Clickers

PRS (Personal Response Systems)

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What is a Clicker?

Clickers, also sometimes referred to as Student Response Systems (SRS) or Personal Response Systems (PRS), are a technology that allows Emory faculty to gain immediate feedback from students during class. Polling students is especially useful in large classrooms where the traditional raising-of-hands is impractical. Electronic polling also allows all students to have an equal voice in classroom activities.

The system is comprised of a handheld transmitter (often called a "clicker"), and a single USB receiver connected by the instructor to a laptop or to a dedicated classroom computer. Instructors must first create polling questions using PowerPoint and the clicker system software. The response system may also be used to engage students with questions on digital content that lives outside of PowerPoint.

During class sessions, students respond to the questions using their handheld clickers. The results are automatically tabulated and displayed on the instructor's computer (and projection screen if desired). Many faculty have found clicker technology to be an enriching part of the classroom experience, adding to the level of engagement with the content and making large lectures more interesting for everyone.

How Do I Get Started Using Clickers at Emory?

Training: Classroom Technology Services can help you determine whether or not clicker technology will be a viable tool in your classroom. Contact Class Tech at 404 727 6853 to schedule a consultation.

For information on how Turning Technologies clicker system works, go to their online tutorials. http://www.turningtechnologies.com/tutorials Instructor Kits can be ordered here. http://www.turningtechnologies.com/instructorkit By ordering the Instructor Kit, you will have everything you need to get started, and a Turning Technologies representative will contact you to assist with any questions you may have.

Support: Turning Technologies technical support can be emailed at: http://www.turningtechnologies.com/technical-support/contact-technical-support or you can call them at 866 746 3015.

The data you collect from Turning Technologies clickers can easily be integrated into Blackboard. http://it.emory.edu/blackboard/faculty/tools/clickers.html

Purchasing: Turning Technologies http://www.turningtechnologies.com/ is the clicker vendor currently used within Emory College, the School of Medicine, and School of Nursing. Students purchase PRS clickers at the Emory University Bookstore for around $50. The Bookstore will work with Faculty to ensure the proper number of student clickers will be available at the beginning of each semester. Contact the Emory University Bookstore by phone at 727-7124.

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