#### ▶ Requirements

- 1. Your @my.smccd.edu email address
- 2. Internet Browser (IE, Chrome, Firefox, Edge)
- 3. Acrobat Reader. Download
- Word processor or you can use Google Drive for free.
- 5. Be registered in the class in <a href="https://websmart.smccd.edu">https://websmart.smccd.edu</a>

### ▶ Log Into **SMCCD Canvas** for 1st time

- Open an Internet browser window. Go to: http://smccd.instructure.com/
- Log in using your @my.smccd.edu email username. Do not include the @my.smccd.edu.
- 3. Your randomly-generated temporary password has been emailed to you. It is different from your email password.
- 4. You can change your password at any time via the 'Forgot your password?' link on the login page.

### **▶** Courses

The first page you see when you log into Canvas is your Dashboard, which is a list of the courses you're enrolled in that have active Canvas pages. Click on the box that corresponds to a course that you wish to access.

#### ► Edit Profile

Under "Account," select "Profile," then "Edit profile"

**Biography** - fill out information that you would like to appear next to your profile.

**Profile Picture** – Hover over the profile picture icon, then click the pencil. Upload a picture of yourself, or take one using your computer. Click **Save Profile**.

# ► Change Settings

Under "Account" select "Settings"
Email addresses – Your my.smccd.edu is already set and can't be changed. But you can add other email addresses, if you wish.

## ► Navigate Courses

- The left-most side menu is the Canvas Menu.
   To access your courses, click on Courses.
- Clicking on a link will open a new internal page for the course, with its own left-hand side menu. As you begin reading, if you find that you need adaptive technologies (text reader, zoom text, voice recognition, etc.) please contact the DSPS office.
- For course navigation, you can scroll down the main page, or click on the course left-side menu bar.
- For site navigation, use the links on left-most side menu:

Account / Dashboard / Courses / Calendar / Inbox

### ▶ Upload Assignments

- 1. Select the link of the assignment to which you will be submitting.
- To upload a file:
   Make sure you have named your file properly before uploading it. (See next section.)
   Browse to the location of the file on your desktop and click the "Upload a File" button.
- 3. Your instructor will reply within a given period of time set in the course syllabus.

#### ► Inbox

In the Canvas left-hand menu, click on Inbox to see all messages sent to you, or to send a message to a student in your class or to your instructor(s).

# ▶ Prepare Documents – File Naming

- Never use spaces in the file name. Use a dash – or an underscore —.
- Don't use special characters in the filename.
   (e.g. \* ^ . , \$ % # / ] } " ' )
- Do not use > 15 characters in name a file.
- Include a dot and a three letter extension to designate the file type. (e.g. .doc .rtf .pdf .ppt .xls .html)

**Correct**: report\_jones.doc

Incorrect: report.jones.doc (no periods!)
Incorrect: report-jones (missing extension)

### ► Participate in a Discussion

- Select the **Discussion** link on the course lefthand menu and select a discussion link. If you wish to reply, click the **Reply** link at the bottom of the post.
- 2. Use the text box to enter your message. Formatting tools can be found above the message box to add colors and links.
- 3. Decide if you want email copies of posts to the forum by clicking "Subscribe"
- 4. Click **Post reply** to submit your message to the forum. Use the Edit button if you wish to correct something in your message.
- 5. To block forum email, click the green "Subscribe" button in forum.

## ► Help

In the Canvas left-hand menu, click on Help at the bottom-left of the page. You can either email your instructor, or contact Canvas Support directly.

### ▶ Canvas Mobile App

Look for the Canvas LMS App in the iTunes Store or Google Play Store. When searching for the college, type in *San Mateo Community College*, not your specific college.