The Online Classroom Template provides faculty with a series of online templates assembled according to best practices in online course design and development. In addition to the structure, akin to a digital classroom that is well-organized and full of tools and guides for using those tools, the guides provided are embedded where they are most needed.

If you would like to have a semi-customized template, IDD will happily create one for you. The TEMPLATE-DEV shell can be used as a place in Canvas where you can develop your course, and once complete, you can import your course into your official teaching shell. If you want a TEMPLATE-DEV shell for any of your classes, please email IDD at Instructional.Design@unco.edu. Include your course ID, title, term, and number of weeks in the course.

ADDITIONAL GUIDES RELATED TO THE ONLINE COURSE TEMPLATE

Working with UNC's Online Classroom Template Video Guide

One key to working with the classroom template, in this first iteration, is understanding that the date-activated quick links and module lists show everything in each module when its quick link is active, and that this part of the home page cannot be edited **on the home page**. Changes made to the titles of Modules and any additions or deletions of content in an existing module, will automatically update on the home page because the quick links and module lists reflect the content in the Modules. Major changes to Modules such as additions, deletions, or reorganization of modules, will not be automatically updated on the home page. If you make major changes to Modules in the Classroom Template and your home page doesn't look right, IDD will happily re-sync your home page so that it reflects your final course module set up, and so that the quick links open according to specific dates, if you would like to use that function.

Announcements – How do I add an announcement in a course?

Announcements – How do I show recent announcements on the Course Home Page?

Syllabus – How do I use the syllabus as an instructor?

Duplicating Canvas Templates – How do I duplicate a module item? *Note: We cannot duplicate Canvas Classic Quizzes.*

GUIDES: CANVAS MODULES

What are Modules?

How do I use the Modules Index Page?

How do I lock a module?

How do I add prerequisites to a module?

How do I add requirements to a module?

How do I use modules to view the progress of students in a course?