

# Why Institutions Move From Canvas to Brightspace

Many institutions adopt Canvas because it's easy to start with. Over time, however, many discover that what works for initial adoption becomes harder to manage as teaching practices evolve and institutional needs grow.

Institutions that evaluate alternatives are often trying to solve challenges such as platform reliability, growing tool complexity and limited flexibility for advanced learning models.

## The question becomes:

Do we keep working around these issues, or move to a platform designed to scale teaching and learning?

## Where Institutions Start Feeling Friction

### FACULTY:

#### *Teaching Starts Simple, Then Becomes Restrictive*

Faculty often report that early course setup is straightforward, but over time instructional flexibility becomes harder to maintain.

### COMMON CHALLENGES INCLUDE:

- Inconsistent quiz behavior across courses and sections
- Assessment limitations that restrict pedagogical approaches
- Formatting and migration issues when updating courses
- Growing dependence on external tools to support instructional design
- Course structures that require workarounds for more advanced learning experiences

### IMPACT

Faculty spend more time troubleshooting courses and less time focusing on teaching. Course quality can become inconsistent across departments and terms.

### ADMINISTRATORS:

#### *Managing the Platform Becomes Increasingly Complex*

As institutions scale their LMS use, administrators often face operational challenges related to platform governance and reliability.

### COMMON CONCERNS INCLUDE:

- Long support resolution cycles and escalation processes
- Product updates that disrupt established workflows
- Increasing reliance on external tools to support core functionality
- Difficulty aligning product roadmaps with institutional priorities
- Managing multiple vendors to support teaching and learning

### IMPACT

Instead of focusing on strategic initiatives like digital learning innovation or student success programs, administrators spend more time managing tools and resolving platform issues.

## STUDENTS:

### *The Learning Experience Becomes Fragmented*

Students rarely see the technology decisions behind the LMS. They experience the result.

## COMMON CHALLENGES INCLUDE:

- Inconsistent course navigation across classes
- Different tools used for quizzes, assignments, and feedback
- Accessibility varying depending on which tools instructors use
- Confusion caused by platform updates or tool changes

## IMPACT

The learning environment feels fragmented, and students lose confidence in the digital learning experience.

## Why Institutions Choose Brightspace

When institutions evaluate Brightspace, they often find a platform designed to support long-term teaching and learning strategies rather than short-term simplicity. Brightspace helps institutions:

### **Support advanced teaching practices**

Flexible course design, deeper assessment capabilities, and integrated instructional tools allow faculty to expand their pedagogy without relying on workarounds.

### **Simplify the digital learning environment**

A unified platform reduces tool sprawl and improves consistency across courses.

### **Provide stability and reliability for academic operations**

Updates and releases are designed around academic cycles and institutional continuity.

### **Develop a partnership to achieve long-term success**

Institutions gain access to a partner focused on teaching and learning outcomes, not just software delivery.



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