Migrating a course involves transferring files and course items from Trunk into Canvas and rebuilding or reorganizing your course material in your new Canvas course site.

Migration Process Overview

Migration has three stages: collecting Trunk course material, importing that course material into your Canvas course site, and reviewing and organizing your Canvas course site. You can accomplish this in one of three ways: **Build your Canvas site from scratch, export your material from Trunk and import to Canvas, or request content migration from ETS.**

### Build from scratch

1. **Collect files, tests, assignments, and other course materials from Trunk that you want to move to your Canvas course site.**
2. **Upload individual files and course activities to Canvas as you design and build your site.**

**Get started:** Log in at [canvas.tufts.edu](http://canvas.tufts.edu) to see your Canvas course sites.

### Export material from Trunk

1. **Export your course content from Trunk as a zip file or a Common Cartridge Package.**
2. **Import the exported package to your Canvas course site.**
3. **In Canvas, review your imported material, organize your course, and update content as appropriate.**

**Get started:** See step-by-step instructions at [sites.tufts.edu/canvas/migration](http://sites.tufts.edu/canvas/migration).

### Request content migration

1. **Fill out the Content Migration Request form for each course you want to migrate to Canvas.**
2. **ETS will export content from your Trunk course site and import it to your Canvas course site.**
3. **In Canvas, review your imported material, organize your course, and update content as appropriate.**

**Get started:** Fill out a Content Migration Request form at [sites.tufts.edu/canvas/migration](http://sites.tufts.edu/canvas/migration).

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Migration Options: Which One Should I Choose?

**Build from scratch is the recommended option** as it allows you to make full use of Canvas’ functions and capabilities. However, if you have a large amount of material in Resources, exporting material from Trunk or requesting content migration may be faster and easier than re-uploading individual files. Regardless of the method you choose, **plan to spend some time** reviewing your material and organizing your new Canvas course site.

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<td><strong>Advantages</strong></td>
<td>Instructors have complete control over what to migrate into their new Canvas course site and how material is organized.</td>
<td>Instructors can select specific content areas (e.g. Resources, Tests &amp; Quizzes) to migrate.</td>
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<td>Prompts instructors to make full use of Canvas’ functions and capabilities.</td>
<td>Straightforward way to move a large number of downloadable files, a long list of Assignments, or many Tests and Quizzes.</td>
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Migration Options: How to get started

**Build from scratch**
Canvas course sites for Summer 18 courses are currently available; course sites for Fall 18 courses will be available in mid-March. To begin building your course sites, log in at canvas.tufts.edu. Your available courses will appear on the Canvas Dashboard. To sign up for a training or attend an Open Lab where you can get one-on-one help, see available training sessions at sites.tufts.edu/canvas/training.

**Export material from Trunk**
Step-by-step instructions for exporting your material from Trunk and importing it to Canvas are available at sites.tufts.edu/canvas/migration. To sign up for a training or attend an Open Lab where you can get one-on-one help, see available training sessions at sites.tufts.edu/canvas/training.

**Request content migration**
The Content Migration Request form is available at sites.tufts.edu/canvas/migration. Please fill out the form for each course you would like migrated. You will be notified when your material has been moved to Canvas and is ready for your review.

Frequently Asked Questions

**Why can’t I just get an exact copy of my Trunk site on Canvas?**
Trunk and Canvas are different platforms. Although they perform the same basic functions, they each have their own way of doing things, and this makes migration more complicated than simply copying a Trunk site into Canvas. For example, while Trunk relies on folders in Resources to deliver content to students, Canvas works best when content is organized into Modules or Pages. Most of this reorganization is left up to instructors so you can use Canvas in the way that makes the most sense for your course.

**Do I have to migrate all of my Trunk courses now, or can I wait to migrate a course until next semester or next year?**
Instructors will retain access to Trunk throughout the Canvas transition. However, we recommend that you migrate content for Summer 18 and Fall 18 courses as soon as possible, even if you plan to review and organize the material later. You can migrate content for Spring 19 courses when spring course sites are created on Canvas later this year.

Help and support: canvas@tufts.edu
Training schedule and project info: sites.tufts.edu/canvas