



January Edition:

In the Canvas Newsletter we will discuss updates or changes in Canvas, changes at the University regarding distance education, and changes in software integrations inside Canvas. All Canvas updates will be available in Canvas by the 3rd weekend of the month.

This newsletter will replace the release notes found in the help menu of Canvas, as not all the release notes affect ECSU; as well there are other updates and changes that are left out of those notes, which will be covered here.

Canvas Courses-

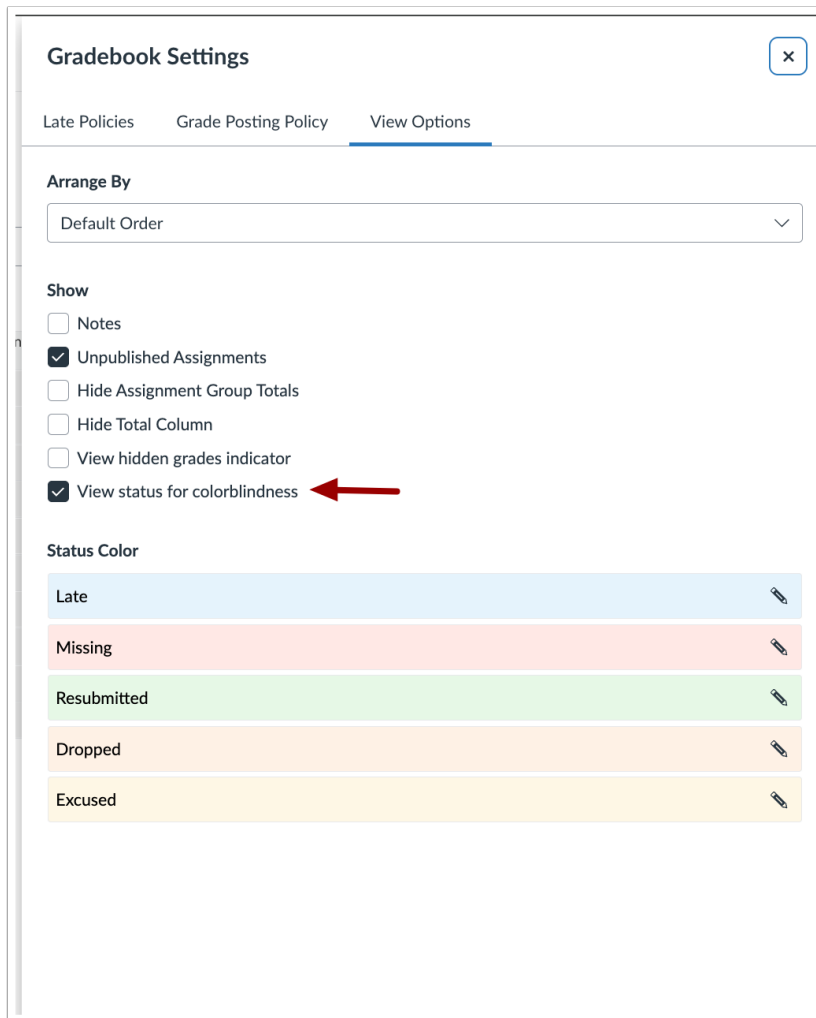
Canvas Gradebook

Gradebook Status Icons for Colorblindness (1-28-26)

A View status for colorblindness option is added to Gradebook Settings. When enabled, a symbol displays next to each status in the Gradebook to provide an additional visual indicator.

This update improves accessibility by adding icon indicators to view status colors, making statuses easier to distinguish without relying on color alone.

In the Gradebook settings, click the **View status for colorblindness** checkbox.



The screenshot shows the 'Gradebook Settings' dialog box with the 'View Options' tab selected. Under the 'Show' section, the 'View status for colorblindness' checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red arrow. Below this, the 'Status Color' section lists five status categories with corresponding color swatches and edit icons: Late (light blue), Missing (light red), Resubmitted (light green), Dropped (light orange), and Excused (light yellow).

Gradebook Settings [X]

Late Policies Grade Posting Policy **View Options**

Arrange By
Default Order [v]

Show

- Notes
- Unpublished Assignments
- Hide Assignment Group Totals
- Hide Total Column
- View hidden grades indicator
- View status for colorblindness ←

Status Color

Late	[edit]
Missing	[edit]
Resubmitted	[edit]
Dropped	[edit]
Excused	[edit]

The gradebook status icons display in the gradebook.

Gradebook ▾

Student Names

🔍 Search Students

🏠 Apply Filters

Student Name	Intro to ACR! Out of 5 MANUAL		Experiment Milestone 1 Out of 15 MANUAL
Reid Carpenter Section 1	B		F
Blossom Cruz Section 1	A	?	F
Johanna Mcneill Section 1	A	✓	Excused
Phoebe Metcalfe A Second Section! and ...	F	✓	Excused
Alex Summers Section 1	F		F
Rahul W'ardle Section 1	F	🕒	C
Katy White Section 1	-		F
Test Student A Second Section! and ...	NP	🕒	F

Discussion Checkpoints

Enables checkpoints for graded discussions. Checkpoints allow teachers to create separate due dates for the initial response and replies. The initial response and replies are then graded separately, and those grades are combined to form a final discussion grade.

Options

Anonymous Discussion ⓘ

Off: student names and profile pictures will be visible to other members of this course

Partial: students can choose to reveal their name and profile picture

Full: student names and profile pictures will be hidden

Disallow threaded replies

Participants must respond to the topic before viewing other replies

Enable podcast feed

Graded

Assign graded checkpoints ⓘ

Allow liking

This is a Group Discussion

Assignment Settings

Assign To

Everyone × Start typing to search... ▾

Reply to Topic Due Date Time Clear

Required Replies Due Date Time Clear

Available from Time Clear

Until Time Clear

+ Assign To

Canvas Integrations

Removed Apps

Echo360, Google Drive, and Examy Integration have been removed, as ECSU does not have licenses that allow their continued use.

Grammarly's integration with Canvas is now available. This allows students to evaluate their written assignments for essential correctness, clarity, engagement, and delivery quality before submitting them, giving them an opportunity to improve their work before turning it in.

Additionally, faculty can view Grammarly's writing score for each submission, which offers an initial insight into the work's readability. You can check out the video [here](#). You can also see written instructions by scrolling down to "To check how Grammarly works in Canvas, follow these steps" [in this article](#).

Announcements

Starting in term Spring 2026, all past courses will be concluded after the term ends. This helps with academic integrity. What does this mean for courses:

0. Students have view-only access to everything inside the course except quizzes/exams, which are unavailable to them. (cannot see questions or answers)
1. Instructors have view-only access to everything inside their course.
2. Instructors can still copy out content.