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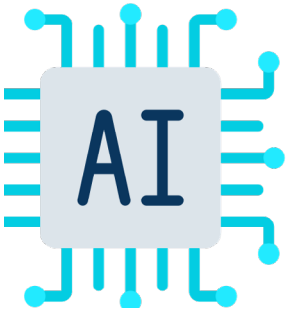
CANVAS IGNITE AI TOOLS

AVAILABILITY AND FUTURE PRICING



The full suite of Canvas Ignite AI tools is currently available to faculty at no cost. Some tools will no longer be free after June 30, 2026, with pricing details expected around April. A decision regarding continued use of these tools will be made once pricing information becomes available.

FEATURE ENABLEMENT PROCESS

Faculty can enable Ignite AI features on a per-course basis through the course settings and feature options. These tools are optional and can be activated only when instructors choose to use them.

TRANSLATION AND SEARCH CAPABILITIES

The translation tool allows faculty to translate content across multiple languages for discussions, inbox messages, and announcements. The AI search feature enables users to search within a course for specific content, such as textbook references or assignment instructions.

QUESTION AUTHORING AND DATA SOURCES

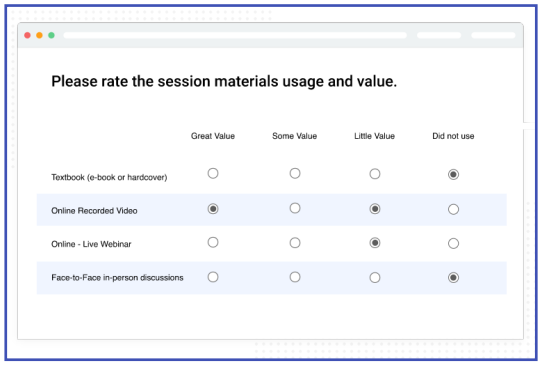
The AI question authoring tool assists faculty in creating quiz questions more efficiently. The underlying language model is trained on internet and external resources and does not use course content unless faculty explicitly enable access.

DATA PRIVACY AND KNOWLEDGE BASE

The AI tools do not access or use course content without instructor permission. Enabling search contributes to the system's overall resources while maintaining the privacy and security of course materials.

SURVEY FUNCTIONALITY IN NEW QUIZZES

Faculty can now create both graded and ungraded surveys using the survey option in New Quizzes to collect student feedback and responses. This feature supports gathering input without requiring a traditional quiz format. Discussion checkpoints remain a separate Canvas feature that allows instructors to assign points and due dates for initial posts and replies within graded discussions.



DISCUSSION CHECKPOINTS FEATURE

Canvas now offers the Discussion Checkpoints feature that allows faculty to set multiple checkpoints within a single graded discussion by assigning separate point values and due dates for the initial post and for required replies, giving students clearer expectations and helping them manage their time more effectively. When creating or editing a discussion, instructors can enable graded checkpoints, specify points for the initial post and additional replies, and set distinct due dates for each component, and students can view these checkpoints and deadlines in the Canvas interface, including calendars and todo lists.

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