

Comparison Inspera vs Canvas

Key considerations		Inspira	Canvas Quiz / Assessment
General student experience			
Access to the exam	<p>Accessing the exam</p> <p>Need to download / test software</p>	<p>Students will sign on through Canvas with single sign on to access Inspira.</p> <p>Safe Exam browser needs to be downloaded if a student is using their own device. Noting offshore/remote students will not be using safe exam browser.</p>	<p>Students will log into Canvas and access.</p> <p>Not required.</p>
General exam question / answer upload and download	<p>Ability for student to download an editable PDF/word doc and then upload completed exam</p> <p>Ability to upload files</p> <p>Uploads will continue after exam end</p>	<p>No – Questions are loaded and completed in Inspira.</p> <p>Yes – Multiple uploads are allowed. Answers can be uploaded against a specific question.</p> <p>Yes - Uploads can continue after the exam end time as long as the upload was started before the end time.</p>	<p>Yes – Noting that some students had issues uploading in Semester 2.</p> <p>Yes one upload only – One upload is allowed so students will need to collate into one combined file before uploading.</p> <p>No - Canvas will cut off the upload and students will be required to submit late through an alternative process.</p>
Accessibility	<p>Ability to enlarge text</p> <p>Access to spell-check</p>	<p>Yes – Students able to enable this themselves.</p> <p>Yes – Spell check is an option that can be set up on any exam.</p>	<p>No - Text can be Zoomed in with Chrome.</p> <p>No - Spell-check can be enabled in Chrome or if students have Grammarly.</p>
Special conditions	<p>Additional time for individual students</p> <p>Text to speech</p> <p>Screen contrast</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
Timers and exam times	<p>Allowance for extra time for selected students</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>

	Countdown clock	Yes	Yes – In Canvas quiz only.
	Late submission window	Yes	Yes – But the layout does make this slightly confusing for students.
Exam start experience	Prescheduling of publishing	Yes - Publishing takes place automatically as per scheduled times, so a preset experience could be communicated to students.	Yes – The transfer and publishing process is done 1-2 days before to limit visibility of the exam to staff in the course.
Requirement for being online and saving	Only required to be online to access the exam and submit Exam saves automatically	Yes Yes – Every 7 seconds and will save locally if you are offline. An encrypted version can also be saved locally.	Yes Yes with Canvas quiz – Every 7 seconds and will save locally if you are offline.
Exam scripts	Access to students completed exam script	Yes - Students can log directly into their Inspira dashboard.	Yes - Students can view their exam in Canvas once graded.
Compatibility	What devices can students use	Recommended browser is Chrome. Students can BYOD or use university computer. Tablets and Chromebook (iPad or android) cannot be used as safe exam browser can only be installed on laptop.	Recommended browser is Chrome. Computer with stable Internet.
Examiners / Course coordinators experience – authoring and marking			
Preparing online option	Process for uploading exam and ease of setup Multiple exam versions e.g. onshore and offshore versions Exporting complete exam scripts Randomising questions and answers	One process if using Inspira for on-campus, offshore and online backup. Yes - Can create multiple question sets. Yes – Can download PDF if wanting to mark offline. Yes – Although randomization of questions is not recommended due to challenges in exam support.	Paper based process & canvas online process will need to be completed. Yes - If question bank is used in Quizzes. Yes but not easy - Not easy to export exam scripts from Quizzes. But it's easy to export submissions from Canvas assignments. No

		Randomising answers for multi-choice questions is an option.	
Exam security	Limited access to exams Control of changes to confirmed exams	Yes - The exam author sets up the question sets and the planner will add contributor access to the exam. Yes – Only the author can update an exam question and a planner update the exam.	Yes – Through setup of shell course can limit access and transfer to live course 1-2 days before and all staff involved in course can view and change. No – Exams are not locked so instructors can change at any time.
Managing misconduct during exam	Locking access to other online material Digital invigilation	Yes but will not be in place for offshore/online exams - Safe exam browser locks down access to any other online sites that are not pre-approved. No - Inspira Remote Exam (Digital invigilation) will not be used for summer school for any exams.	No - No native lockdown browser. No
Marking / grading	Grading tool options / shared marking Making changes to markers Auto-marking Ability to use Turnitin Grades into Canvas	Yes - Inspira grading has the ability to allocate questions to specific graders and has a dashboard to track and manage the overall cycle. Yes - Changes can be made by the exam author at any time. Yes - 24 types of questions and 15 of these can be auto marked. TBC – Inspira has an option to link to Turnitin which is being reviewed and tested by the team. Yes – The planner will import the grades and in future this will be imported automatically.	Yes - Can use speed grader or rubric grading by question for multiple markers. Yes some - Multi-choice can be auto-marked. Yes Canvas Assignment - Turnitin can be enabled for assignments but not for quiz. N/A
Monitoring function	Ability to monitor student test status e.g. online/offline/submitted	Yes	Yes for canvas quiz only

	Announcements	Yes – Messages to group or individuals are available and will pop onto the students screen in the context of the exam.	Limited – Announcements are only at course level and do not pop up on the students screen.
Support of specific exam types			
Text based exams	<p>Ability to format text and easily make changes to text answers</p> <p>Options for viewing supporting text / questions e.g. download / split screen</p> <p>Text box auto-expanding</p> <p>Word limits</p> <p>Ability to highlight text in the question</p>	<p>Yes - Some toolbar options available and students could complete in word and paste if this is a preference.</p> <p>Yes - Can download but a split screen is recommended for student experience. There are options of on top or beside and the ability to resize.</p> <p>Yes - Default size will be set and the text box will auto-expand as student types.</p> <p>Yes - Can set hard word count limits for a question which cannot be exceeded. Students will see their word count.</p> <p>Yes – This is a feature the author can set up.</p>	<p>Yes - Text can be formatted in Rich Content Editor (RCE). Or students have the option to complete and paste from word.</p> <p>Yes - Downloadable PDF can be added to RCE.</p> <p>Yes Canvas quiz – Text box will expand.</p> <p>No word limit – A word limit warning can be provided but students can still exceed this.</p> <p>No - No highlighting available.</p>
Foreign language exams	Ability to use foreign language keyboard	Yes – This can be used but safe exam browser could not be enabled.	Yes
Computer science exams	<p>Ability to write code</p> <p>Ability to incorporate code-runner into the exam</p>	<p>Yes - There is a question type that will allow answers in a number of programming languages.</p> <p>TBC</p>	
Complex answers e.g. drawing, formulas	Ability to upload drawn answers	Yes – Inspira offers the benefit of multiple file uploads and uploading a file against a specific question.	Yes - By uploading a scanned PDF.
Audio options	Options for exams with listening sections	Yes	Yes - Audio files can be added to RCE.