

## Download Your Canvas Course Content

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The directions below will explain a few options allowing you to **download content from your Canvas course site**.

**Note:** If your intent is to simply copy a course from a previous semester to the current semester, the directions below are not for you. Please use these directions instead: [Import Content from Another Canvas Course](#))

1. Download as a **Common Cartridge** for use within a modern Learning Management System
2. Download a zip file of all files **OR** select files from the Files area

### Download a Common Cartridge

Download your course so that you can use it in Canvas or any other modern Learning Management System. This will maintain the course structure and tools.

**Note:** Brown specific tools (Media Library, E-Reserves/OCRA, etc.) will not be imported if you use this file with a different school.

1. Since this is an older course, it will most likely be active under **Past Enrollments** in Canvas here: <https://canvas.brown.edu/courses>
2. Now select your course.
3. In the course navigation select **Settings**, (which is at the very bottom of the course navigation)
4. After the page refreshes, look to the far right of the page and select the **Export Course Content** button

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5. You will then see the Export Type option, which defaults to **Course**
6. Press the "Create Export" button
7. You will see a progress bar and a note "The export process has started."
8. When the export has finished, you will be shown a link to download the file

The file is in a format called a **Common Cartridge**, with a file extension of **.imsc**. It cannot be viewed outside of a learning management system (LMS)

- Most modern learning management systems (LMS) will know how to use this file, but please note that going from one LMS to another will also have some changes
- If there were any specific tools that are/were Brown University created/licensed, then those will most likely not work in another LMS. Examples of these may be Panopto, Media Library, OCRA and others

## Download your course content as documents: PDF, DOC, etc.

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2. Since this is an older course, it will most likely be active under **Past Enrollments** in Canvas here: <https://canvas.brown.edu/courses>
3. Now select your course.
4. In the course navigation select Files

▼ GRMN0300 Fall11 Intern		Name ▲	Date Created	Date Modified	Modified By	Size	
▼ unfiled		 ampelmannrot.gif	Sep 23, 2011	Jul 16, 2012		3 KB	✓
		 AnkunftStuttgart_CityTuebing...	Sep 6, 2011	Jul 16, 2012		965 KB	✓
		 aufderstreckeplakat.jpg	Sep 15, 2011	Jul 16, 2012		17 KB	✓
		 Bayern.jpg	Oct 26, 2011	Jul 16, 2012		18 KB	✓

In this example, GRMN0300 is the main course folder with "unfiled" as a subfolder

Now you have a few options:

- You can select an individual file
- You can select multiple files
- You can select all files ( *by clicking on the main course folder and then hit Ctrl-A or ⌘-A* )
- You can select the main folder (GRMN0300 in this example)
- You can select a subfolder (unfiled in this example)
- When you do make a selection, you'll see a small toolbar appear above the files:
  - (from left to right, the icons mean) View, Manage Access, Download, Move, Delete



If you need further assistance with any of these actions, please contact Brown's Digital Learning and Design team: [dld@brown.edu](mailto:dld@brown.edu)