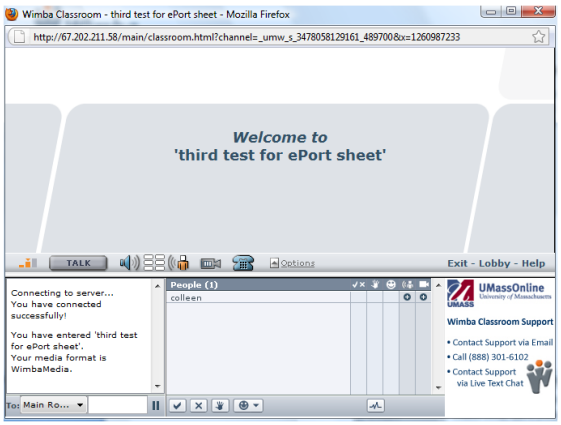
Conferencing: *Wimba Classroom*

Description

Wimba Classroom *is a real-time virtual classroom and meeting environment* that allows instructors to personalize their courses with live, online classes, office hours, guest lectures, and webcasts. *Wimba Classroom* allows faculty and students to build relationships by combining interactive technologies such as voice, video, application sharing, polling, and whiteboard, with traditional best practices of instruction.



Strengths & Weaknesses

One UMMS user reports the consensus:

"…have used, successfully, …Wimba for web-based video conferencing between UNIV campus and another hospital setting in another part of the state. Pro: UMassOnline resource with better tech support. Con: Wimba is part of Blackboard – archives of sessions not easy to access after the course closes."

Peer Resources

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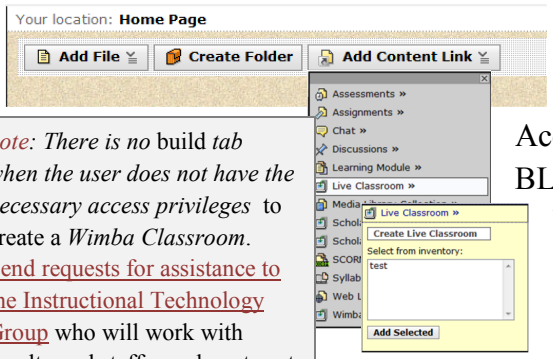
UMMS Information Services Support

Very brief instructions for access:



note: There is no build *tab when the user does not have the necessary access privileges* to create a *Wimba Classroom*. Send requests for assistance to the Instructional Technology Group who will work with faculty and staff members to set up a *Wimba Classroom* within a course and/or outside of the curriculum.

At *UMMS, the Wimba Classroom "lives" in BLS Vista/WebCT*.

Access the Wimba Classroom via the *Build* tab in your BLS Vista/WebCT course; click the *Add Content Link* button. Select *Live Classroom.* Click *create live classroom.* Give your meeting/classroom a *title*; click *continue.* Select *create new room;* click *continue.* Determine and select *Room Features;* click *save.*

Access your Wimba classroom via the *Teach* or *Student View* tab in BLS Vista/WebCT.

Reminder: The UMMS user must contact the Worcester Support HelpDesk to verify username and password information before logging on to BLS. All BLS Vista features are registration-based; all privileged use (i.e., teacher & builder) requires UMMS training.

Technical assistance for Vista is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Send email to Worcester Support,
- Call 1-888-301-6102 (UMassOnline HelpDesk)

Assistance for **Vista Instructors and Designers:**
UMMS Instructional Technology's Vista web site.

Register for the next UMMS *training*.

UMassOnline Login web page

Contact the UMMS HelpDesk

For more information:

- UMMS IS Wimba v Adobe Connect Meeting
- UMMS IS instructions
- Wimba (vendor) training website
- Contact UMassOnline Worcester Support

Contact the UMMS HelpDesk