What is TurningPoint?

TurningPoint software allows instructors to insert polling questions with a native PowerPoint integration, ask interactive questions on-the-fly and deliver self-paced assessments with ease. In addition, TurningPoint seamlessly integrates with Blackboard, allowing instructors to save valuable time uploading student information, results and other real-time polling data.

Getting Started

If you plan to use TurningPoint in your classroom, contact the Learning and Applied Innovation (LAI) team before the start of the semester. When you contact us, request a free instructor's kit containing a TurningPoint USB storage/receiver, the software, important information, and training and support from LAI staff.

NDSU Bookstore

Contact the NDSU Bookstore to make them aware students in your course require a Turning Technologies clicker.

Advise your students to purchase a clicker from the NDSU Bookstore. Students can find information about registering their clickers at Student Resources.

Creating a TurningPoint Account in Blackboard

You must create a TurningPoint account in Blackboard before you are able to use it in the classroom. With a TurningPoint account, instructors can login to the application to start polls, manage session data, and view student responses.

Steps to create your TurningPoint account:

Login to Blackboard with NDUS credentials and passphrase

Enter any course

Click Tools > Turning Account Registration - NDSU

At the InCommon Login Page for Turning Account, you will need to enter your NDSU credentials (What
you use to log into NDSU computers)

Select Create Account and follow the prompts

Note: Once you have a TurningPoint Account, make sure to sync your Blackboard course(s) roster to your TurningPoint Account! Your Blackboard course needs to be (and kept) "Available" to sync the roster.

**Sync Current Blackboard Course Roster with TurningPoint:**

*Note: Blackboard courses must be made available and stay available in order for this process to work.*

Each Semester you use TurningPoint:

Login to Blackboard

Enter any course and make it available

Click Tools > Turning Account Registration

Login to TurningPoint with your Turning Account credentials

Scroll down to "Available Courses" > locate your course for the current term

Click Connect at the bottom of the 'card' for the course(s) you wish to sync - that course will move to the "Current Courses" list at the top of the page

Click View at the bottom of a course 'card' to see the class roster and view each student's Turning Account status

**Poll Types**

Three different polling types are available:

PowerPoint Polling is directly integrated into PowerPoint slides to keep interactive presentations functioning seamlessly.

Anywhere Polling is an interactive toolbar that allows you to poll over top of web pages, videos, documents or any application.

Self-Paced Polling is used to launch assessments, evaluations and surveys where participants can work at any speed.

**Classroom Receiver Channels**

By default, TurningPoint clicker devices connect to "Channel 41". A specific channel is assigned to each room to prevent interference with TurningPoint clickers in use in other classrooms. Instructors must change the default channel setting in their TurningPoint application to the designated room channel before starting a clicker session.

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Students must also change the channel setting on their clicker device to the same channel the instructor's receiver uses in that classroom. Instructors should communicate the channel number to students before students begin responding.

**TurningPoint Classroom Channel List and Instructions for Changing Receiver Channels**

Search How to Documents for detailed information on NDSU classroom channels.