

Accessing old course sites

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Students with active PennKeys, as well as recent alumni, may continue to access concluded Penn Canvas course sites as described below. (These policies do not apply to Penn Carey Law which uses a [separate Canvas platform](#).)

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Accessing Old Course Sites

Old course sites remain available, in a read-only state, for up to five years after they began. To access them:

1. Select **Courses** in the left navigation bar.
2. Click **All Courses**. Past course sites will appear beneath **Past Enrollments**. Course sites not listed there are no longer available, possibly because the instructor closed post-course access.

Note that Class Recordings, Study.Net, library reserves, and other licensed materials typically expire shortly after the end of the course, even if the Canvas site itself remains. Your instructor may choose to close post-course access early, at a time of their choosing; after that happens, access is only possible by permission of the instructor.

While the University of Pennsylvania's current subscription to the Penn Canvas LMS platform runs through August 14, 2023, a multiple-year renewal is planned.

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Students will sometimes ask how long they retain access after they graduate. Penn will support up to 5 years of alumni access, after the end of each course, as long as the University uses Canvas. However, individual course sites will close at different times. Therefore, it is wise for students to download desired materials from Canvas as soon as possible after they graduate.

After students graduate, they will use [alumni computing services](#), many of which will continue to use their PennKey. Students should be sure to sign up for the PennKey [Recovery Service](#) so that they can easily reset their PennKey passwords after graduation.

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