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Discussion/Announcements Redesign

Getting started

FEATURE PREVIEW

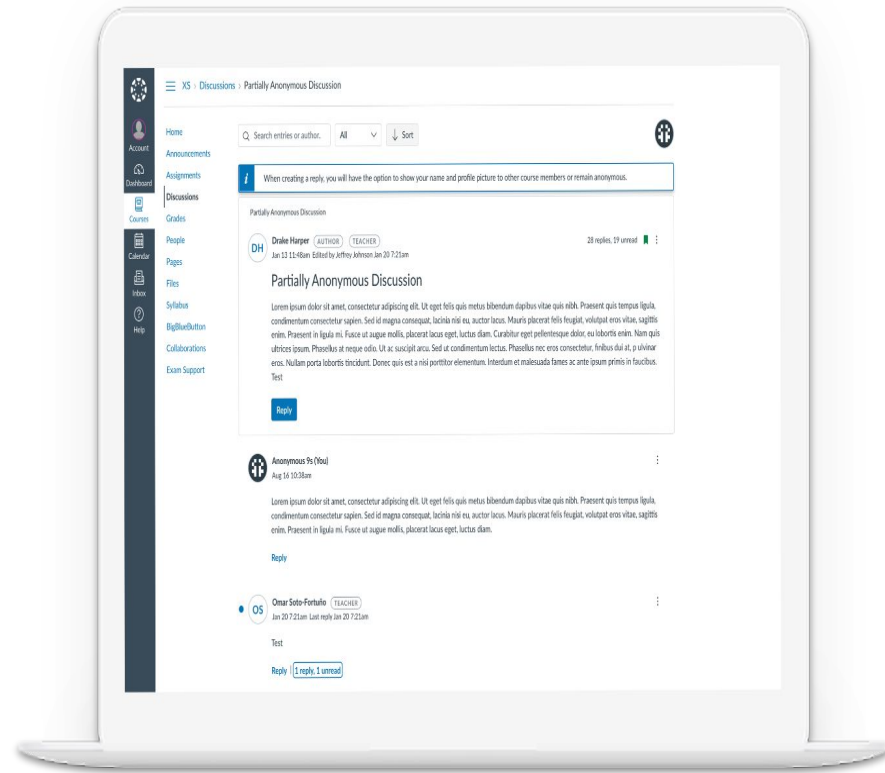
- Discussions/Announcements Redesign is a feature preview that can be utilized for the entire instance, specific sub-accounts, or individual courses.

Feature	Status	State
> Discussions/Announcements Redesign	FEATURE PREVIEW	

- Feature Previews are feature options in active development. Users who opt into the feature and join the Community user group can help improve the feature through direct feedback.

Discussions Redesign

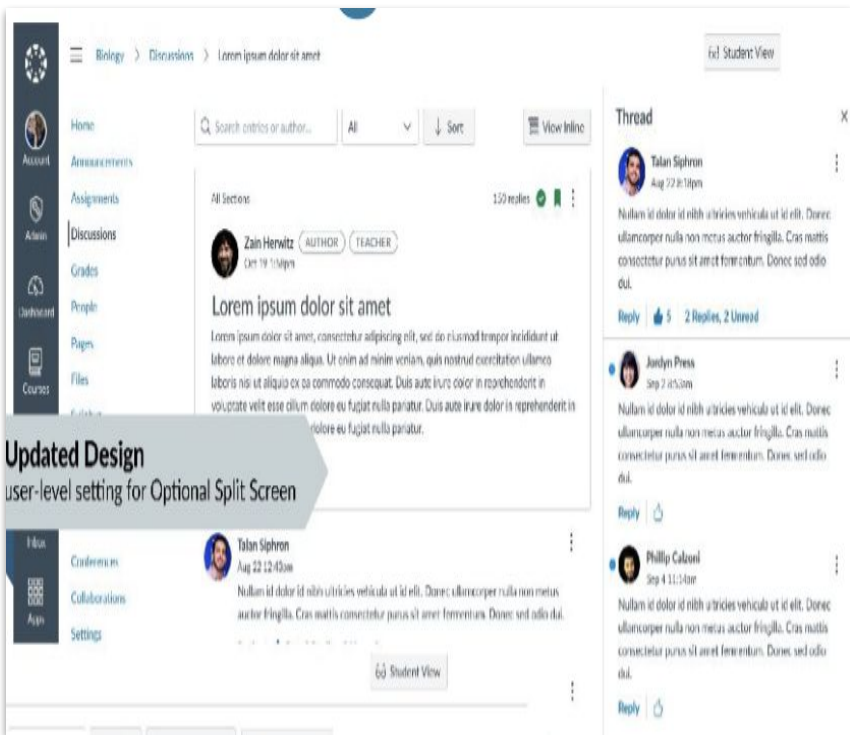
- Full Parity with legacy Discussions
- Fully responsive, supports mobile + Canvas app for Discussion Topics
- InstUI - modernized UI, accessibility compliant
- Anonymity (full & optional)
- Isolated View
- Mentions
- Nesting
- Quote
- Reply Sorting
- Filtering (All, Unread, Read)
- Role Labels (Instructor/TA)
- Improved Search - Highlighting
- Student self-moderation through reporting



