Workarounds for Functionality in Etudes That Are NOT Available In Canvas

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1. Assessment Grading	
a. Rich text editor for feedback in Assignments	No
b. Hide assessment scores from students based on automated date or other criteria	**Mute assessment/assignment before student submits it.**
c. Model answers for that can be released to the student in a controlled way for assignments/quizzes	The instructor can keep the "Let Students See Their Quiz Responses" unchecked until all of the students have submitted the quiz and then change this setting later. This will hide the answers and comments until the option to show responses is checked, but it won't hide the score. If the instructor wants to withhold the solutions until the assignment is closed for submissions, the instructor can "mute" the assignment during grading, and then unmute it. There's a feature request to hold general comments: https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/1709 **Main Issue: Can't selectively release feedback and grades to students**
d. Ability to edit feedback comments	A format rich commenting feature is highly desired: https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/1128 You can delete comments after they've been added. If the student submits a Word doc, you can leave comments within the submission, and the comments can be edited later, but they are still not format rich.
2. Quizzes, Tests, Surveys and Assignments	
a. Question types	
i. Wildcard answers for Fill-in-the-blank questions	No; **Update: Type in all possible spellings.** **Main Issue: Difficult to anticipate all possible (mis)spellings.**
ii. Case sensitive answers for Fill-in-the-blank questions	No – **Feature request:** https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/2213
iii. Likert scale	Tutorial for creating Likert scale questions, but only works for the survey component, not for regular quizzes: https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2923 **Main Issue: Can't add survey questions to a quiz**
iv. Multiple blanks for numeric response questions	Can use "fill in multiple blanks" question type. The main difference is that doesn't allow for an error margin. **Feature request:** **https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/2363** **Alternative: create multiple smaller questions from one large question.**

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b. Ability for instructors to jump to specific questions in a quiz rather than scrolling to each question	There is a request to number quiz questions: https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/1071
c. Some HTML tags: \<h1 align="center"\> and \<p align="center"\> don't work	Instructor has to manually go through and re-specify centering creating different tags (e.g., \<h1 style="text-align: center;"\>) in the internal Canvas doc **Update: While inconvenient, HTML tags are being replaced by HTML5, which will ultimately lead to a better user experience.**
d. Selective and timed release of special access to quizzes for students with disabilities and/or makeups; Ability for instructors to set the date/time interval for individual student to take quiz so it will automatically open	• "Moderate quiz" can be used to add additional attempts or time to one or multiple students at a time on a per assessment basis. • Selective release can be used to make an assessment available to a select group of students with different due dates and availability. • There is also a quiz extension API, but it doesn't allow users to extend time by a percentage, and it's in beta mode: https://canvas.instructure.com/doc/api/course_quiz_extensions.html
e. Ability to restrict number of submissions to one (or two, etc.) for assignments	There is no way to do this currently, but here's the thread: https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/1799 Can set up the assignment as a document submission to a quiz, and limit the quiz attempts to one attempt.
f. Ability for instructors to preview a quiz that has due/closing date prior to the actual date/time	No. **Update: Quizzes can be previewed after the due date but not after the availability date or once the course is closed. This mirrors the student experience.**
g. Ability to withhold or delay view of quiz scores	Mute quiz before student submits it to withhold score. **Main Issue: Quizzes can't be "unmuted" on a per student basis.**
h. Rich text and/or images in the matches (left side) and choices (right side) of matching questions	Workaround for matching questions that use images using the multiple dropdown question type: https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-3196 **Main Issue: Proposed workaround is tedious.**
i. Easy to see timing clock for students to view while taking tests	Canvas timer isn't very obvious. As a workaround, add a reminder to the quiz introduction that there is a timer. **Update: Feedback submitted to UI team.**
3. Early Alert	
a. Access to a dynamically generated list of students who have not logged into course site in past 7 days along with one click ability to email all of them at once	Last access date for each course participant is listed under "People". Additionally, by clicking on grades, the instructor can access the "Student Interactions Report" **Update: Admin can send bulk email or it can be automated through an API. Another option in addition to the ones discussed is to use the "Message**

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	students who..." feature in the gradebook. If an instructor has an assignment due in the first week of class, a message can easily be sent to all students who have not submitted. Here is the guide for this functionality: **https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2806**
4. Modules	
a. Bulk deletion of modules and units within Modules	Instructor can delete "Assignment" groups. A possible workaround would be creating an assignment group, dragging and dropping assignments, discussions, and quizzes that need to be deleted into the assignment group, and then deleting the whole group **Note: Important distinction should be made between modules as containers and individual components.**
b. Automated dates open ("unlock") and close ("lock") for modules and module components.	Request posted to Canvas Community for the ability to set close dates for Modules – see https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/1468 Modules or components within each module can be manually "locked" by "unpublishing" them. Instructor can set availability and non-availability for Assignments and Quizzes individually.
5. Discussion/Announcements	
a. Posting code in "preformatted" mode (for coding in computer science classes)	"Preformat" option in rich text editor works beautifully. There is also the free Github LTI that lets large blocks of code be formatted on numbered lines and color coded.
b. In lines of code that are > than the window size wrap rather than supplying a scroll bar. So code is not correctly indented/formatted. Way to force a horizontal scroll?	No; Tried adding text to a table and expanding the width of the column, but that didn't work. **Update: "Preformat" style still wraps text.**
c. Reply with "Quote" to automatically paste parts of another Discussion posting into a new post	Use threaded discussion.
d. Announcements can be saved as a draft (unpublished) and easily published when ready for student view	Announcements in Canvas are automatically published when saved. Canvas doesn't have a draft state for Announcements; however, this feature is highly desired and currently under review: https://community.canvaslms.com/ideas/1102) **Main issue: unless users delay posting announcements, students will be able to see all announcements as soon as they have access to the course.**
6. Syllabus	

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a. ability to add "Accept Syllabus" button for students that is included in student-tracking reports and can be used as Prerequisite	Can add a separate "Accept Syllabus" assessment and a requirement to the module that the quiz is completed with a score of 100% before the next module is accessed.
7. Settings and Site Setup	
a. Ability to shift dates forward or backward in bulk for the course AFTER course site imported to make adjustments and/or corrections	No; Dragging and dropping components in the calendar area might be more efficient than editing the settings in each item, but it doesn't address the desire to perform mass date adjustments. **Update: Do import over and set start date.**
b. Ability to re-order and hide course title tabs	Canvas course sites are sorted alphabetically. All courses are added, unless you favorite just some of them; in which case, the favorited courses are added alphabetically.
c. Ability to easily change the status of a user	Un-enroll and re-enroll the user with a new status