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# Page Title (H1): Timeline

This projected timeline will most likely require changes as capabilities and needs are reassessed. Objectives are listed in their general sequence.

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| **Term** | **Objectives** |
| **Spring 2017** | * Develop custom apps and processes (e.g., automatic enrollments, cohorting, Grade Transfer Tool, Course/Development Site Request Tool) * Set up third-party app integrations (e.g., Turnitin, Kaltura, Bb Collaborate) * **Release Canvas "Sandbox" environment to faculty and staff** [(sign up now!)](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2aVuNASAi4kvTmd) * Prepare instructor training sessions; prepare end-user resources * Prepare early adopters for Canvas Pilot |
| **Summer 2017** | * **Organize large Canvas demo event** * Run Canvas Pilot for select courses and instructors * **Provide training opportunities and one-on-one consultations** with Instructional Development staff and Technical Support staff * Finalize configurations, custom apps, processes and integrations |
| **Fall 2017** | * **Release official Canvas environment to all faculty, staff, and students** for optional use in Fall (open beta) and for development of Spring 2018 courses * Continue providing training opportunities and one-on-one consultations * **Organize one or two large Canvas training events** |
| **Spring 2018** | * **All active courses are now taught in Canvas** (except College of Medicine’s yearlong courses) |
| **Summer 2018** | * **FSU Blackboard system closes on July 1, 2018** * College of Medicine transitions to Canvas |

## Section heading (H2): Course Migration

**We recommend that you begin corralling all course files and resources you are currently using in Blackboard as soon as possible** and storing them in folders on your computer or a zip drive in preparation for migrating your materials over to Canvas.

Unfortunately, we have not found a way to consistently or easily migrate Blackboard course site content into Canvas. On the few occasions that we have been able to move content over, it has come over in a format that is un-editable or has had other problems. We have had the most promising results from bringing over tests and question pools, but again, these are mixed results and we cannot guarantee that content copied over directly from Blackboard will function as it ought to in Canvas. **The best option we can recommend at present is to re-build your course site from scratch within the Canvas framework.** This way you will not only gain familiarity with Canvas, but will also be far, far less likely to encounter broken items in your course site mid-semester. [**Once you have a course built out in Canvas, it will be much easier to copy that content over into a new Canvas course site**](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2685)**at the start of future semesters**. We apologize for this significant inconvenience.

Feeling dismayed at having to re-build your course site in a new system? Don’t panic: we have a [guide to help you quickly prepare for the transition](https://support.campus.fsu.edu/kb/article/703-how-do-i-prepare-for-canvas).

For more information to help you get started in Canvas, see the resources below:

* [Getting Started with Canvas as an Instructor](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2035)
* [How do I use the Course Setup Checklist?](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2552)
* [How do I reorder and hide Course Navigation links?](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2555)
* [What are the Canvas settings at the course level?](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-1941)

## Section heading (H2): Interested in trying out Canvas?

[Request a Canvas "Sandbox" account!](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2aVuNASAi4kvTmd) We would love to give you some hands-on experience to get comfortable with Canvas! We expect to have our own Canvas “Sandbox” environment ready for instructors during the first half of the **Spring 2017** term.