Discussions Redesign - Why use it?

1. Accommodate students anonymity while discussing sensitive topics.
2. The ability to “@mention” a user is a familiar way to interact with others as it is similar to the social media ecosystem.
3. UI Modernization, A11y Update, and usability enhancements ensure page responsiveness.
4. All future developments for discussions will be added to the discussions redesign.
5. Easy to pilot - Can be enabled for specific sub-accounts/courses only.
6. Isolated tray view benefits neurodiverse users with a focused view.

Discussions Redesign Recommendations & Considerations



The screenshot displays the Canvas Discussions interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with icons for Home, Account, Announcements, Assignments, Discussions, Grades, People, Pages, Files, and Courses. The main content area shows a discussion post by Zain Herwitz (AUTHOR, TEACHER) titled "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet" with 120 replies. A "Thread" view is open on the right, showing replies from Talan Siphon, Jordyn Press, and Phillip Caloni. A "Student View" button is visible at the bottom of the thread. A grey callout box with a white arrow points to the "Updated Design" text.

Updated Design
user-level setting for Optional Split Screen

FACULTY

- Easy Transition - Set up looks nearly identical to legacy design.
- Improved visibility of deleted posts.

STUDENTS

- Focused view when responding to peers.
- Newest replies appear at the top of the first page instead of bottom of the last page.

Feedback we hear and future state

[Adding Checkpoints Using Pages \(Video\)](#)

Announcements Redesign - UI Modernization/A11y Update

Classic

The Classic interface shows a sidebar on the left with navigation links: Home, Announcements (selected), Grades, Modules, Assignments, Discussions, People, Pages, Files, Syllabus, Outcomes, Rubrics, and Quizzes. The main content area displays a breadcrumb path: Discussions Lega... > Announcements > classic. A '63 Student View' button is in the top right. The announcement header includes an 'Edit' button and a menu icon. The announcement content shows a profile for 'classic' by 'Tori Sifantonakis' in 'All Sections', dated 'Mar 20 at 11:47am', with the title 'ttest'. Below the title is a search bar for 'Search entries or author', an 'Unread' button, and icons for visibility and sorting. A 'Reply' button is at the bottom.

New

The New interface features a sidebar on the left with navigation links: Home, Announcements (selected), Grades, Modules, Assignments, Discussions, People, Pages, Files, Syllabus, Outcomes, and Rubrics. The main content area displays a breadcrumb path: Discussion R... > Announcem... > Announcem... and a '63 Student View' button. The announcement header includes a search bar for 'Search entries or author', a filter dropdown set to 'All', and a 'Sort' button. The announcement content shows a profile for 'TS' (Tori Sifantonakis) as the 'AUTHOR', dated 'Mar 20 11:47am', with the title 'Announcement Redesign' and subtitle 'Test'. A 'Reply' button is highlighted in green. A bookmark icon and menu icon are in the top right.

Discussion/Announcement Redesign Guides

- [Canvas Release: Discussions/Announcements Redesign](#)
- [Announcement Redesign \(Instructor Guides\)](#)
- [Announcement Redesign \(Student Guides\)](#)
- [Discussion Redesign \(Instructor Guides\)](#)
- [Discussion Redesign \(Student Guides\)](#)
- [Discussions Redesign \(2021-06-19 Release 1:32 Video\)](#)
- [Enabling the Canvas Discussion Redesign \(2:46 Video from Peer\)](#)



Course Pacing

What is Course Pacing?

