

# Migrating Course Content from Chalk to Canvas

You can migrate content from your Chalk courses into Canvas. We recommend you **export course documents and tests/surveys separately**. **Rebuild other content** directly in Canvas because:

- Chalk does not export content consistently, making it difficult to find.
- Content imported into Canvas is distributed in a messy fashion that takes more time to fix than rebuild from scratch.
- Export can fail for numerous, sometime indiscernable, reasons, including if files total to more than 2GB, individual files are larger than 500MB, groups are created.
- Even if you import content, you still have to update links to files and content and make a good number of other adjustments because Chalk and Canvas organize materials differently.

## Course Files

### 1 Download Files

1. Go to your course in Chalk.
2. Click on the link under **Files** on the left navigation.

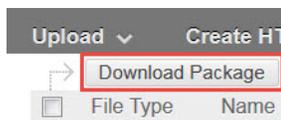


3. Scroll to the bottom of the list of files, click the **Show All** button.



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4. Select the files you want to download. And click the **Download Package** button at the top.

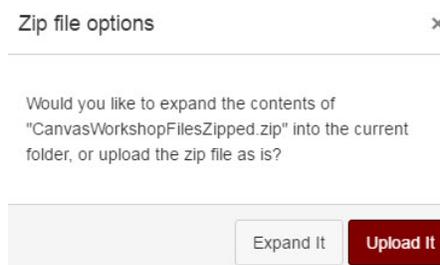


5. Download the .zip file

 Tip: Download your files in batches if they total to more than 2GB or if individual files are larger than 500MB.

### 2 Upload to Canvas

1. Go to your course in Canvas.
2. Go to **Files** on the left navigation.
3. Drop the file to the right panel or click the maroon **Upload** button at the top right to add the zip file from Chalk.
4. Choose **Expand It** for Canvas to unzip the folder.



 Tip: Library Course Reserves works the same way in Chalk and Canvas. Look for the **Library Reserves** link on the left.

### 3 Link in Modules

1. Go to **Modules** on the left navigation.

 Tip: Modules are like folders in Chalk. They contain links to materials for students.

2. Click the maroon **+Modules** button at the top right to add a topic.



3. Within a module, click the **+** sign to add an item.



 Tip: You must publish an item or module before students can view them. To publish an item, click on the grey cloud (unpublished)  to turn it green (published) .

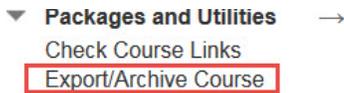
 Tip: See the "Ways to Organize Your Course" tipsheet for ideas.

# Tests, Quizzes, & Surveys

## 1 Download Tests

1. Go to your course in Chalk. If you have Groups in your course, you must **delete all your Groups**, otherwise, export/import will fail.

2. On the left navigation, under **Packages and Utilities**, click **Export/Archive Course**.



3. On the Export/Archive Course page, select **Export Package**.



4. On the Export Course page, under **Select Course Materials** section, select **Test, Surveys, and Pools**.



 **Tips:** Leave the other items unselected. Export/Import may fail if the files are too big. Or the import may become too messy.

5. Click the blue **Submit** button at the bottom of the page.



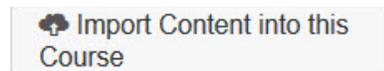
6. Look for the Green success bar at the top. You will receive an email when the file is ready for download. It may take up to 1 hour for the zip file to be ready, depending on the size of your quizzes.

## 2 Upload to Canvas

1. Go to your course in Canvas.

2. Go to **Settings** on the left navigation.

3. On the right, select **Import Content into this Course**. If your window is small, look for the button at the bottom of your screen.



4. On the Import Content page, select **Blackboard 6/7/8/9 export .zip file** as Content Type

Import Content



5. For **Source**, choose the tests export file you downloaded from Chalk.

6. Choose or create the appropriate **Default Question bank** into which you want the tests be imported into.

7. Choose the desired options under **Content** and **Options**.

8. You can observe the import status under **Current Jobs**. After the import is completed, you can locate your tests under **Quizzes**.



 **Tip:** If your import fails, try exporting again, be sure you have deleted all Groups. Live Chat or call Canvas 24/7 hotline at 844-334-6803 for help

 **Tip: What if Canvas import keeps failing?**  
If your import keeps failing, you can use **Respondus** to export/import your quizzes. Instructions at [answers.uchicago.edu/search.php?q=respondus](https://answers.uchicago.edu/search.php?q=respondus)