

Statement on LMS Usage

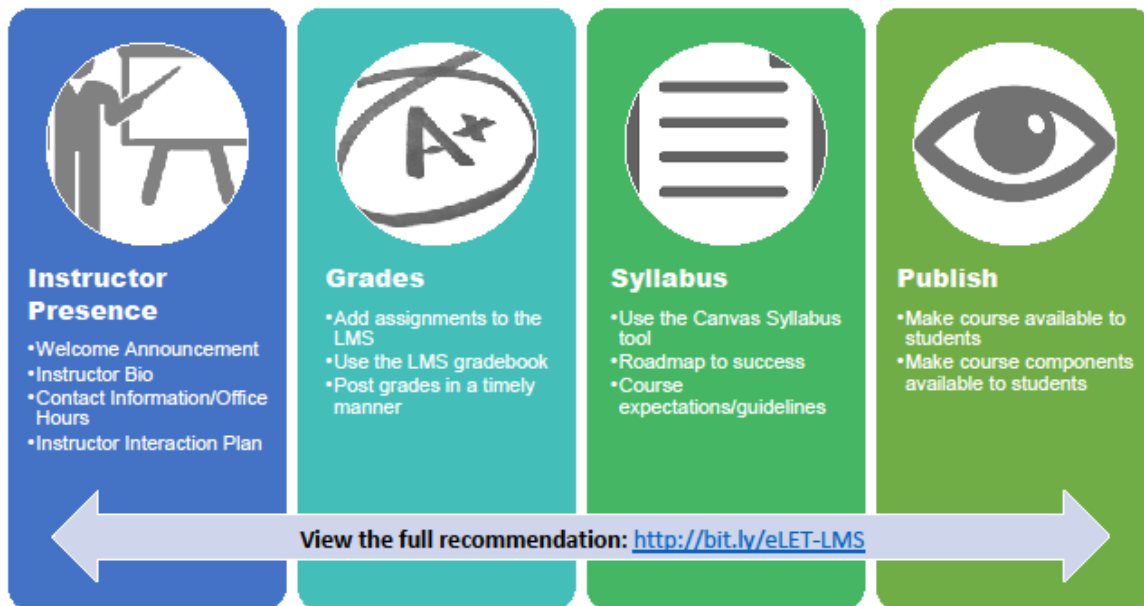
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NOVA has adopted the recommendation of the VCCS Academic and Student Services Council that specific features/practices of CANVAS be used for all course sections, no matter the mode of instruction. Research indicates that a relationship exists between these LMS features/practices and student success. It also provides significantly more protection for course records than when faculty create and save them independently outside of the LMS.

As of the Spring 2020 term, NOVA faculty are required to use the features/practices of CANVAS listed below with all of their sections and have it available to students by the first day of class. Every section (face to face, hybrid, and completely online) is expected to have these features. This includes using the CANVAS Gradebook so that students have access to their grades online.

Deans and Associate Deans may make limited exceptions based on criteria established by the Provosts. Academic Deans may add additional requirements for faculty as appropriate.

New faculty will have two weeks from the start of the term to prepare and post their CANVAS course(s) for students. Dual enrollment faculty are strongly encouraged to use CANVAS, but may be limited by requirements of their school or school district.



Limited Approved Exceptions when approved by a Dean or Associate Dean.

- *All or most sections of a particular course are keeping assignment grades in a separate online grade book that is accessible to both students and administrators that is integrated with a publisher's course materials. A link to the publisher's material and online gradebook, along with the other required CANVAS material must be provided in a CANVAS site for each section.*
- *The course uses a publisher provided LMS that includes all the required features/practices as an integral part of the course materials used for the course. A link to the publisher's LMS and online gradebook, along with the other required CANVAS material not included must be provided in a CANVAS site for each section.*