Introducing Canvas: For Students

What should I know about Canvas?

- Canvas is the learning management system at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. It is where you access all of your course websites.
- You can go to Canvas directly by visiting http://canvas.harvard.edu and logging in with your Harvard Key; or you can access your courses through my.harvard.edu. You can also set up the Canvas app on your smartphone or tablet.

What features will I be using in Canvas?

Depending on the course, you may be using Canvas for:

- Interacting with course materials such as the syllabus, readings, handouts, and video lectures
- Discussing course content online
- Submitting assignments online

What should I do first in Canvas?

- ❏ Update your profile. Click on *Account → Profile* to edit your global Canvas profile.
- ❏ Customize your contact information. Click on *Account → Settings → Ways to Contact* to enter custom emails and phone numbers for text updates. All of your courses will make use of these settings.
- ❏ Set up your notification preferences. Click on *Account → Notifications* to customize the frequency of updates you'll receive to each of the above channels. **Note:** These settings will be applied across all of your courses.
- ❏ Sync your Canvas Calendar. Click on *Calendar → Calendar Feed* to get Assignment due dates and events on your personal calendar (e.g. Google Calendar, iCal, Outlook).

How can I learn more about Canvas?

For more information on using Canvas, consider the following links:

- View the Canvas Student Guide at https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-4121 and the Getting Started as a Student Guide at https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2036.
- Visit the Harvard Chan School's Canvas page for the latest updates at http://hsph.me/canvas.

How can I get help with Canvas?

- If you need assistance with Canvas, you can always click on **Help** in the bottom left corner of any Canvas page for 24x7 support by chat, e-mail, or phone.
- You can also request support from the Digital Learning Team by e-mailing mets@hsph.harvard.edu.