Moving NYU Classes Content to NYU Brightspace:
High-Level Overview

The following document outlines how NYU Classes content is moved into NYU Brightspace, including any exceptions and remediations. Note that student content and contributions (e.g., assignment submissions, grades) are not migrated.

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How Tool Content Moves

In general, course content is moved to its corresponding tool area in NYU Brightspace. Exceptions are detailed in the What Will Not Move section below.

Sakai (NYU Classes) Tool	Migrated Tool in NYU Brightspace
Announcements	Announcements
Assignments	Assignments
External Link	Content (will be added as a module)
Forums	Discussions
Gradebook	Grades
Lessons	Content (each Lesson will be its own module)
Resources	Content / Manage Files
Syllabus	Content (will be added as a module)
Tests & Quizzes	Quizzes

Note: Lessons and Content have fundamentally different user experiences. Whereas Lessons displays all Lessons content inline on a page, NYU Brightspace provides a list of links that are clicked into and then navigated between. Depending on the Lessons structure that was set up in NYU Classes, you may wish to restructure your Content design moving forward.

What Will Not Move

The following tools and features in Sakai (NYU Classes) do not import into NYU Brightspace:

- Attendance -- while NYU Brightspacehas its own Attendance tool, it has a different format and attendance will need to be recreated.
- Blogs
- Chat Room
- File Exchange
- Messages (i.e., sent email)
- News (RSS Feeds)
- Existing 3rd party tool links -- while links may appear in migrated courses, the integration between the LMS and 3rd party tools does **not** transition. Any tool links will need to be recreated.

Tool-Level Exceptions

There are a number of tool-level exceptions, which will require manual remediation. These include:

Assignments

- **Peer Review** -- not supported in NYU Brightspace.
    - Remediation: You may wish to use a collaborative tool (e.g., Google Drive) or Turnitin PeerMark for peer review.

- **Model Answer** - not supported in NYU Brightspace.
    - Remediation: If you wish to use them, you may need to add them to the assignment description. Alternatively, you may wish to create a unit/lesson in the Content tool and apply release conditions to it, wherein you require the assignment submission or assignment to be graded before becoming available.

Forums / Discussions

- **Forum settings** -- not all settings migrate.
    - Remediation: If using specific forum settings / permissions, you will need to recreate these in Brightspace.

- **Forum Gradebook associations** -- Forum Gradebook item associations do not migrate.
    - Remediation: You will need to reassociate these in NYU Brightspace.

Lessons / Content

- **Layout differences -** By design, there is a major difference in the layout of content in Lessons vs the Content tool in NYU Brightspace. While Lessons contain multiple items per page, which are simultaneously visible to the end user, Content is much more modular in it's display of "Activities" (analogous to "Items" in lesson). Therefore, in cases where multiple items need to be visible to the end user in order for the content to make sense, rework of the content may be required to fit the design of the Content tool.

- **Custom CSS Files** -- not supported in NYU Brightspace.
    - Remediation: The Content tool user experience is overall different than that of the Lessons tool. If you leverage custom CSS in NYU Classes, you may wish to adjust the content delivery experience in Content.

- **Forum Topic links** -- If a Forums topic is linked in Lessons, the top-level forum will display in NYU Brightspace.
    - Remediation: If you do not wish to link to the top-level Forum, you will need to re-link your topic.

- **Item descriptions** -- these optional descriptions on items such as Assignments, Forums, etc. (added by clicking on the "Edit" button for a Lessons item, then providing a description) do not migrate.
    - Remediation: Recreate your item descriptions within Brightspace using the "HTML Document" feature.

- **Links to Resources "Weblinks (URLs)"** -- these URLs will need to be updated in NYU Brightspace.
    - Remediation: Links to Resources "Weblinks (URLs)" files are "newclasses.nyu.edu" URLs that then redirect to the destination URL. Brightspace does not have a corresponding redirect, and links directly to URLs. If you have any links to these types of Resources files within your Lessons pages, these URLs will need to be updated.

- **Max Depth of Lessons pages exceeding 3 layers** -- not supported.
    - Remediation: Consider simplifying the organization of your Content and reducing the depth of sub-levels within your course.

- **Requirements / prerequisite settings for Lessons items** -- do not migrate.
    - Remediation: Recreate your requirements / prerequisites in NYU Brightspace.

