

# Canvas Student Apps

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## Before You Start

You need the following to use the Canvas Student mobile app:

- An active PennKey
- A camera-equipped mobile device running iOS or Android (for the QR code feature)
- Membership in a course site on Penn Canvas

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## Canvas Apps

The mobile apps provide quick access to most parts of a Canvas course site or group sub-site, including viewing and downloading of Files as well as view-only access (no saving or downloading) for reading Study.Net Materials. They contain much of the same functionality as the full browser version of Canvas.

[Canvas Student for iOS \(Download\)](#)

[Canvas Student for Android \(Download\)](#)

Mobile Guides for iOS and Android: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-4048>

If a Canvas feature is not yet available in the mobile version, switch to a mobile browser on your device, preferably Chrome. You might also choose to [subscribe to your Calendar Feed with your preferred mobile calendar app](#).

## Authorizing this App for Penn Canvas

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Choose between two alternatives to authorize this app to work with your account and Penn Canvas user record:  
**Authorization via Login or QR code.**

### Authorization via Login

This method works anywhere you can access mobile data or Wi-Fi, provided you meet the **Before You Start** requirements above and have already installed the Canvas Student app: [Read More →](#)

### Authorization via QR Code

This quick method doesn't require typing on your mobile device, but it does require having both your camera-equipped mobile device and *another* device -- your laptop or other computer with a display screen showing Penn Canvas in a web browser. [Read More →](#)

## Using more than one Canvas Platform?

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Most, but not all, of Penn's students use the same Canvas platform. **JD/MBA students and students taking another school's courses on different Canvas platforms** may want to take advantage of multi-user login capability, which will give you a **Profile** for each Canvas platform you use. Here are instructions for multi-user logins:

- [Switch to another account in the Canvas app on an iOS device.](#)
- [Switch to another account in the Canvas app on an Android device.](#)

## Questions?

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