Creating Content Rich Pages in Canvas

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Overview:

This workshop will begin with demonstrations of Canvas page design and an overview of Canvas' rich text editing tools:

- Text and Formatting
- Images
- Video
- Links: external and internal
- Embedding Google Docs
- Tabs

Getting Started:

Show Billy's and Curry's Home pages
Sketch out your homepage on paper

- What is the Home page design you've always used (tried and true)?
- What is the Home page design you've always wanted (dream big!)?
- Don't worry about what Canvas can or cannot do.

Hands-on: Create 3 Different Pages and Set Your Home Page in Canvas

Step 1: Find your Canvas Course

1. Log into Canvas and open your sandbox course or a course you would like to begin designing
2. Log into Blackboard, Google Drive, or another stores any information, images, video or other content that is relevant to the course you would like to design today.

Step 2: Create a Page Introducing Yourself with Text, Images, and Links

1. Open the Page tab, click “View All Pages,” and then click “+Page”
2. Title the page, “Meet the Professor”
3. In the content field, type your name and then on another line state or describe your discipline.
4. Use the font size, text color, and other text style tools to adjust the design of your text.
5. Below the text, add an image that represents you
    a. To add an image, first locate and save the image file to the computer
    b. Position the cursor in the content field where you would like the image to be placed
    c. Use the “Image” tab on the right-side of the rich text editor in Canvas to upload the image
    d. Click on the image and use the Embed Image tool to set the alt text and adjust the size
    e. Use the margin alignment tools to set the image left, right, or center
6. Click “Save” or “Save and Publish”

Step 3: Create a Page Introducing your Course with Text, Video, and Links

1. Open the Page tab, click “View All Pages,” and then click “+Page”
2. Title the page, “Course Description”
3. In the content field, type or copy and paste a brief description of the course (pull from your syllabus?)
    a. If you copied in the text, use the Clear Formatting tool to align the text style
    b. Use the text size, color, and style tools to match your design
4. Below the description, embed a video
    a. Use the Youtube or the Films on Demand tools to find and embed a documentary, TED Talk, book review, etc that relates to the themes/topics of your course
5. Below the video, type “Would you like to explore these topics further?”
6. Highlight the line, and use the Link tool to create a hyperlink to a relevant website
7. Click “Save” or “Save and Publish”

Step 4: Reorganize Content as Tabs

1. Log into the Canvas Page Design course, navigate to the Tabs Module and open “The Code-Tabs” page
2. Highlight and copy the code
3. In your course, Open the Page tab, click “View All Pages,” and then click “+Page”
4. Title the page, “Welcome to [title of your course]”
5. Click on the HTML link to access the html content field
6. Paste the tabs code into the content field

Now copy in the html code from the pages we just created to set your “Meet the Professor” and “Introducing the Course” content into tabs

1. In a new window, access your “Meet the Professor” page.
2. Click “Edit” and then click the HTML link
3. Highlight and copy the code
4. On your “Welcome to…” page, find the first fragment lines in the html code.
    a. Change the first fragment title to “Meet the Professor”
    b. Paste the code from your “Meet the Professor” page over the first “Add Content Here” fragment
5. Repeat these steps for your “Course Description” page
6. Delete the extra fragments in the code or paste in code from another page you’ve created (like your syllabus)
7. Click “Save and Publish”

Some tips for this step

Optional: Add your Syllabus to the Third Tab

- Embed a Google Doc or Insert a pdf file that opens automatically

Step 5: Set Home Page

1. Open the Page tab, click “View All Pages.”
2. Find the “Welcome to…” page you just created, click on the settings cog next to the page name on the right-side of the screen, and select “Front Page” from the pull down menu.
3. Click on the “Home” tab located in the course menu on the left-side of the screen.
4. Click on the “Choose Home Page” button on the right-side or bottom of the screen (depends on screen size).
5. Select “Pages Front Page”

Open Lab:

Consider adding more content above the tabs you just created such as a banner image or links to important areas of your course or whatever content you want to appear on your home page.

Consider logging into your Blackboard or Moodle courses and find a page you either want to migrate directly into Canvas or completely redesign in Canvas

Consider exploring other html design options on the Canvas Page Design course

Consider chatting with us one on one