Technology Assessing Tools

- Qualtrics
- Blackboard
- Canvas
- Turnitin
- Respondus

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For help with any of these tools, please contact any member of the EdTech team.

You can find our contact info at http://edtech.mst.edu/generalinfo/about/

Respondus can be installed on your campus computer with a quick phone call to the IT Help Desk (573-341-HELP). Question banks are available for many popular textbooks by accessing the Test Bank Network located in Respondus. You can also create your own questions from text files, Microsoft Word and by typing the questions directly into the software. According to one publisher’s tech rep, a Respondus file can be created for any textbook that already has a test bank, although it does take time. Whether they are willing is up to the publisher, but in a large adoption should be possible. http://edtech.mst.edu/support/respondus/

Qualtrics is a web-based survey tool that allows easy collection and analysis of data. It can be used for a wide variety of survey-based research activities as well as other tasks that may arise in the academic environment. Missouri S&T has a campus license for faculty and staff to use Qualtrics. Cheryl McKay in the campus Communications office can create an account for those who desire to use it. Help files are available at http://edtech.mst.edu/support/qualtrics/

Student Response Systems (AKA Clickers) are used by a variety of faculty on campus. We have selected Turning Technologies and Turning Point as our vender for the foreseeable future, and most students purchase a response device in their first semester or so. Students can also use their smartphone, tablet or computer to respond using either an app or website. In general, students prefer to use their smartphones or tablets, as they are less likely to forget them and they can answer in words or phrases much easier than the T9 interface. For more information, please visit http://edtech.mst.edu/support/turningtech/

Turnitin is originality checking software that assists the user in checking for sources. It is can be used as a tool to allow students to determine if they have correctly cited materials in written documents and essays. On the Missouri S&T Campus, Turnitin is a part of the LMS, allowing easy submission, grading and feedback. Instructions are available at http://edtech.mst.edu/support/blackboard9-1/createturnitin/

At the present time, Blackboard is the dominant learning management system (LMS) on campus. Our license expires on December 31, 2015, and based on faculty feedback, we expect a contract with Canvas to be forthcoming. Assistance with Blackboard can be found at http://edtech.mst.edu/support/blackboard/. Should you desire to migrate to Canvas early, please contact a member of our team to discuss your options.

Google Apps for HigherEd is also present on our campus. Students use Gmail as their mail system, and faculty, staff and students all have access to the remaining tools. You can go to myhome.mst.edu to get into the Google Apps. These apps include Google Drive for documents, Google Hangouts for small group interaction, Google Sites to create websites, Google Classroom (a wrapper for Drive) and more.