

# ECU Canvas Semester Essentials



These checklists are originally created by the Training Services Department at Instructure and have been modified by the ECU Canvas support team.

[canvas.ecu.edu](https://canvas.ecu.edu)

## Beginning of Semester

### + [Merge \(Cross-list\) Courses](#)

Cross-listing allows you to **merge** & teach sections of the same course in one location.

### [Understand Course Modules](#)

Modules are the recommended way to organize/present content to students.

### [Add Content to Modules](#)

Adding files, pages, assignments, discussions, & quizzes to your modules.

### [Add Syllabus](#)

Add the current syllabus to your course.

»Tip: Add it to the Course Syllabus tool, as a File link, on a Course Page, etc.

### [Customize Course Detail Settings](#)

Be aware of options in Course Details >>Course Settings.

»Tip: Don't forget to select Update Course Details after changing settings.

### [Simplify Course Navigation](#)

Hide unused course navigation links.

»Tip: The fewer links the better.

### [Publish Course and Content](#)

Check visibility of files, pages and modules.

»Tip: Unpublish content you don't want students to view. Use [Student View](#) to verify content visibility.

### [Choose Home Page](#)

Select a Home Page that fits your course. The Home Page can be changed at any time.

»Tip: Use visuals to engage students & incorporate important information.

### [Set Account Notifications](#)

To ensure you receive communication, set your Notification Preferences and contact method.

»Tip: Remind & show students how to set their preferences.

## End of Semester

### [Verify Grades \(If Applicable\)](#)

Verify grades if Canvas is the gradebook of record. Changes will affect student final grades.

»Tip: Verify that the Gradebook matches the grading policy.

»Tip: Turn missing entries to zeros through the late policy options.

»Tip: Check out more about Assignment Groups if using weighted grading categories.

## More Canvas Resources

ECU fully transitions to Canvas for the fall 2020 semester.

### [Training Schedule](#)

[canvas.ecu.edu/instructors/training](https://canvas.ecu.edu/instructors/training)

### [Instructor Guides & Overview Videos](#)

[canvas.ecu.edu/instructors/guides](https://canvas.ecu.edu/instructors/guides)

### [Student Guides & Overview Videos](#)

[canvas.ecu.edu/student-guides/](https://canvas.ecu.edu/student-guides/)

### [24/7 Help in Canvas](#)

Use the Canvas Help icon to get instant help. Chat, call, or open a ticket.

