DEC NEWSLETTER

DIGITAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

New! DISCUSSION CHECKPOINTS

Discussion Checkpoints is a Canvas feature that allows instructors to break a graded discussion into multiple stages, each with its own due date and point value. This helps manage student engagement by creating distinct deadlines for activities like an initial post and subsequent replies to peers. Checkpoints provide clearer expectations for students and allow instructors to grade each stage separately, improving structure and feedback for both.
This feature will be available to users on December 15, 2025.
Check out a video tutorial here!

SPRING 2026 LOTI

Spring 2026 LOTI Registration is Now OPEN
LOTI is required to teach hybrid or online courses:
All faculty (including adjunct faculty) who teach an online or hybrid course for Longwood University must successfully complete the LOTI training. All faculty and are invited to apply, even if you are not currently scheduled to teach online or hybrid courses. LOTI provides excellent training opportunities to learn about Canvas and course design.

LOTI is for faculty members who:

- are new to the University OR
- have never had online/hybrid training OR
- have never had online/hybrid training and have been asked to teach an existing online/hybrid course OR
- have had previous LOTI training but wish to become online teaching certified through the Longwood training

Spring 2026 LOTI will begin at noon (12pm) on Monday January 26th, 2026 and the final day submissions will be accepted is Friday, March 20th, 2026.

CANVAS STUDIO & ZOOM

DON'T FORGET

As a reminder, May 1st Studio launched as our University wide video platform. As part of this upgrade, Panopto will be going out of service in May 2026.

Important: DEC will not be migrating Panopto content into Canvas Studio. If users have videos they want to keep, they will be required to download them from Panopto and upload them into Canvas Studio before the platform is deactivated in Summer 2026.

As a service to the Longwood community, an integration between **Canvas Studio and Zoom** as been established for new Zoom recordings to automatically migrate to Canvas Studio. This feature is available now! This guide will help you finalize and customize your integration.

Canvas Studio trainings are ongoing through May 2026. Sign up now for the December 15th training!

KEEP UP WITH CANVAS!

Canvas is constantly evolving—fixing bugs, refining tools, and rolling out new features to enhance your teaching and learning experience.
This page is designed to keep you informed whenever you want and need updates. Check back regularly for news on AI integration, New Quizzes updates, feature rollouts, and a glimpse at what's coming next in Canvas. Stay current. Stay connected.

Happy Holidays

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