Accessing Library-Created Teaching Tools and Adding to Canvas

The UT Libraries offer a variety of teaching and research tools to help you navigate our collections, learn how to use specific databases, and understand concepts such as search strategies and citing sources.

Learn more about UT Libraries’ instructional resources at lib.utk.edu/instruct.

How to Access Library-Created Teaching Tools

Go to lib.utk.edu.

Research Guides

Research Guides are collections of information curated by librarians. These guides can have resources on broad topics or subject areas (e.g. Anthropology, Primary Sources) or focus on a specific topic or course (e.g. Transcultural Nursing, Civil War in Tennessee). It's common to see suggested books and e-books, journals, databases, and who to contact for more help.

- Under the Research section of the lib.utk.edu homepage, select Research Guides (https://libguides.utk.edu/)

Tutorials

Tutorials provide self-paced, ready references to navigating the Libraries’ website, specific tools, and elements of the research process. Tutorials can be used for in-person and online instruction, and they can be shared with students in advance of class to introduce them to topics. Several tutorials offer interactivity, which provides instant feedback about a concept or process.

- Under the More from Libraries section of the lib.utk.edu homepage, select Tutorials (https://libguides.utk.edu/tutorials)

Not sure where to start? Use our Chat feature to connect with a librarian.

Have an idea or need for a new research guide? Your Subject Librarian is here to help!
Adding Library-Created Teaching Tools to Canvas Course

Explore the following options to select a Research Guide or Tutorial that meets your needs. Research Guides are organized by subject area, type, and librarian. Tutorials are organized by research basics and database tutorials.

Adding Teaching Tools to a Canvas Page

Did you know you can share Research Guides, Tutorials, and other library-created teaching tools in your Canvas course to help students get easier access to library resources?

1. When you find library-created materials you want to share, copy the link in the browser bar.

2. Access Canvas at online.utk.edu. Select Log into Online@UT (Canvas), then sign in with your NetID and password. Navigate to the Canvas course in which you would like to share the library-created material. Create or select a page to share the link on.
3. You can add the link to a Canvas page by editing the page.

4. Enter some descriptive text about the link.
5. Select the text you entered, and click the **Link to URL** icon that looks like chain links.

6. Paste the link to the research guide or tutorial in the dialog box and select **Insert Link**.
7. The linked text will now be blue, indicating that it is a link. Select **Save** near the bottom of the page to save your changes.

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**Adding materials as a Module item in Canvas**

You can also add library-created materials directly to your Modules page in Canvas.

1. Navigate to the module that you’d like to add the resource and click the **Plus Sign**.
2. An **Add Item To** pop-up window will appear.

![Add Item to Module Title](image)

- **A.** Use the drop-down to select **External URL**.
- **B.** Paste the resource’s **URL** into the text box.
- **C.** Add the resource’s title in the **Page Name** field.
- **D.** Leave the **Load in a new tab** option unchecked so that students aren’t required to leave Canvas in order to access the resource.
- **E.** Click **Add Item**.

3. The resource will be added to your module; however, it will be listed as **Unpublished**. (Indicated by the fact that it is grey instead of green and the unpublished icon.)
4. To publish the item, click the unpublished icon.

Note:
If you choose to check the box **Load in new tab** in Step 2, the resources will not automatically open when users click its title. Instead, they will be taken to a new Canvas page directing them to open the link in a new window.

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