

End of Semester Canvas Checklist



This guide includes information on how to wrap up your Canvas course at the end of the semester. Before the end of the semester, make sure to:

- Send a Canvas announcement to students indicating important dates and final deadlines
- Finalize and submit grades
- Conclude your Canvas course
- Set up any students with an incomplete
- Get ready for the new term – Register for Training!

Send a Canvas Announcement

Use [Canvas announcements](#) to communicate with students about important dates and final deadlines. Canvas announcements are posted in the course and students get email notifications for Canvas announcements based on their notification preferences.

Finalize and Submit Grades

1. Finalize Grades.
 - a. Click “Assignments” in the course menu. Check to make sure all assignments are listed and in the correct category (if using assignment weights).
 - b. Click “Grades” in the course menu. Make sure all graded assignments have a graded value. Enter a zero for any missing assignments to ensure grades are accurate.
2. Post Grades to CU-SIS. Official grades need to be posted in CU-SIS. Canvas is not the official repository for grades.
 - a. To post grades, log into UCDAccess. Go to the Faculty Center and locate the “My Schedule” tab. Make sure the correct term is selected and next to the course, select “Grade Roster.” You can either manually enter grades or upload a .csv file. Note: the CSV must only contain two columns with no headers. Column A should be student ID numbers and column B should be the letter grade in all caps.
 - b. Once you enter all grades, they must be approved and posted. Once you've reviewed each grade, change the grade roster action to "Approved" and click "Save." To post the grades to students' records, change the action to "Post." When your grades post, the status will change to "Posted." You will not receive a confirmation email.

Concluding a Canvas Course

A Canvas course will conclude automatically. A concluded course is an archive of course content and student work. Students and faculty can continue to review the contents of the course but can no longer participate or submit to it.

When do Courses Conclude?

For students, the course automatically concludes on the last day of the semester. Students can access content from a concluded course in a read-only format. Tests/quizzes or anything that is locked using the availability feature remains inaccessible. For faculty, courses conclude approximately 6 months after the semester ends. TAs have access for 14 days after the semester ends. Concluded courses are available in a read-only state by going to the Courses menu in Canvas.

Change and/or Restricting Access to Courses

If you would like to change the start and end dates for all enrollments in a Canvas Course, follow these directions: [How do I change the start and end dates for a course?](#)

If you would like to restrict students from viewing your course in a read-only state after the semester ends, follow these directions: [How do I restrict student access to a course before or after the course dates?](#)

Set up any Students with an Incomplete

If you have a student taking an incomplete, you will need to request a new section be created in the course, so the student continues to have access to the course and assignments after the semester ends. Please email the OIT service desk (oit-servicedesk@ucdenver.edu) with the following information to set up an incomplete:

- Name of student and ID number (if available)
- Course and term
- Start and end date for access

Get Ready for the New Semester

Courses for the next semester are already available in Canvas. If you are not assigned to a course for the upcoming semester yet, you can always create a sandbox which can be copied later by clicking on your account picture in Canvas and choosing "Create Sandbox."

Attend a Training

The Office of Information Technology and the Office of Digital Education both offer Canvas and related technology training for faculty, staff, and even students. To attend a training or schedule a time to meet with an expert, use the links below:

[Training Schedule](#)
[Meet with an Expert](#)

For just in time support, contact the [OIT Service Desk](#) or Canvas 24/7 Support.

