

Optimizing your course environment tips

Whether you're a seasoned Canvas user or just getting started, it's always helpful to see ways you can use your online learning environment even more efficiently in your profession.

That's why we've listed three tips for you.

1. Tab browsing on 'pages' - Do you have a combined course with International and Dutch students and use one Canvas page? Then it is handy to use tabs on the pages. To do this, use the HTML view when creating your page. You can find the HTML code for creating tabs [here](#).
2. Google presentations - Did you know you can easily create a web page with Google where you can share information with third parties? For example, you can publish presentations by your students and share information. This is great if, for example, you work with external stakeholders or want to share your students' work with new students. You can find the step-by-step plan [here](#). Please make sure you use your VU google account when creating the site.
3. Using Canvas in class - Our students use Canvas mostly outside of class, to turn in assignments or find information. But Canvas can also be used well during your lesson. For example, you could create an in-class assignment where students can easily read texts in a speed-grader view, allowing them to add notes and answer questions. In addition, if you turn on the text entry option, students can also, for example, make a summary of the text. Watch the video [here](#) for more information.

If you would like more information or help with any of these or other topics that can help optimize your course environment, please contact your colleague from the blended-learning team, every department has one!