the quiz title.

The screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface for the course 'JWL-SCI-101-MASTER'. The 'Quizzes' link is circled in the Course Navigation menu. The 'Week 2 Quiz: Motion' is highlighted with an orange arrow.



Grades

Student can view their grades and point value link on the **Course Navigation**. Click on the link to view all graded assignments, your score (when your instructor has graded it) and possible points awarded. The visual below shows a dash (-) under "Score" indicating the assignment has not been graded yet.

The screenshot shows the Canvas LMS interface for a course named 'JWL-SCI-101-MASTER'. The left navigation menu includes links for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The 'Grades' link is highlighted with an orange circle. The main content area is titled 'Grades for Test Student' and includes an 'Arrange By' dropdown set to 'Due Date' and an 'Apply' button. Below this is a table of assignments:

Name	Due	Status	Score	Out of
Week 5: Reflect: Importance of Physics			-	12.5
Week 1: Define Science			-	12.5
Week 1: Reviewing Mendeleev's Discovery Shared Paper			-	25
Week 1: Science Article Shared Paper			-	25
Week 2 Quiz: Motion			-	25
Week 2: Forces and Motion in My Life			-	12.5

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