



6 Tips to Help Make Your Course Mobile-Friendly

Many students use their smartphones to connect with their courses. They check announcements and grades, as well as view course content and engage with course activities. Mobile-friendly design will help students to access course materials on multiple types of devices, including their phones.

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Break it Down and Keep it Short

Microlearning techniques and strategies such as chunking, short videos, and quick interactive assessments are well suited for mobile learning.

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Structure and Organize

Courses are easier to follow on mobile devices if they are well-organized and easy to navigate. Use Canvas tools such as module structure, module requirements, and the Canvas Calendar.

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Use the Tools that Phones Offer

Phones work well with videos, interactive activities, and educational apps. Tools such as a phone's camera or microphone can be leveraged for formative assessments.

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Become Aware of Potential Problems

External files and websites may cause issues so try to use Canvas pages when possible. PDFs, tables, and PowerPoint presentations may also have issues. Make sure to caption video and audio.

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Communicate

Let students know when content is not well-suited for mobile devices and offer alternatives. Consider adding assignment instructions that are specific to mobile devices.

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Try it out!

Test out how mobile-friendly your course is by accessing it in the Canvas app, or online on your phone or tablet. Try it in "student view" to get the full perspective.