

How to Use Ally in Canvas

Overview

Ally, integrated into Canvas LMS, helps faculty create more accessible, flexible course materials. Ally automatically scans uploaded content, provides feedback, and generates alternative formats for students, saving faculty time and improving learning access for all.

How Ally Supports UDL at UNT

Ally is a key part of UNT's Universal Design for Learning (UDL) campaign, helping faculty build well-designed courses from the start. By using Ally, you're not just improving accessibility, you're aligning with UDL principles that benefit all learners. Visit the UDL Resource Hub (udl.unt.edu) on how to integrate UDL and Ally into your teaching!

Accessing the Report

1. Open your course in Canvas.
2. In the course navigation menu, select Ally Course Accessibility Report.
3. The report opens in Canvas with your overall course accessibility score.

You'll also see the Overview tab and the Content tab. The Overview tab summarizes analyzed content types (pages, images, documents, quizzes, etc.) The Content tab lists each content type with its average accessibility score.

Understanding the Report

- Course Accessibility Score shows the average accessibility of all course content:
 - Green (67–100%) – Most content is accessible.
 - Orange (34–66%) – Some improvements needed.
 - Red (0–33%) – Significant accessibility issues.

Identifying and Fixing Issues

- In the Overview tab, review Content with the Easiest Issues to Fix and Content with the Lowest Scores.
- Select the start button next to a category to open the Instructor Feedback Panel.
- Follow Ally's step-by-step guidance to correct issues, either by editing directly in Canvas or uploading a revised file.
- Ally automatically rescans and updates your course score after each fix.
- Focusing on the easiest fixes first can quickly raise your course accessibility score and reduce future remediation time.

Important: being an automated tool, it has its limits; manual verification of accessibility is highly advised. **Submit a consultation** if you have any questions.