



# The Department of Online Learning Monthly Newsletter

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## Event Dates

Register for the following events [here](#)

### Events with Dates:

- Canvas Certification Course (4/7-5/11)
- Remote Training Course (5/19-6/1)
- Canvas Certification Course (7/7-8/10)

### Self-Paced Trainings (Jan/Feb):

- Active Learning
- Accessibility in Online Learning
- Adobe Suite
- Applying Bloom's Taxonomy
- Authentic Learning
- Backward Design
- Canvas 101
- Canvas Rubrics
- Canvas Studio Basics
- Canvas Studio Advanced
- Communication Strategies in an Online Class
- Creating an Effective Syllabus
- Formative and Summative Assessment
- Google Meet
- Google Suite
- Kandao Camera Basics
- Online/Asynchronous Pedagogy
- The Hy-Flex Model
- Universal Design
- Using the Canvas Gradebook
- Zoom Basics
- Zoom Advanced

## Important News

### Newsletter updates

The Online Learning Newsletter will be switching to a quarterly format: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

### Quality Matters Reviews & Committee

Interested in submitting your course for Quality Matters review, contact Rachel at [rpeters@lccc.edu](mailto:rpeters@lccc.edu). If you are interested in joining the committee fill out [this interest form](#).

## Article of the Month

[\*The Impact of Different Instructor Participation Approaches in Asynchronous Online Discussions on Student Performance\*](#) by Jiarui Xie, Mimi Adjei, and

**Ana-Paula Correia.** The study compares two instructor participation methods in asynchronous Online discussions: replying on public discussion boards and commenting on private grade pages. While the quality and quantity of posts were similar, private comments shifted students' focus from social communication to knowledge construction in their posts.

## Training/Badge Spotlight

### AI-Resistant Assessments: Smarter Strategies, Stronger Learning Apr 22nd 1pm EST

This webinar explores how Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Universal Design for Learning (UDL) create AI-resilient, authentic assessments that promote critical thinking, creativity, and reduce AI misuse. It covers strategies to design AI-resistant assessments, enhance academic integrity, and support instructors in adapting to the AI era. You can go to the direct [Zoom registration link](#) or ITC's [Tuesday Talks page](#).



# Canvas Updates & How To

## New Canvas Features Coming

*Canvas Studio enhanced accessibility, adaptive streaming, and privacy features (Coming 4/19)*

Features that are coming to Canvas Studio include:

1. The default embed size increased to 480x300px
2. The play bar is redesigned and repositioned
3. The Closed Caption icon is updated
4. Keyboard accessibility is improved with the addition of a hidden shortcut icon
5. Privacy measures are enhanced to ensure secure playback
6. Video quality automatically adjusts based on available bandwidth
7. The ability to upload and delete closed captions

To view more about this release view the [Media section](#) of the Canvas release Notes 2025-4/19

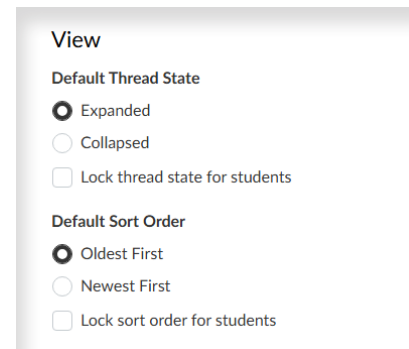
View more about the following in the [3/25-2025 canvas Release Notes](#).

### *Course Copy Page (Available now)*

The update enhances the user experience with a consistent interface.

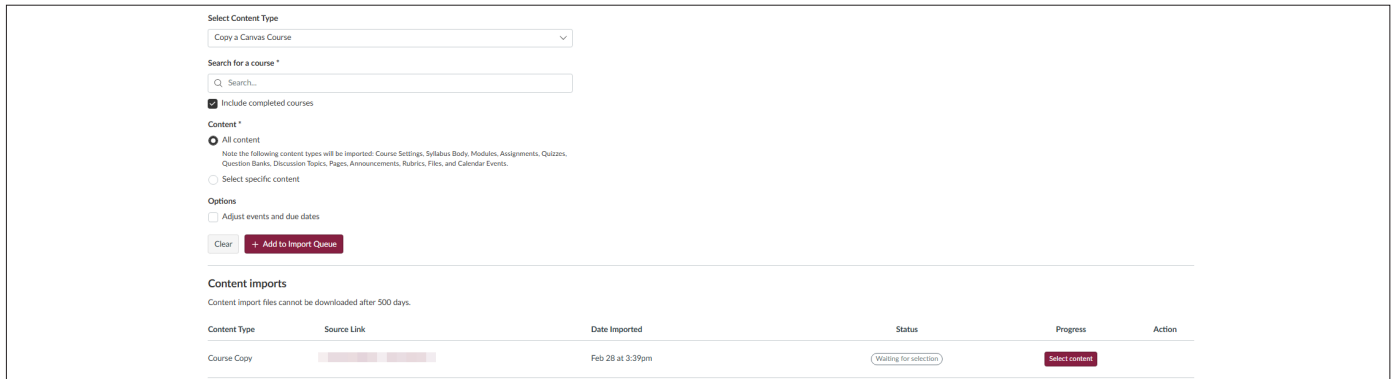
### *Discussions Default View Settings (Available now)*

Instructors can change the default view in the settings of the discussion. You can have thread collapse/expansion and sorting options, and the ability to lock these preferences. The sorting section of the discussion and announcements is redesigned.



