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Tasks for Today

- Overview of navigating Canvas with JAWS
- Accessibility considerations and settings
- Collaboration tips
- Access and read announcements
- Navigate and participate in discussions
- Read and send messages
- Access the class syllabus
- Access and navigate rubrics
Overview of Canvas

- Canvas is a web-based platform that is accessible with screen readers such as JAWS.
- It is widely used in schools, colleges, and other learning institutions.
- Navigate Canvas using standard navigation commands, JAWS Quick Nav keys, and native commands.
- Use Quick Nav keys to navigate web elements like regions, headings, links, tables, and buttons.
Accessibility Considerations

- Ensure page layout is simple, uncluttered, and clean so it is easy to navigate.
- Organize content in short paragraphs so it is easy to scan.
- Include section headings so the content is easy to navigate.
- Use Alt Text to describe images.
- Link URLs to words that describe their destination pages rather than just using the web addresses.
- Include column and row headings in tables.
Accessibility Settings

• Canvas provides numerous accessibility settings.
• Navigate to Profile, then Settings.
• Auto show closed captions.
• Enable keyboard shortcuts.
• Use high-contrast UI (user interface).
• Use Microsoft Immersive Reader.
• Open To-Do Items in a new tab.
• Underline links.
Collaboration Tips

Canvas provides three means of communication to help teachers and students collaborate more efficiently.

Messages

Announcements

Discussions
Announcements

- Access announcements from the Dashboard.
- Press the Quick Nav key H to navigate announcements by heading.
- Activate the “reply” link for an announcement to leave a reply.
Discussions

- Access discussions from the Dashboard.
- Turn off threaded replies when creating or editing discussions to make them easy to navigate and understand.
- Search discussions by title or author.
- Use tools like Google Docs to enable student collaboration.
Messages

- Access your inbox from the Dashboard.
- Navigate the inbox and read messages using Quick Nav keys and standard navigation commands.
- Activate the “Compose a New Message” button to create and send a message.
Access the Class Syllabus

1. Navigate to the Syllabus link using:
   • navigation keys, or
   • INSERT+F7, then S.

2. Press ENTER to access the Syllabus page.
Access and Navigate the Rubric

1. Navigate to the Rubrics link using:
   - navigation commands, or
   - INSERT+F7, then R.

2. Press ENTER to access the Rubrics page.

3. Navigate to the Rubrics heading by pressing the JAWS Quick Nav key H.

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