**TurningPoint**

## What Is It?

The TurningPoint system, commonly known as "Clickers" on campus, is an audience response system (ARS) supported by Technology. Clickers are a way to interact with your students during class lectures using a series of questions/polls. These questions are built directly into your Powerpoint presentation and student responses are graphically presented on your slide, then tracked by the system to improve teaching and learning.

# TurningPoint

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
Clicker questions are often used for large classes to gain instant feedback from students regarding retention and understanding of material and in peer learning with "muddiest point" questions. For smaller classes, clickers are great for debating sensitive topics, allowing students to respond anonymously.

**Online Training**
A variety of online training is available for TurningPoint at **bit.ly/SimmonsTechGuides** (search for TurningPoint). Additionally, you can find video training at the TurningPoint website: **bit.ly/TurningTech-Support.**

**Additional Help**
The TurningPoint software is free and students can purchase clickers at the Simmons College bookstore or online. All Simmons public computers have TurningPoint installed.

You can request software installation on your work computer here:

**bit.ly/tech-get-support.**

Free teacher packs and training are available from Technology at 617-521-2222.

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## What Is It?

Simmons Moodle is Simmons College's Learning Management System (LMS).
All courses in the Simmons course catalog have a corresponding Moodle course space where instructors can locate digital course content, discussion forums, quizzes, videos, interactive lessons, online library course reserves, and even a gradebook. Faculty can use advanced features in Moodle like the Personal Learning Designer and Student Reports to track student progress and interact with their class.

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# Simmons Moodle

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
Simmons Moodle is cloud-based and can be used on any modern web browser from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection. It is mobile device-friendly and a great resource for enhancing or delivering course content.

**Online Training**
Simmons' Lynda.com site has a wonderful course where faculty & students can learn more about Moodle Joule. You can access this course here: **bit.ly/Lynda-MoodleTraining**

We also have searchable guides and videos at the Service Desk website. Enter any Moodle function or activity into the search field at **bit.ly/Simmons-MoodleGuides** to find guides and videos from our own installation of Moodle.

**Additional Help**
You can contact Moodle support by filling out this handy form: **bit.ly/Moodle-Support-Form** or by e-mailing us at **moodle@simmons.edu.**

turnitin®

## What Is It?

Turnitin is a multifunctional educational tool that can assist with improving student writing by providing detailed feedback for students via the draft submission option. Additionally, the software is used as an anti-plagiarism tool providing an originality check of student submissions for faculty review.

# Turnitin

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
This cloud-based tool is integrated with Moodle to provide a seamless experience for you and your students. It is best used to develop student writing, research, and citation practices.

Additionally, Turnitin has advanced feedback features. You can create your own frequently used comments that save to the system, along with writing comments on the fly. You can even leave voice feedback for students to give quick one-on-one attention because sometimes saying it is easier than writing it out.

**Online Training**
You can learn more about Turnitin here:
**http://turnitin.com/en_us/training/instructor-training**

**Additional Help**
You can submit a request for support here:
**bit.ly/tech-get-support**

or search for guides here:
**bit.ly/SimmonsTechGuides**

# lynda.com

## What Is It?

Simmons Technology has partnered with Lynda.com to provide our faculty, staff and students 24/7 access to online software training. Available for free to faculty, staff, and enrolled students, Lynda.com offers an extraordinary breadth of training modules from Microsoft Office to the Adobe Design Suite and everything in between.

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# lynda.com

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
Lynda.com is a great resource for when you are looking to add new software and skills to your professional toolbox. It can also be a great teaching resource for your students in and out of the classroom.

**Students**
- Take tutorials to supplement coursework
- Learn techniques for your own interests
- Build tech skills to for your resume

**Faculty**
- Assign tutorials for project or course work
- Provide tutorials in class
- Incorporate lynda.com modules into your syllabi

**Online Training**
For information on logging in to Lynda.com through Simmons' license checkout the Service Desk article here: **bit.ly/Log-into-Lynda**

**Additional Help**
If you have trouble logging-in, viewing videos, or access course files please contact the Simmons Service Desk at x2222 or the online form here: **bit.ly/tech-get-support.**

If you so choose lynda.com has a variety of free support options available here: **http://www.lynda.com/support.**

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## What Is It?

GoToMeeting is a unified phone and web conferencing solution that is available to Simmons College faculty and staff. GoToMeeting provides a simple way to meet with colleagues and students from almost anywhere, and, best of all, you can access GoToMeeting using your Simmons email address. Only the meeting host will need a GoToMeeting account; guests can access meetings without having to create an account.