## Import Content page enhancements (Available now)

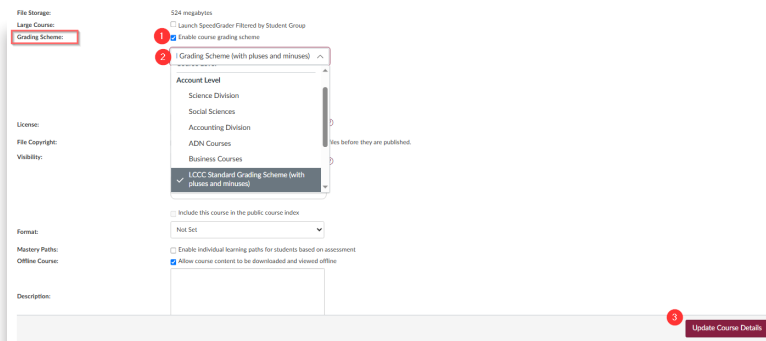
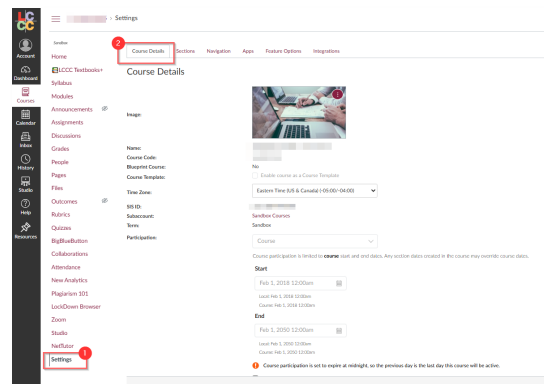
The import content page is updated to the latest Canvas User Interface. The import button text has been updated to Add Import to Queue. \*Note Copy a Canvas Course is the second item on the list options.



## How to add a Grade Scheme to your Gradebook before finals

Grade schemes can be added to your course to automatically add a letter grade next to the final grade in the Gradebook. This makes it easier for you to enter the letter grade into Banner. To add a Grade Scheme to your Gradebook follow the following directions.

1. Go to the settings in the course you wish to add the Grade Scheme to. \*Note this is a course specific setting.
2. Click on the Course Details tab at the top of the settings screen.



3. Scroll down until you get to Grade Scheme. Check off the enable course grading scheme box.

4. In the drop down under the enable box select from the list the Grade Scheme you wish to use. \*Note there are department specific schemes. Check with your department head if you are to use a certain scheme if you need help.

5. Make sure to hit Update Course Details after you select the Grade Scheme.
6. Now when you click on Grades from your main navigation and scroll over to the total column you will see a letter grade.

Assignments 50% of grade	tests 30% of ...	Participation 5% of grade	Total
90.91%	-	87%	90.55% A-
90%	-	98%	90.73% A-
89.09%	-	100%	90.08% A-
95.45%	-	100%	95.87% A
77.27%	-	100%	79.34% C+

# Online Learning Badge

# RECOGNITION



## Canvas Certification

*Selasi Blavo  
Whitney Jobmann  
Daniel Melin  
Halla Salloum  
Jeppe Sorensen  
Angelarose Vaccaro*

## Proficient Badge

*Kristina Carbone*

## Effective Syllabus

*Keegan Oscavich*

## Remote Certification

*Whitney Jobmann  
Therol Dix  
Komal Hassain*

## Essential Badge

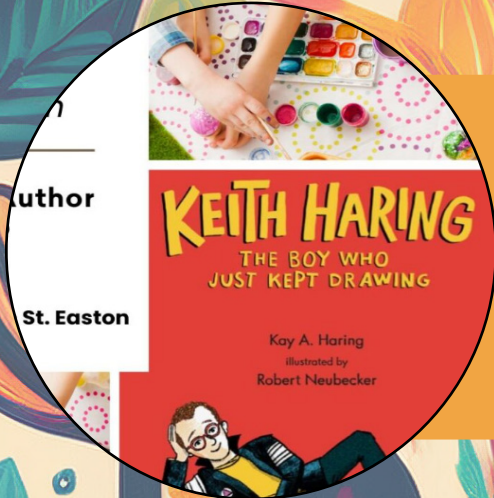
*Jeppe Sorensen*





# Relax and Unwind

With the start of the semester, the end of the summer, life, and any other events you may be juggling, it is important to remember to find moments to relax, recharge, and unwind. This section is all about some fun items going on right now in media or locally to help you with that.



## Second Saturday Art Labs - featuring Kay Haring

April 12th from 1-3 pm at the Sigal Museum in Easton, Free. An art lab that is family-friendly with children's author Kay Haring. She will be reading her book *Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing* and a hands on activity will follow. For more information visit the [museum page](#).

## Dancing with the Stars LIVE

April 17th at 7:30 pm at the Wind Creek event center, tickets range from \$49.50 to &119.50. See *Dancing with the Stars*, Live including Joey Graziadei & Jenna Johnson, co-hosted by Stephen Nedoroscik. For more information and tickets view the [Wind Creek event center page](#).



## 2025 Earth Day Festival

April 26th from 11am to 5pm, cost: free, at Northampton Community College. A day to celebrate the planet and include: food trucks, local vendors, live entertainment, and activities for all ages. More information can be found on the [Discover Leigh Valley site](#).