Introducing Canvas: For Students

What should I know about Canvas?
- Canvas is the learning management system at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. It is where you access all of your course websites.
- You can go to Canvas directly by visiting http://canvas.harvard.edu and logging in with your Harvard Key; or you can access your courses through my.harvard.edu. You can also set up the Canvas app on your smartphone or tablet.

What features will I be using in Canvas?
Depending on the course, you may be using Canvas for:
- Interacting with course materials such as the syllabus, readings, handouts, and video lectures
- Discussing course content online
- Submitting assignments online

What should I do first in Canvas?
- Update your profile. Click on Account → Profile to edit your global Canvas profile.
- Customize your contact information. Click on Account → Settings → Ways to Contact to enter custom emails and phone numbers for text updates. All of your courses will make use of these settings.
- Set up your notification preferences. Click on Account → Notifications to customize the frequency of updates you’ll receive to each of the above channels. Note: These settings will be applied across all of your courses.
- Sync your Canvas Calendar. Click on Calendar → Calendar Feed to get Assignment due dates and events on your personal calendar (e.g. Google Calendar, iCal, Outlook).

How can I learn more about Canvas?
For more information on using Canvas, consider the following links:
- Visit the Harvard Chan School’s Canvas page for the latest updates at http://hsph.me/canvas.

How can I get help with Canvas?
- If you need assistance with Canvas, you can always click on Help in the bottom left corner of any Canvas page for 24x7 support by chat, e-mail, or phone.
- You can also request support from the Digital Learning Team by e-mailing mets@hsph.harvard.edu.