Building Canvas Pages and Modules

Canvas PAGES are used for...	Canvas MODULES are used to...
Course Home/Landing Page	Add Structure to Your Course
Content Page - Information	Control/Release Access to Content
Resource Page - Links	Establish Completion Milestones

Designing a visually engaging home **PAGE** for your course can help greet your students, welcome them to the course, and provide basic information about what to expect. Your home page can also include clickable links to the **MODULES** you establish in your course. Setting a positive tone on the home page is a great way to get things started!

These resources will help you to design a great home page:

- "How to Canvas" – www.howtocanvas.com
- Canvas Course Design Examples - Canvas Course Designs (uis.edu)

Create more **PAGES** for the other content you need in your course. These can be informational pages with instructions, events, lists, outcomes, etc. You can build almost anything! **PAGES** can also contain course resources. This might include links to research & publications, web links, videos, etc. Your **PAGES** can then be added to your course modules.

MODULES are highly recommended for effective course design! When you design your course using **MODULES** (sections) and release them in a linear order, it can help students exclusively focus on the current unit of study and gain mastery of that material before moving on and expanding their knowledge.

Some ideas for applying a **MODULES** format to your course include:

1. Build one module for each CHAPTER of the textbook.
2. Build one module for each WEEK of the term.
3. Build each course content module by TOPIC - Rename each module for the various learning units within the course: e.g., "the 12 systems of the human body."

Remember, all **MODULES** do not need to be published at the start of the term. You can release each at your discretion as you move along through the course.