## Welcome, Students!

This fall, the **Canvas Instructure Learning Management Suite** will be used to host one (or more) of your courses, instead of Blackboard. (Commonly known as "Canvas"). These Canvas courses can be accessed from My Tri-C Space when the Fall 2023 term begins.

## How to login to your Canvas LMS Course(s)

Once you log in to My Tri-C space, select Canvas on the Blackboard Learn card to open "Canvas LMS." Once you log in to Canvas, to open your course, select the course from the Courses tab on the Canvas page. Review the course home page and select Content in the navigation bar to access course content. <u>Here is a link on the preferred way you log into your courses using Canvas</u>.

## What is the LMS Review?

The reason one or more of your Fall 2023 course(s) will be in Canvas is that these courses have been selected to participate in a learning management system (LMS) review process. The College is currently using Blackboard Learn as the Learning Management System. To give students and faculty the best teaching and learning options, it is customary for a college to review new LMS systems to stay current with the most recent technology. Therefore, 2022 and 2023, selected instructors have been teaching courses in three different LMS's, Blackboard Ultra Course View, D2L Brightspace, and Instructure's Canvas. At the end of this process, Tri-C will adopt a new LMS in the Summer of 2024).

**You are an important part of this process.** Your input is essential to evaluate these systems so that we select an LMS that students will find easy to use. You will receive a survey near the end of your course completion. We would appreciate your feedback so that students are well-represented in this crucial decision process.

More information about the LMS review can be found on the <u>LMS Review Website</u> regarding the course(s) being taught utilizing Canvas. We recognize that you may have questions about Canvas as you are getting started, so we have prepared the following resources and support channels for you:

- Live Chat with specially trained Tri-C staff (Click LMS Review) Goes live August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Email the Tri-C Help Desk: helpdesk@tri-c.edu
- Call the Tri-C Helpdesk at 216-987-4357 and mention the course is in Canvas
- View LMS Review Student Video Tutorials
- Visit <u>Student Resources page</u>
- Visit the <u>Canvas Student Help page</u>

Please know that the Online Learning and Academic Technology (OLAT) team is here to support you through your course, and the above resources and communication channels will be the best way to get help as you go through your LMS Review Course.

Warm regards,

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