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Adding a Nickname and Color to Your Canvas Course Card on Your Dashboard (*Only you can see it!*)

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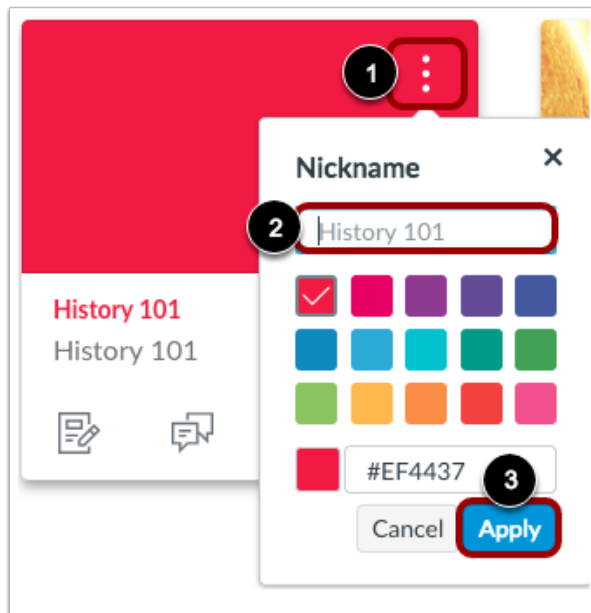
Adding a Nickname to a Canvas Course Card is a great way to help keep track of your course cards on the dashboard. Only the individual user sees the nickname, and users can change their course card nicknames at any time.

Course nicknames appear in the Dashboard, Course Navigation Menu, course breadcrumbs, and notification emails. You can also change the color of the course card.

If you are preparing a course for Cross-Listing, you can use nicknames to keep track of which course is being worked on and which one you don't want to touch.

These instructions from Canvas will explain it all:

Create Nickname



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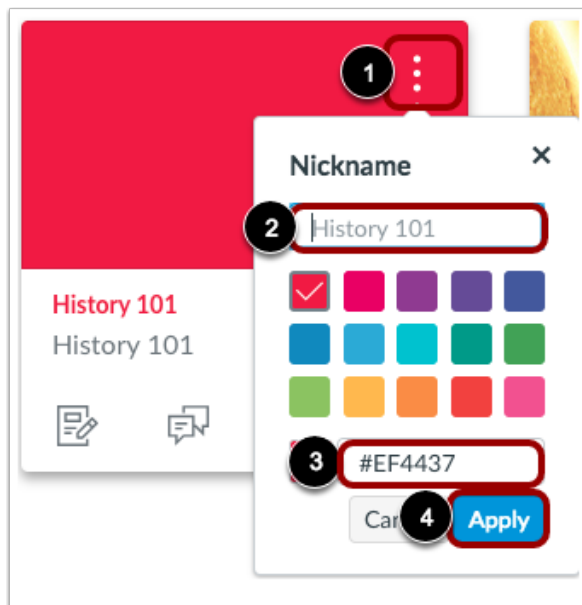
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Login to your Canvas Dashboard. To add a nickname, click the **More Options/Settings icon [1]**, then type the name in the **Nickname field [2]**. Click the **Apply button [3]**.

To remove a nickname, open the card settings and remove the nickname. The Nickname field will display the original name of the course.

If you need to know the original name of the course, you can hover over the nickname and the original name will appear. Additionally, the course code is not affected and always displays on the course card for course reference.

Change Course Card Color



Course Cards can help you organize your courses by customizing the color, which is synced with the color shown for the course in the Calendar. To change the color, click the card **More Options/Settings icon [1]**, then select a new color. The check mark indicates the **selected color [2]**, and the hex color code displays in the **text field [3]**. If you want to use a color not shown in the window, you can enter the [color's hex code](#) directly in the text field. The hex field will display a warning icon if the hex code is not valid. Additionally, any variation of white is not accepted as a course color.

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Click the **Apply button [4]**.

Note: If you change the color for a course in the Calendar, the Dashboard will also update with the new calendar color.