

Re: Canvas Question - Course Shell Expiration?

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Hi Steve, Good questions. First off, Canvas does handle past courses a little differently than Moodle. Once a course has passed in Canvas it enters a concluded, read-only state to preserve the data and prevent further changes. The course content can be backed up and reused but those past sections of the course become archived. This is different than the Moodle archive system where the courses are stored on a separate site. Past Canvas courses will always be on the same site. You can always find them in the 'Courses' tab on your Canvas dashboard. This tab also lets you manage what courses show up on your dashboard. Here is a guide.

Along these lines, generated course shells behave differently than DEV shells that you request through this form because they are tied to Banner and will become archived once the term is over. DEV shells are not connected to Banner and will never be archived. They will also not have students in them. For this reason, you would only use the shells that are generated by Banner for actual course session where DEV shells can be used to create, manage and share course content

I hope this helps. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I've missed anything.

-Ben

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On Thu, 27 May 2021 12:02:34 -0700, Steve Taylor wrote:

Colleagues - I am preparing to import Moodle / switch to Canvas for upcoming summer classes. Question: See below for screen shot, I have some course shells that were generated for spring 2021, some courses that I requested as "development" shells through the CAI request process.

Will the "spring 2021" labeled courses be removed from my Canvas login at the end of spring term, or will they be retained in my archive as a "past" course, similar to Moodle. I haven't used any of the generated Canvas shells yet for classes (I am still using Moodle this term), so I could use the "spring 2021" labeled courses as "development shells" to import my Moodle content / transfer to Canvas... or should I just request formally request Canvas "development shells" using the CAI form tool?

https://forms.gle/ER6pkCYA4CxKRyp8

Also, I am curious what actually happens to the "spring 2021" courses at the end of the term, are they preserved in an archive accessible with my login, or are they automatically removed from my dashboard at the end of the term?

Thanks in advance for info.

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