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Website that fuels all of OU's academics plans to shut down for maintenance right before finals week.

The University of Oklahoma's main medium for student academic organization will shut down for maintenance issues, temporarily replacing it with a different hosting facility.

Canvas, an academic resource used by many schools and universities, is the main source of all academic announcements, homework assignments, and class resources. Teachers use it to be directly connected with students online as if the class runs solely based on the Canvas website.

However, after many students have reported issues with lagging and links not loading, Canvas will shut down to fix its issues and revamp the website for the students' enjoyment.

On Saturday, April 27th, Canvas will be shut down and temporarily replaced with a new hosting facility that many students have probably not seen before. The closure will last about 24 hours, with the potential of Canvas not opening back up until Monday morning.

Although the closure will not last for an extensive amount of time, many students have expressed that the maintenance is poorly timed. The weekend before dead week and finals week, many students rely on Canvas most during this time for their studies. Student leaders have expressed that this exact weekend is when most work is due, and the closure might cause more issues, then it will be fixed.

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However, the need for website maintenance is completely necessary, especially before finals week itself. The new host website will work perfectly for the necessary time, and Canvas will be back and running better than ever for the most academically-dense week of the semester.

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About Canvas

Run by the company *Instructure*, Canvas is an education-based website that hosts many schools' academic organizations. They are an education technology company with a mission to elevate student success, amplify the power of teaching, and inspire everyone to learn together. With each university containing its own Canvas website, they are responsible for over 4,000 universities' academic success. For more information, visit <https://www.instructure.com/about>.