# GoToMeeting

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
You can use GoToMeeting to host dynamic conference calls, presentations, and lectures for up to 25 participants using built-in chat, webcam sharing, desktop sharing, and more. It is a great way to host small synchronous sessions with your class or committee or offer standing office hours.

**Online Training**
You can find online guides on using Go To Meeting at **bit.ly/Simmons-GoToMeeting**.

GoToMeeting also provides a comprehensive set of support articles and videos (**bit.ly/Citrix-Support**) that you can access at any time, as well as moderated webinars that will walk you through all of the available features.

**Additional Help**
Please contact the Simmons Service Desk at x2222 or the online form here: **bit.ly/tech-get-support** for help with Go To Meeting.

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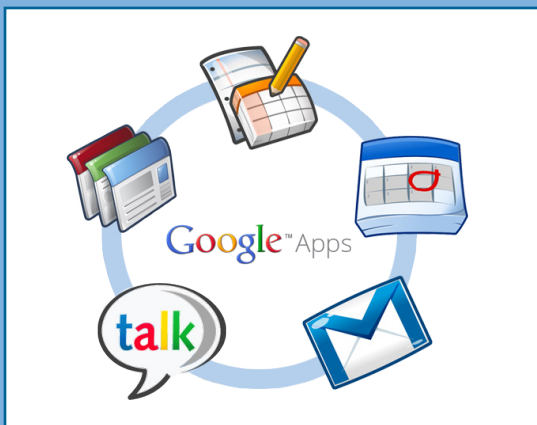
## What Is It?

Simmons College has partnered with Google to provide our community with powerful email, calendaring, and document-sharing tools and services. Along with these essential services Google Apps for Education also includes Groups, Sites, YouTube, and Blogger among others.

# Google Apps for Education

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
Google Apps for Education contains great collaborative tools for you and your students to work together more effectively. The mail and calendaring systems allow you to organize your work in the cloud that you take and access anywhere you have an Internet connection. Google Drive allows you to create collaborative working documents with multiple users simultaneously.

**Online Training**
You can find online training for all of the Google Apps for Education directly from Google at **bit.ly/ GoogleAppsEdu-Training**

**Additional Help**
If you need immediate assistance with your Google Apps account, please contact us at 617-521-2222 or **bit.ly/tech-get-support**.

## What Is It?

Simmons College has partnered with McGraw Hill to provide our community with Tegrity Campus, a fully automated 'content capture' solution used in traditional, hybrid, "flipped" and online courses to record lesson, lectures, and skills. Its personalized learning features make study time incredibly efficient and its ability to affordably scale brings this benefit to every student on campus.

# Tegrity

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
Faculty can add Tegrity videos to their Moodle courses, creating an interactive video component to their online course content. Students can provide feedback to instructors by marking questions during the recorded video that faculty can then review to address problem areas. Tegrity is integrated with Moodle and can be used anywhere you have stable Internet access.

**Online Training**
You can find online guides and videos at:
**help.tegrity.com/**

**Additional Help**
Help for Instructors: **bit.ly/Tegrity-Instructor**

Help for Students: **bit.ly/Tegrity-Student**

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## What Is It?

Qualtrics is a web-based **survey** tool that allows users to create and distribute online surveys to gather information, and perform data analysis, in support of academic and organizational goals at Simmons. It is widely used by research and higher education institutions.

# Qualtrics

**Where/When Can I Use It?**
As a member of the community, your Simmons network log-in will enable you to access Qualtrics. You do not need to request access. Qualtrics is accessed at: **simmons.qualtrics.com**

**What are some of the guidelines for administering surveys using Qualtrics?**
The following are critical considerations for anyone administering a survey:

- Please be sure to check the Institutional Survey Calendar before distributing your survey to avoid blackout dates established to avoid survey overlap and maximize user participation with all surveys which benefits everyone. The calendar includes a listing of blackout dates to be avoided and is maintained by the Office of Institutional Research.
- Qualtrics may only be used for research associated with Simmons College and is not for personal use.
- Refer to the Sensitive Data Policy, to ensure compliance State and Federal (FERPA) laws on handling data.
- Consult the Institutional Review Board Office to determine whether your research must be reviewed and approved by the IRB.

**Online Training**
Qualtrics has a set of free online tutorials and "how-to" guides on creating a survey using their software on the Qualtrics University website: **bit.ly/simmonsqualtrics**.