Two ways to embed and display PDFs (and other files) in Canvas

**Embed Files**

You can embed and display most files once you upload them into your course files. Here is one way:

1. Go to Modules and add a Module, if you don’t already have one. Once you have a module, you can add many different kinds of documents to your module.

2. Click on the “+” sign at the top right corner of your module and select Add “File.”

3. Select any file you already have in your course files, or browse and upload a new file. Then click “Add Item.”

In the module view, you will now see the name of your file and a small cloud with a download arrow icon at the left of the file name. When you click on the file link, you will see your file displayed (see image at right).
Embed Files on a Content Page
Another way to do this is to embed and display a file on a Content Page.

If you create a content page first, then you have a lot more flexibility because you can provide context for the file you want students to view and/or download. To do this go back to Modules and do the same thing you did above:

1. Click on the “+” sign at the top right of your module, but this time, add a “Content Page.”
2. Select [New Page], give the page a title and then add the item. In this example, the title is “Embed File in Content Page.”
3. This time, when you open your new content page, you will click the “Edit” button at the top right so that you can edit this page.

Now that you are editing the content page, there are many things you can do, and one of them is to “Insert Content into the Page,” including links, images, and files:

1. Click on the “Files” tab on the right side of your page.
2. Open your Course Files, and select the same file you added to the module earlier. When you do this, the file name will appear in the content area of the page and the link will momentarily turn gold.

3. **Before you do anything else**, place your cursor right in the middle of the file name text and select the Link to URL icon in Rich Text Editor (not the broken link icon). When you do this, you will get a dialogue box that allows you to update the link.
4. Select “Auto-open the inline preview for this link” and then Update Link.

5. Remember to scroll to the bottom of this content page and Save.

Now you will have an embedded preview of your file on a page, and you can add other elements to the same page with the preview.