Software/platforms available for CC online and hybrid courses

Canvas: Canvas is the learning management system in use at Colorado College. It contains a variety of applications, including most of the ones listed below. Canvas can be used for grading, asynchronous online discussions, group work, assignment submission, including media-based assignments (e.g., the submission of video or audio recordings), and for storing readings and other resources. For questions about using Canvas or to get an overview of Canvas functionality, please contact Jennifer Golightly at 719-389-6671 or jgolightly@coloradocollege.edu, or search the Canvas Guides by clicking the ? button at the bottom of the banner on the left side of any page in Canvas. You may also contact Canvas Support 24/7 by clicking the ? button.

Zoom: Zoom is a synchronous web conferencing tool. Zoom allows you to schedule a real-time meeting for your class and includes functionality such as breakout rooms for small-group discussions as well as interactive whiteboards. You can record Zoom meetings for students who are unable to attend, and Zoom is one option you can use to record short video lectures for your class to watch. Zoom is fully licensed at Colorado College, and it is integrated into Canvas. If you would like to use Zoom for your class and need help getting set up, please contact the ITS Solutions Center at 719-389-6449 or its@coloradocollege.edu.

Webex: Webex, like Zoom, is a synchronous web conferencing tool. Webex also allows you to schedule real-time meetings for your class and includes breakout room and interactive whiteboard functionality. You can also record Webex meetings to share with students later, and Webex is another option you can use to record short video lectures for your class. Everyone at Colorado College already has a Webex account, but Webex is not currently integrated into Canvas. If you would like to use Webex for your class and need help getting set up, please contact the ITS Solutions Center at 719-389-6449 or its@coloradocollege.edu.

Hypothes.is: Hypothes.is is an open-source social annotation tool. It allows students to read and annotate PDFs or webpages and see each other’s annotations. Hypothes.is is licensed at Colorado College, and it is already integrated into Canvas. *Please do not go to the Apps center in your Canvas course and try to add Hypothes.is because doing so will break the campus-level integration.* If you would like to use Hypothes.is for your class and need help getting it set up in your class, please contact Hypothesis Support at support@hypothes.is. You may find more information about how Hypothes.is works here: https://web.hypothes.is/#features

VoiceThread: VoiceThread is an interactive, video-based discussion tool. VoiceThread is licensed at CC and is fully integrated into Canvas, so to add it to your course, go to a module you’ve created or to assignments and add VoiceThread as an external tool. Contact Jennifer Golightly with questions.
Flipgrid: Flipgrid is an interactive, video-based discussion tool that is completely free for educators. There is currently no Canvas integration, but you can add Flipgrid to your Canvas courses by adding an external URL to one of your course modules and instructing students to access your class’s Flipgrid there. You will be required to create an account and a Flipgrid for your class, and students will access your Flipgrid with a code that you provide to them. For more information and to watch a demo, go to https://info.flipgrid.com/.

GoBoard: GoBoard is an interactive whiteboard tool with LaTeX functionality for writing formulas (though it can be used for any kind of collaborative whiteboard activity, even ones that don’t require formulas) and is completely free to use. Colorado College already has an institutional license for GoBoard, and it is integrated into your Canvas courses for you to use. You’ll find a GoBoard button in your course navigation menu, and if you click it, you’ll see an option to create a new GoBoard.

DLA Tools: If you’re interested in exploring tools for Digital Liberal Arts projects, please visit this link: https://sites.coloradocollege.edu/dlaatcc/resources/