Many instructors would like to have a Google Document show up automatically (embed) in their Canvas page.

With this technique, you will embed a Google Doc that is linked to your document in Google Drive. When you make edits to the Google Doc in Google Drive, it will automatically update in Canvas.

See the video tutorial here.

CONNECT YOUR CANVAS ACCOUNT WITH YOUR GOOGLE ACCOUNT

For best results, connect your Google Account with your Canvas account:

Go to your Canvas Account Profile by clicking on your picture and select “Settings”

Scroll down to “Web Services” and add Google Drive as a Registered Service.

HAVE YOUR DOCUMENT IN GOOGLE DRIVE

Your Western Washington University Office 365 account includes Google Drive with unlimited storage.

See more information here.

Sign in to Google using your username@wwu.edu and universal password.

Access your Google Drive through a browser and create a Google Doc. (You can use any Google account)

Set the Share properties to the Google Doc.

- With the Google Doc open, select the “Share” button to the upper right
- Set to “Everyone with link can VIEW” or whatever sharing preferences you want.
SET UP YOUR CANVAS PAGE

OPEN A NEW TAB OR WINDOW FOR YOUR CANVAS PAGE AND CONTINUE BELOW.

Step 1: In Canvas, create your Page to place the Google doc in.

Anywhere in Canvas that you have the Rich Text Editor (pictured below), you can embed a document.

![Rich Text Editor](image)

Note: You can add text, images, etc. to the Page and embed the Google doc below the content.

PASTE THE EMBED CODE INTO YOUR CANVAS PAGE, SYLLABUS, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.

Step 1: Navigate to your Canvas page.

Step 2: Click “Edit”

Step 3: When you see the Rich Text Editor, click on the “HTML Editor” link to the upper right. You will see a blank box.

![HTML Editor](image)

Step 4: Copy this is the embed code:

<iframe src="REPLACE_THIS_TEXT_WITH_THE_LINK" width="100%" height="600"></iframe>

Step 5: Paste into the Canvas HTML Editor

Step 6: Go to the Google Doc page and click “Share” button

![Share Button](image)

Step 7: Copy the share link

Step 8: Go back to the Canvas page and PASTE the share link in to the embed code, replacing the text in red. Leave the quote marks there.

Step 9: Scroll down and click “Save.” Your document will be embedded in the Canvas page.

Now, when you make changes to the Google Doc in your Google Drive, it will automatically update in Canvas!
NOTES:

- After you paste in the embed code, you can click on the link (in the same location as the “HTML Editor” link) which says, “Rich Content Editor” to go back to the normal editing mode. The embedded document will appear as a gray box.
- You can add additional text, links, etc. to the page before or after the gray box.
- You can fine-tune the size of the embedded doc by editing the HTML WIDTH and HEIGHT settings.
  - Look for the code: width="1000px" height="600px"
  - Change it accordingly. Suggest setting width="100%" – this will resize the embed to fit the browser window for the viewer.

If you are having trouble, please contact WesternOnline and we will give you a hand.

WWU, ATUS page on OneDrive: https://atus.wwu.edu/kb/introduction-onedrive-business