Using NVDA With Canvas

NVDA works best in **Chrome** or **Firefox** when accessing Canvas. Be sure to have the latest version of Chrome on your computer/laptop and have NVDA turned on before going to Canvas.

Logging into Canvas

1. Open your browser.
2. Navigate to your institution's Canvas URL.
3. Use **Tab** and **Shift + Tab** to move between fields.
4. Press **Enter** to activate buttons.

Navigating Canvas Dashboard

- Press **H** to move through headings.
- Press **F** to jump to form fields.
- Press **NVDA + F7** for a complete list of links.
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Key Canvas Elements:

- **Courses List** = Heading navigation
- **To-Do List** = Region landmark
- **Announcements** = Heading + list structure

Reading Content in Canvas With NVDA

Accessing Modules

1. Open course.
2. Navigate using **H** for headings.
3. Modules are properly labeled; press **Enter** to expand.

Reading Pages

Use:

- **Up/Down Arrow** = line by line
- **NVDA + Down Arrow** = continuous reading
- **NVDA + F7** = open elements list

Reading Assignments

- NVDA reads:
- Instructions
- Attached files (if accessible)
- Due dates
- Rubrics

Tip: Use **R** to jump directly to rubric sections.

Quizzes

- Navigate questions with **H** for headings
- Use **Tab** to move through answer options
- Use **Space** to select radio buttons/checkboxes

Additional NVDA Features Helpful in Canvas

Speech Viewer

Allows visual display of spoken text.

- NVDA Menu → **Tools** → **Speech Viewer**

Browse Mode

Automatically enabled in web content.

- Use arrow keys to scroll through text.

Focus Mode

Used for form inputs.

- NVDA switches automatically
- Manually toggle with **NVDA + Space**

Official NVDA Resource

- **Harvard IT Accessibility — Getting started with NVDA (quick guide):** https://accessibility.huit.harvard.edu/nvda