FEATURE PREVIEW

- Feature Preview is reserved for features that are available in production, but may still be in active development.
 - That means big changes are possible, though they will be documented.
- We recommend anyone interested in the feature to actively follow, participate in, and provide feedback in the [Course Pacing Feature Preview Group](#).
 - Course Pacing has undergone significant changes since it was released to production in April 2022, thanks to the great feedback from the user group.
 - We are slowing down development, but continue to welcome feedback.

What is Course Pacing?

- Course Pacing is an automated tool that sets **differentiated due dates** for assessments and learning activities based on each student's enrollment date, **enabling structured, self-paced learning** in rolling enrollment courses.

FEATURE PREVIEW

Default Course Pace Settings

English Composition

Students enrolled in this course

Start Date: Tue, Mar 21, 2023 *Determined by today's date* → End Date: Thu, Apr 6, 2023 *Determined by course pace*

Assignments: 11

Time to complete: 2 weeks, 3 days

1. Unit 2 - Evaluating Sources

Item	Days ⓘ	Due Date ⓘ	Status
Units 1 & 2 Quiz 25 pts	1	Wed, Mar 22, 2023	✓
Discussion - Credibility Debate 100 pts	5	Wed, Mar 29, 2023	✓
Assignment - Choosing Sources 150 pts	1	Thu, Mar 30, 2023	✓

2. Unit 3 - Writing the Essay

Item	Days ⓘ	Due Date ⓘ	Status
Unit 3 Quiz 25 pts	3	Tue, Apr 4, 2023	✓
Discussion - Essay Outline 100 pts	1	Wed, Apr 5, 2023	✓
Assignment - Essay First Draft 150 pts	1	Thu, Apr 6, 2023	✓

What is Course Pacing?

- Instructors determine the time an assignment takes to complete and Course Pacing assigns due dates automatically based on the enrollment date.
 - Course, section, and individual paces may all be set and customized for maximum flexibility.
- Instructors can see the projected time it will take a learner to complete course assignments.
- Can skip weekends and create blackout dates to prevent due dates from falling on school holidays or other important dates.
- Also supports courses with end dates, and will automatically compress timelines if an end date is present.

Why use Course Pacing?

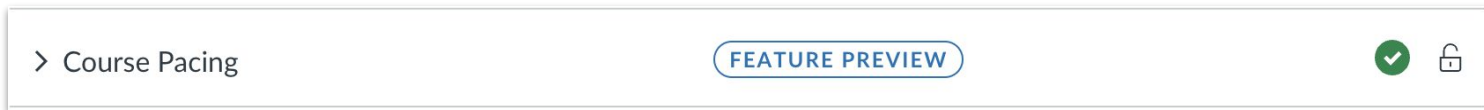
- Course Pacing is a great fit for institutions focused on student-led learning and is foundational to outcomes-based or competency-based learning using Canvas LMS.
 - For more details about how Course Pacing can be used in these programs, check out the [Competency Based Education](#) section in the Canvas Community.
- Saves admins and course designers tons of time for courses that have staggered start dates or rolling enrollments that require differentiated due dates.
- It's flexible – everyone can be on the same pace or give everyone their own pace. You're in control.
- Course Pacing is compatible with Canvas Catalog.
- It's easy to pilot – can be enabled for specific sub-accounts/courses only.

What are some common use cases?

- Many institutions are already piloting Course Pacing in some of their courses.
 - Programs/courses that cater to learners in the workforce
 - Alternative/distance education schools that have learners entering at different times in the year
 - Professional development courses

Getting started

- Course Pacing must first be enabled by Admins under Feature Options in the root account or subaccount. Instructors can enable as a Course setting in individual courses.



Course Pacing:

Enable Course Pacing


! Course Pacing is in active development.
Learn more about this feature in the [Course Pacing User Group](#) .


Demo time!

- **DISCLAIMER: This demo is in the beta environment,** which differs significantly from production.
- Stay tuned to the Canvas community or via your CSM for production release date.


English Composition

Course Pacing is an automated tool that sets differentiated due dates for assessments and learning activities based on each students' enrollment date, enabling structured, self-paced learning in rolling enrollment courses.

	Students	Sections	Pace Duration ⁽ⁱ⁾	Create Course Pace
	11	5	--	



1. Create a Course Pace
Get started by creating a course pace that will serve as the default pace for all sections and students in the course.



2. Customize Section and Student Paces
Next, adjust the paces for individual sections and/or students to further customize based on your needs (this step is optional).