- **SCORM** -- does not migrate. (Note: SCORM content doesn't migrate between courses today in NYU Classes)
    - Remediation: Your SCORM files will live in Manage Files in NYU Brightspace -- you can download, then upload within Content.

NYU Stream Media Gallery

- **Media Gallery content** -- Because the NYU Stream Media Gallery is a 3rd-party tool that exists separate from the core LMS, this content does not migrate along with course content.
    - Remediation: Media Gallery content will need to be recreated.

Resources

- **Folder / item descriptions** -- not supported in NYU Brightspace
    - Item- or folder-level descriptions within the Resources tool are not supported in NYU Brightspace. If you have plain-text descriptions for these in NYU Classes, you may wish to copy and paste as new Content items.

- **Item-level visibility settings** -- does not migrate to NYU Brightspace

- If your folders or items were selectively hidden from users, you will need to manually recreate these visibility settings in Content by clicking on the visibility icon for the item / folder.

- **Max Depth of Resources folders exceeding 3 layers** -- not supported.
  - Remediation: Consider simplifying the organization of your Content and reducing the depth of sub-levels within your course.

- **Uploaded Files without File Extensions** -- do not migrate to NYU Brightspace
  - Remediation: If you have files without extensions on them (e.g., a text file without ".txt" at the end), this will not migrate to NYU Brightspace. The site-level status report will indicate which files did **not** move over, so that you can download them locally. A long-term fix is in the works.

Rich-Text Editor

- **MathType / MathML / WIRIS images** -- do not migrate to NYU Brightspace
  - MathType / MathML / WIRIS images are static images that cannot exist outside of the MathML/WIRIS plugin, and do not transition to NYU Brightspace. If you use MathType / MathML / WIRIS images, you may either wish to recreate as LaTeX before moving your site to Brightspace, or you will need to recreate these.

Tests & Quizzes / Quizzes

- **Hot Spot questions** -- not supported in NYU Brightspace.
  - Remediation: Reformat your Hot Spot questions as multiple choice questions. You may wish to label different areas of the image that correspond to the different multiple choice options.

- **Audio Recording questions** -- not supported in NYU Brightspace.
  - Remediation: Reformat your Audio Recording questions as a written Response question with the HTML editor enabled - students can record audio responses via the rich-text editor. Instructors can also provide audio feedback via the rich-text editor.

- **Calculated questions** -- incompatible with scientific notation as response in NYU Brightspace.
  - Remediation: If your calculated questions in NYU Classes use "e" scientific notation for powers (e.g., "3.456e11" as "3.456×10^{11}"), you will need to review these questions once migrated into Brightspace. Brightspace's "Significant Figures" question type supports powers as separate fields, but does not support scientific notation within a single field.

- **Correct / Incorrect question-level feedback** -- NYU Brightspace offers only question / selection-level feedback, not correct/incorrect feedback.
  - Remediation: Review the feedback for your questions in Brightspace and adjust accordingly.

- **Descriptions in Assessment Parts** -- not supported in migration.
  - Remediation: If your assessment includes text inside of the description field for one or more assessment "parts," these will need to be recreated in NYU Brightspace corresponding "sections". You may wish to copy and paste the rich-text content from NYU Classes and paste into the Brightspace section description field.

- **Numeric Response questions** -- This question type in NYU Classes serves as a numeric fill-in-the-blank question, and migrates to NYU Brightspace as a Fill-in-the-Blank question. NYU Brightspace fill-in-the-blank question type, however, does not support numeric ranges.

    - Remediation: If you used numeric ranges in the Numeric Response question in NYU Classes, you may wish to reformat the question to better accommodate a fill-in-the-blank question, or recreate the question in NYU Brightspace as a Significant Figures question, which supports numeric “tolerances”.

- **Numeric Response questions** -- In NYU Classes, numeric response questions allow for the answer to be inserted anywhere in the question text’s rich-text editor. The corresponding Fill-in-the-Blank question type in NYU Brightspace does not place the answer within the question text
    - Remediation: You will need to reformat / recreate your question to accommodate the Brightspace formatting.

- **Unlimited submission attempts** -- defaults to “1” in NYU Brightspace
    - If your assessment in NYU Classes was set to use “unlimited” submission attempts, you will want to change this setting (under “Assessment”) in NYU Brightspace to reflect unlimited attempts.