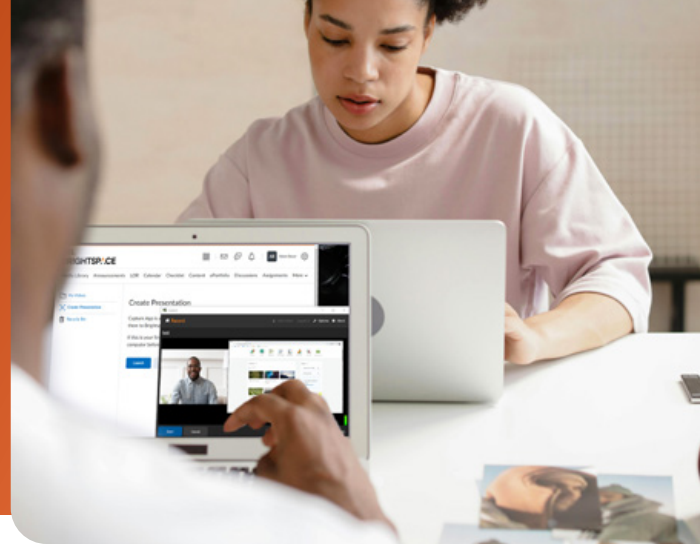


D2L Brightspace vs. Canvas

Purpose-Built for Teaching and Learning



Brightspace is the LMS designed to drive measurable learning outcomes. Built on learning science, unified experiences, and continuous reinvestment in innovation. It empowers educators and institutions to focus on teaching, not tool management, so every learner is positioned for success.

A Comparison That Matters: Focus on Learning Impact

	D2L Brightspace	Canvas
Designed for Better Learning Outcomes	Built on learning science principles that help improve engagement, retention, and achievement through mastery-based learning, feedback, and progress visibility.	Offers limited flexible course design options requiring add-ons to support more advanced features like learning analytics or mastery progression.
A More Flexible Accessibility Strategy	Combines native accessibility capabilities with advisory services that help institutions strengthen remediation efforts, improve workflows, and build sustainable accessibility practices that align to their existing ecosystem.	Provides native accessibility checking tools, while many institutions continue to supplement their approach with additional accessibility platforms and remediation services for broader accessibility management needs.
Simplified, Unified Experience	Combines teaching, assessment, analytics, and credentialing in one connected platform—reducing complexity, costs, and administrative burden.	Relies on multiple 3rd party integrations for workflows commonly included in other core products, such as analytics, credentialing and content authoring, creating a fragmented experience.
AI That Supports, Not Replaces	Brightspace offers the most complete AI solution, with something for every user. D2L Lumi empowers educators, administrators and students to leverage AI in a way that's safe, secure, and keeps them in control.	Limited AI pilots and automation features; broader AI functionality often available through third-party extensions.
Future-Proof Partnership	Continuous reinvestment ensures institutions stay ahead of evolving learning needs, supported by transparent product development and experte guidance.	Slower innovation cycles following acquisitions and restructuring, resulting in limited roadmap flexibility.

Brightspace Delivers a Unified, Future-Ready Learning Experience

Brightspace enables institutions to simplify their digital ecosystems and improve learning outcomes by providing a single platform that integrates accessibility, analytics, AI, and instructional design best practices all aligned to enhance teaching and learning.

“Brightspace is our LMS of choice. Providing multimodal online courses at KSU is only possible because D2L provides a single platform for all teaching and individual learning needs”

Brichaya Shah

director of digital learning innovations, Kennesaw State University

See Brightspace in Action