→

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* Please note that once a Course Pace is saved, all due dates for existing assessments and learning materials will be controlled by Course Pacing. Learn more about Course Pacing in the [Course Pacing User Group](#).

Considerations

- Paces are calculated using **graded** learning activities that have been **added to a module**.
- Currently Course Pacing just handles due dates. All other Canvas rules and restrictions apply (e.g. removal of students from courses)
- Students may be confused by different due dates if they work with others in the course and aren't alerted ahead of time.
- Using Course Pacing and Mastery Paths together is not recommended & currently "Assign To" is disabled.



This course is using Course Pacing. Go to Course Pacing to manage due dates.

[Course Pacing](#)

Course Pacing Guides

- [Course Pacing Feature Overview](#) | [Video](#)
- [Course Pacing Users Group](#)
- [Course Pacing FAQ](#)
- [How do I enable Course Pacing as an Instructor?](#)
- [How to Use Course Pacing to Manage Due Dates in Canvas](#) (University of Pittsburgh)



Mastery Paths

Mastery Paths Introduction

- Mastery Paths allows instructors to **customize learning experiences** for each student **based on performance**.
- Once Mastery Paths are set up, assignments are assigned to students **automatically**. No other action from instructors except for grading.
- Gradebook adjusts based on the pathway
- **Use Cases**
 - Personalized Learning including Remedial
 - Competency Based Learning
 - Student Choice

Mastery Paths

Capability since 2016.
Enable from Admin Settings

The screenshot shows the Canvas Admin interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons and labels for various sections: Account, Admin (highlighted with a purple box), Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, Commons, Studio, and Help. The main content area is titled 'Settings' and contains various configuration options. A sub-section titled 'Account Settings' includes fields for Account Name, Default Language, Default Due Time, and Default Time Zone. Below these are maintenance window details and a list of checkboxes for user permissions. The 'Mastery Paths' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a purple box, with a corresponding 'Lock this setting for sub-accounts and courses' checkbox also checked.

Settings Quotas Integrations Notifications Admins Announcements Reports Apps Feature Options Security

Account Settings

Account Name:

Default Language:

This will override any browser/OS language settings. Preferred languages can still be set at the course/user level.

Default Due Time:

This influences the user interface for setting due dates. It does not change the time due for any existing assignments.

Default Time Zone:

Maintenance windows: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 2:05am to 4:05am (Thursday from 7:05am to 9:05am UTC)
Next window: Thu Apr 6, 2023 from 2:05am to 4:05am
Maintenance windows begin July 2021. For details please see the [release notes](#).

Allow Self-Enrollment:

Trusted HTTP Referers:

This is a comma separated list of URL's to trust. Trusting any URL's in this list will bypass the CSRF token when logging in to Canvas.

Default View for Dashboard:

Overwrite all users' existing default dashboard preferences

- Don't let teachers rename their courses
- Don't let teachers modify course availability dates
- Students can opt-in to receiving scores in email notifications
- Restrict students from viewing quiz questions after course end date
- Restrict students from accessing courses before start date
 - Lock this setting for sub-accounts and courses
- Restrict students from viewing future courses in enrollments list
 - Lock this setting for sub-accounts
- Restrict students from accessing courses after end date
 - Lock this setting for sub-accounts and courses
- Disable comments on announcements
 - Lock this setting for sub-accounts and courses
- Mastery Paths
 - Lock this setting for sub-accounts and courses

Mastery Paths Vocabulary

- Source Assessment
 - Use **Classic or New Quizzes**, Assignment, or Graded Discussion
 - Cannot be Content Pages
- Conditional Path
 - Need to add to Mastery Path
- Conditional Items
 - Need to add to Mastery Path

MasteryPath Example

Week 2: The Staff (MP) ✓ + ⋮

ASSESSMENT ✓ ⋮

- Weekly Quiz: The Staff Apr 4 | 20 pts **Mastery Paths** ✓ ⋮
- What is the Staff? - Lecture and Notes Multiple ✓ ⋮
- Refresher - Reading Music ✓ ⋮

CHOICE ⓧ ⋮

- Read and Summarize 100 pts Multiple ✓ ⋮
- Elements of the Staff - Building Your Own Musical Staff Multiple ✓ ⋮

RESOURCES ✓ ⋮

- Blank Sheet Music ✓ ⋮

Details Questions **Mastery Paths**

10 pts

+ [20 pts] Let's See What Else You Know!

