Instructor Quick Start Guide

Integrating MindLinks with Instructure Canvas

Instructure Canvas

Cengage Learning’s MindLinks provides seamless, powerful integration with your institution’s Learning Management System, enabling instructors to add MindLinks content to their courses, eliminating multiple logins for students.

Follow the procedures outlined in this document to configure your site to use MindLinks and to test connectivity to Cengage Learning.
Instructor Email

Refer to the email message you received for the MindLink Course URL information this document references.

IMPORTANT: Save the email from Cengage Learning to reference later.

Add a Cengage Link to a Course

To add the MindLinks course URL supplied in the email from Cengage Learning to your Instructure Canvas course, complete the following steps:

Step 1: Click Modules (on the left navigation bar.)
Step 2: **Select** or **Create a Module** where you would like the Cengage Learning link Added.

Step 3: Click the **Add item to module** link.

Step 4: Select **External Tool** from the **Add** drop-down list of possible.

Step 5: Select the **Cengage Learning** from the list of tool providers.

Step 6: Paste the **Course URL** (from email) into the **URL:** field.

Step 7: Enter **Your Desired Module Name** in the **Page Name** field.
Step 8: Place a checkmark in the box “Load this tool in a new tab”.

Step 9: Click the Add Item button.

Step 10: Click the newly created [Name Here] link displayed on the item list to test access.

Deep Link to a Cengage Link using Content Selector (Optional)

You can obtain additional links into the course to provide student access into specific MindTap locations. Examples: Learning Unit, Learning Activity.

To access the Content Selector, Add a link to the second URL located in the instructor email into the LMS using the same instructions outlined in Add a Cengage Link to a Course.
Once you add the link to the LMS, you can open the Content Selector and navigate through the learning objects to locate items that can be deep linked.

- Step 1: **Open** the Learning Tool added as an instructor.

- Step 2: **Select Desired Content Objects** by placing a check in the respective box.
  - To expand the objects, click the horizontal triangle to the left of the respective titles

- Step 3: Once all Selections have been made, click either of the **Confirm Selection** buttons (at the bottom or top of the Select Content list)

- Step 4: **Review the List.** Once you confirm your selections, click the Text File link.
  - If you need to modify items from list, press the Cancel button to return to the Select Content view.

- Step 5: Save and open the text file.

- Step 6: Paste each of the URLs into the LMS as individual Learning Tool Links using the instructions outlined above in the **Add a Cengage Link to a Course** section.