Service Level Agreement

Service: UC Davis Canvas

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Service Details:

Description

UC Davis Canvas, the campuswide learning management system (LMS), is a linchpin of educational technology at UC Davis. Instructors use it to organize and present class materials, assign and view homework, assess submissions, provide grades, and communicate with their students. Students use it to manage their course requirements, find course materials, submit homework, assess their course progress, and communicate with instructors and classmates about course assignments and requirements. The system is flexible. Faculty can use it to supplement in-person lectures, or to manage blended/hybrid or fully online courses. Like many modern services, it is hosted in the cloud, and works comfortably on mobile devices.

UC Davis Canvas integrates with campus systems. Its log-in process recognizes (“authenticates”) faculty, students and staff by using information from UC Davis campus computing accounts, and the service imports official course and enrollment information from the campus Student Information System. Users may be assigned varying levels of permission based on their roles within each course site, such as Teacher, TA, and Student. Some users can receive administrative sub-account access so they can manage and support course sites within a department. UC Davis Canvas can also integrate with third-party apps.

Features & Benefits

Built-in tools include:

- Gradebook
- Assignment submission
- Discussion Forums
- Quizzes
- Modules
- Communication tools
- Chat room
- Syllabus

Third-party apps can be requested for integration with advance notice:

https://movetocanvas.ucdavis.edu/requesting-lti-apps/
Availability

24/7

Instructors, staff, TAs and students can access Canvas support via live chat or phone 24/7. Call the UC Davis Canvas hotline at (844) 303-8285, or (when you’re signed in to UC Davis Canvas) click on the "Help" link in the lower left corner of any Canvas page.

Agreement:

Scope

This is the Standard Service Level agreement for services provided by Information and Educational Technology (IET) to the campus. Services covered by this agreement are subject to established rates, costs, measures of performance and availability.

Terms of Reference

Terms and specific meanings used within this document are defined in the table below.

Term | Meaning
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Customer | The organization, group, or individual who is subscribing to the IET Service. Standard Services
Any IET service published within and offered to campus via the IT Service Catalog at URL link: itcatalog.ucdavis.edu
Non-standard Service | An IET service that does not have established rates/costs and must be agreed-to with Customers on a case-by-case basis. Non-standard services are not available within the IT Service Catalog.
Service Manager | The Service Manager is a role performed by a person who has overall accountability for managing a service. This includes:
- Operational management and support to deliver the benefits of the service
- Ensuring services meet the business need and are delivered in accordance with service agreement
Service Owner | A member of the IET leadership team who has oversight of IET services

Cost Recovery

IET requires costs to be paid directly by the Customer through various methods and mechanisms or they are paid centrally by the Customer. In cases where costs must be paid by the Customer, established campus rates will be used.

- Changes to established campus rates will be applied following a 30 day notice per campus policy.
- IET hourly labor rates are reviewed annually under campus rate guidelines, and may be changed during the course of the year. Customers are notified 30 days ahead of any rate changes.

As a cost recovery operation, IET will provide cost estimates but makes no guarantees on providing services at a fixed price or fixed total cost to Customers for any long-term agreements. Pursuant to UC policy, IET cannot offer any rates lower than those offered to other campus units.
IET Service Assurance

IET assures service performance, availability, capacity, and the information security of the service(s) covered in this agreement.

Information Security

IET information security management practices, policies and regulatory compliance requirements are aimed at assuring the confidentiality, integrity and availability of Customer information.

The UC Davis Cyber-safety Policy, UC Davis Security Standards Policy (PPM Section 310-22), is adopted by the campus and IET to define the responsibilities and key practices for assuring the security of UC Davis computing systems and electronic data.

Capacity

IET systems are monitored to optimize the use of resources and to control costs. Where services are hosted by external service providers (outsourced), agreements are in place to monitor capacity and performance.

Availability Exclusions (Force majeure)

A loss of availability from causes which are beyond the control of IET is excluded from the availability warranty. This includes but is not limited to, acts from natural events such as earthquakes, storms, natural flooding, and wild fires. Also excluded are police actions, interruptions due to protest events, labor disputes, war, pandemic, terrorism, riots, and/or inability to obtain energy.

Each party must provide prompt notice of service disruptions. Services will resume as soon as possible. Either party will take all reasonable steps to remove the causes of unavailability and resume services as soon as reasonably possible.

IET will provide the availability status of major services on the IET status page. The status page is located at http://status.ucdavis.edu/

Change Management

Managed campus-wide systems, applications and services may be subject to the formal IET Change Management process. Changes to services may be required by system maintenance needs, corrective actions to resolve incidents, or service improvement projects. Changes may require adherence to change management policies including formal authorizations, approvals, peer reviews, risk assessments and lead times for notifying Customers and scheduling changes.

IET notifies Customers about planned technology systems are changes that may have a risk of directly or indirectly impacting IET services.

Responsibilities Between Parties

Information and Educational Technology

Information and Educational Technology shall be responsible for ensuring that reasonable skill, care and diligence are
exercised in carrying out the services properly and efficiently in accordance with this service level agreement.

**Data and Information**

Transnational data and information supplied by the Customer or its clients are owned by the Customer. IET serves as custodian of these data and will take measures to house, backup and protect the data for the Customer, consistent with the services, and as appropriate.

**General Customer Responsibilities**

Customer agrees to use and pay for the services in accordance with the terms of this agreement and in compliance with any overarching UC Davis policies.

Customer agrees to take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with The UC Davis Cyber-safety Policy and UC Davis Security Standards Policy ([PPM Section 310-22](#)).

Customer agrees not to engage in actions or activities that circumvent, compromise, or introduce risks to the policy, standards or the controls established to ensure cyber security compliance.

Customer is responsible for costs which result from improper use of the services and which cause damage or loss to IET or its Customers.

**Cancelations**

Unless otherwise specified in the IT Service Catalog, Customers who opt-in for one or more standard services may cancel services with a 90-day notice of cancellation, in writing. Cancellation requests may be withdrawn during the period of notice by mutual consent of the Service Manager and the Customer.

A shorter cancellation period is permitted by mutual consent of the Service Manager and Customer. IET will continue to provide services until the end of the notice period or until such time as a new starting date is agreed-to.

The Customer remains responsible for obligations and any charges for the services provided until the end of the notice period or until such time as a new starting date or alternative arrangements have been agreed-to with the Service Manager.

**Escalation**

If the Customer is dissatisfied with any aspect of the services provided by IET or the Customer wishes to cancel services, the following escalation procedure will be used to reach a resolution:

**Escalating Issues and Concerns**

**Step 1:** The Customer will contact the Service Manager to discuss the issue.

**Step 2:** If the Customer is not satisfied with the resolution of the issue with the Service Manager, the Service Owner should be contacted to discuss the issue.