

Greetings!

Starting during the second Lecture we will be using Turning Technologies ResponseWare software, sometimes referred to as “clickers”.

Most of the time, these instances will be ungraded group exercises related to the topic of the day. At least once a week, these will be graded Quizzes, to be answered individually. The graded Quizzes will typically be one question, and you will usually be given 5 minutes. In my (Tim Pilachowski's) classes, these Quizzes will be counted as part of your final grade for Math 141. I will always announce whether a ResponseWare question is ungraded or graded.

Please note: We will not be using physical clickers in Math 141, only the TurningPoint ResponseWare software.

This process will require you to set up a Turning Technologies account (if you do not already have one), and then you will need to have the ResponseWare software loaded onto a smartphone, pad, tablet or laptop that you have with you in each Lecture. (If you have access to more than one type of device, you can load the software on all of them, but only need to have one of them with you in Lecture.) Your Turning Technologies account should be created from within ELMS/Canvas.

I did a search in the App Store on my smartphone and easily found the ResponseWare app. I also did a search on my laptop and was quickly directed to the Turning Technologies ResponseWare page.

The software is free to download. In addition, according to the UM Division of Information Technology website, “Turning account subscriptions are underwritten by funds from the University of Maryland student technology fee and students will no longer need to purchase a subscription.” (This is a change from past semesters when you needed to purchase a license.) “Students initiate the creation of a TurningPoint account from within the ELMS course space in which clickers will be used. Turning Technologies adds the subscription automatically during the account creation.”

For each Quiz, I will provide you with a Session ID that will allow you to enter the polling session on your device. You can download and use the free ResponseWare app, or you can log in to the session using any web browser by logging into your Turning Account and selecting “Join a Session,” and entering the Session ID.

You can get information from the UMCP Information Technology Office by following these links: <https://it.umd.edu/> > FIND SERVICES > Teaching and Learning > Classroom Response System “See the “Here is How” tab for TurningPoint information related to student and instructor uses of the technology.” One of the following three files from the “Here is How” page will be important to you:

How to Register a Turning Point Account for New Students

How to Register a Turning Point Account for Students with a Current Subscription

How to Register a Turning Point Account for Students with Expired Subscriptions

If you follow the instructions correctly, your Turning Technologies account will be automatically linked with the course ELMS/Canvas page.

Please submit Clicker Account questions to support@turningtechnologies.com. The IT desks in Stamp Student Union and McKeldin Library should be able to assist you with ResponseWare software and technical questions, as well what needs to be done to register and link it.