Classroom Technology:
TurningPoint Audience Response System

Description

The *TurningPoint Audience Response System* (ARS) has been adopted as the UMMS standard *polling system*, allowing audience members to respond to questions put to the audience by the presenter. *TurningPoint* ARS integrates 100% into Microsoft® PowerPoint® and allows audiences and students to participate in presentations or lectures by submitting responses to interactive questions using a ResponseCard™ keypad, commonly referred to as a "clicker".

General Strengths & Weaknesses

UMMS users report that anonymous, quick assessment of audience understanding and or knowledge of a lecture topic is the audience response system's greatest *strength*. Others use the device to force "…*real interactive, case-based problem solving*…" Most report high student/audience engagement when the ARS is used.

In addition to the concern that frequent use will cause polling to become "*mundane*" or "*gimmicky*", UMMS users report a relatively high time commitment and learning curve for creating and then embedding a variety of effective question formats

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UMMS Information Services Support

TurningPoint polling can be used anywhere there is a computer station. Borrow a mobile set-up via *Media Services* to teach in rooms other than those listed below, each of which has a complete set-up installed. Contact the help desk to have the software installed on your laptop computer.

S2 - 102, Amphitheater I (Channel 21)
S4 - 102, Amphitheater II (Channel 42)
S6 - 102, Amphitheater III (Channel 63)
S1 - 607, Lazare Auditorium (Channel 71)
S1 - 608 Hiatt Auditorium (Channel 81)

How-To *TurningPoint* Pages *from UMMS IS helpsheet:*

Hardware & Software Set-Up
Creating an Interactive Slide
Preparing to Poll the Audience
Changing the Receiver Channel
Selecting the Correct Channel
Channel Selection Video
Checking Device Communication
Creating a Question List: *TurningPoint Anywhere 2.0*
(Polling without PowerPoint)
Conducting a Poll: *TurningPoint Anywhere 2.0*
(Polling without PowerPoint)
Running Reports

For more information:

- *Contact the UMMS HelpDesk*
- UMMS Academic Computing
- Manufacturer web site