7 pts

4 pts

+ [20 pts] "Giant Pandas - The Most Loved Bears" or [10 pts] How the Panda Became Black and White

0 pts

+ [20 pts] "Giant Pandas - The Most Loved Bears" & [10 pts] How the Panda Became Black and White

Notify users this quiz has changed

Cancel Save

Mastery Path Tracking

Related Items

- SpeedGrader™
- Download Submissions

2 out of 2 Submissions Graded

Mastery Paths Breakdown

- 18 pts+ to 25 pts **1 out of 7 students**
- 10 pts+ to 18 pts 1 out of 7 students
- 0 pts+ to 10 pts 0 out of 7 students

Mastery Paths Breakdown ×

- > 18 pts - 25 pts
 - Emily Boone
- > 10 pts - 18 pts
- > 0 pts - 10 pts

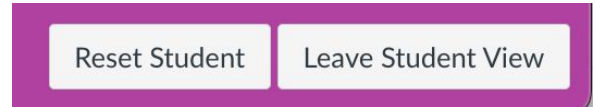
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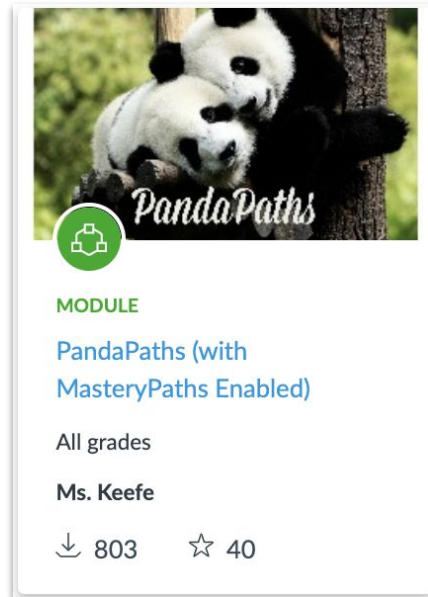
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Safety in Science - Symbols
Submitted: September 22, 2016
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Using Mastery Paths

- Planning is key
 - Be mindful and thoughtful about purpose and process
- Needs to be built in **Modules**
 - Customize course navigation for optimal experience
 - Assign to “Mastery Paths”
- Test with Student View
 - “Reset Student” to test out different paths
- NOTE: Mastery Paths currently not compatible with Outcomes



Testing our MasteryPath



The image shows a module card for 'PandaPaths'. At the top is a photograph of two giant pandas hugging on a tree branch. Below the photo is a green circular icon with a white grid pattern. The text 'PandaPaths' is written in a cursive font across the photo. Below the icon, the word 'MODULE' is written in green. The title 'PandaPaths (with MasteryPaths Enabled)' is in blue. Below the title, it says 'All grades' and 'Ms. Keefe'. At the bottom, there are two icons: a download arrow and a star, followed by the numbers '803' and '40' respectively.

MODULE

PandaPaths (with
MasteryPaths Enabled)

All grades

Ms. Keefe

↓ 803 ☆ 40

Link to PandaPaths in Canvas Commons:

<https://lor.instructure.com/resources/9b4fd0f0e3aa48488f2cb25ec5a44911?shared>

Peer Videos

[Creating Mastery Paths in Canvas](#) (4:42 Video)

Overview to set up Mastery Paths

[Canvas Mastery Path](#) (8:10 Video)

Step-by-step directions to set up Mastery Paths

[Create MASTERY PATHS for CANVAS Lms](#) (9:35 Video)

Another video guiding you step-by-step of setting up Mastery Paths

[Canvas - Mastery Paths Demo](#) (1:07 Video)

Using New Quizzes to give students choice of assignments

Mastery Paths Guides

- [How do I use Mastery Paths in course modules?](#)
- [How do I add conditional content to a Mastery Path source item?](#)
- [How do I assign a conditional assignment for students to complete in Mastery Paths?](#)
- [How do I view the Mastery Paths range breakdown results for an assignment?](#)

<u>Discussions/Announcements Redesign</u>	<u>Course Pacing</u>	<u>MasteryPaths</u>
Enable at root or sub-account	Enable at root or sub-account	Enable in Admin Settings
Feature Preview	Feature Preview	Not a Feature Preview

**Reach out to your Customer Success Manager (CSM)
with any questions/clarifications**



Thank You